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SHORTSTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 21st September 2018

Attendance Target: 98%

Actual Attendance: 97%

Message from Denise Cottam

The children are now into their new topics and working hard. Priorities for this year, include increasing Maths attainment and Reading. I have put an overview of the School Development Plan on the school website, along with a review of the previous year. We are making great strides forward and have received a letter of recognition, from Bedford Borough Chief Education Officer congratulating the staff on all their hard work. I have placed a full analysis of the data, we have to report, on our website.

There was a 'bike to school' breakfast, this morning. 32 children enjoyed cereal and toast, after cycling to school. This is all part of our Sustrans work. Congratulations to Mrs Whitehouse and the Eco Council, who were awarded the Silver Sustrans award, during the Summer. We are the first school, in Bedford Borough, to be recognised for the work being done around sustainable schools. We are now working towards the Gold award.

Next week is our new parents evening. This will be looking at the expectations around your child and the year group and how we can work together to support attainment and progress. We will offer an opportunity, later in the term, for you to come into the classrooms and look at and share your child's work, with them. The parents meetings will be in the hall, entrance via the Community Entrance. We look forward to seeing you for the first time this year. You will receive an attainment report on Monday. These will be fully explained to you, when you meet with your teacher. We appreciate children have different starting points and needs, this will form part of the discussions. We want every child to achieve, but also be happy.

We do have a Homework Policy, in place. There is an expectation for children to complete this, as they share their learning, in class. The children in Years 5 and 6 have books, which the school pays for, to complete sections at home. This is vital, as it reinforces their learning, and they spend time, in class conferencing the answers and learning. The homework in these year groups, is helping prepare the children for the end of Y6 National SATs. These are tests which every child in the country has to take and their results are reported to the Department For Education. Please support us by providing time and space, at home to complete the set tasks. If you are not sure, please speak with your child's class teacher. 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 24th September—Y1-Y6 reports sent home

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

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

Thursday 4th October—YR come and play Maths 2.30pm - 3.00pm (entrance through playground classroom doors)

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