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SHORTSTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 7th September 2018

Attendance Target: 98%

Actual Attendance: 96.7%

Message from Denise Cottam

Welcome back to all our families, both returning and new. We hope you had a safe and enjoyable Summer. We have had a lovely first week. The children have come back, so smart in their uniforms and ready to work. Due to the Summer 2 transition, children are settled and prepared for the year ahead. We have had some visits from our previous Y6 leavers. They have come to say 'hello' and look so grown up in their uniforms. They are having a good time in their new schools and we wish them every success.

The new Reception children are coming in, over the next few weeks. Those who were in our Preschool have been so excited and have picked up the routines quickly. Children from other settings are making good friends and it is a pleasure to watch them helping each other. Parents will be invited to a parents evening, later in the term, once the children have had some time to settle.

There will be a letter coming out to parents of children, in Y1–Y6, explaining about the changes to the parent meetings. The meetings will take place on Wednesday 26th September, between 1.30–6.00pm and Thursday 27th September between 3.30–5.00pm. Booking forms will accompany the information letter. All meetings will take place in the main hall, with access through the Community entrance doors.

We are fortunate to still have the warm weather, please be prepared for the Autumn change. If children want to bring in their coats, for their pegs, just in case, of course they can. Please ensure all clothing is clearly named, this includes PE and book bags. The uniform requirements are on our website.

I have noticed some children with large rucksacks. These are not suitable for school, as the book bags go in the drawers, out of the way. It also ensures the children can find them quickly, for adding information to come home. The large bags, do not fit on the coat pegs, as this area is too small. Please could you ensure children just have their book bags, PE kits and water bottles. Thank you for your support.

We work closely with the team at Music for Bedford Borough. It is through their organisation we access the recorder lessons, for Year 4 and the annual Sing Up Concert at the Corn Exchange. They are launching a Saturday Morning Music session every week. The lessons will be at Castle Newnham School from 9.00am. The launch is on Saturday 15th September. This is for beginners and for children already playing an instrument. They also offer classes for 3–4yr olds and 5–6yr olds. For more information and to book a place on the launch. Please email: music@bedford.gov.uk.

The Multi Academy Trust have introduced 'Parent Pay'. This will mean all money for dinners, trips, visits etc, must be paid on line. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. A reminder for packed lunches—**no nut products** please due to nut allergies. Thank you.

Have a great weekend
Onwards and upwards

School starting and finishing times

Children must be at school at 8.50am for a 9.00am start. Registers are taken at 9.00am. Any child that arrives after 9.00am will be recorded as late and will have to be registered at the office. Children must be collected at 3.20pm from their classrooms. Playground gates are open from 3.10pm.

ParentPay

All parents must register on ParentPay. If you need any assistance or if you have lost your child's login details then please call the school office on 01234 740881 or come in and see us if you need help.

Twitter

Please remember to check our Twitter account which can be easily accessed through our school website where you can find lots of helpful advice regarding online safety and updates about day to day activities at school.

Diary Dates

Monday 10th September—Y4 Swimming Lessons

Tuesday 11th September—Y3–Y6 R&D Football begins

Wednesday 12th September—Y1–Y2 R&D Football begins

Monday 17th September—Staff run after school clubs start

Wednesday 26th September—Y1–Y6 Parent Meetings 1.30pm–6.00pm

Thursday 27th September—Y1–Y6 Parent meetings 3.30pm – 5.00pm

Please see the overview for further dates

School Mission Statement

Shortstown is an inclusive school which has a positive impact on children's life long learning and achievement, through high expectations, in a creative and motivating environment.

Be Happy, Safe and Learn