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SHORTSTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 28th September 2018

Attendance Target: 98%

Actual Attendance: 97.4%

Message from Denise Cottam

We have had our first parent meeting of the year. It was different as we were focused on the way to support the children in their learning. There will be an opportunity for parents to come into the classroom to share your child's work, later in the term. The formal meetings are important, however, communication at the point of need is vital. Please do not hesitate to speak with your child's class teacher over any concerns.

I would like to remind all parents not to park in the staff car park, for drop off and pick up, for Dawn Until Dusk. Also please ensure the main gates are clear at all times, for emergency access. Thank you

We have had a theatre production, in school today, called 'In the Net'. They are a performance company, who tour schools to present plays linked to Esafety. They are really entertaining and pass on these important messages in an engaging and fun filled way.

We also had a visit from 'Captian Roadshow' last week. focusing on road safety. Our Eco Council have been petitioning for a change to the speed limit, outside of the school. It is currently 30 miles an hour. The petition is to reduce this to 20 miles an hour. Mrs

Whitehouse and a representative, from the Eco Council, have been invited to Borough Hall to submit the petition. Fingers crossed.

There have already been a number of parents looking for lost jumpers. Please remind the children to either put their jumper on or in their drawer. You are welcome to look in the lost property box (in the KS2 Heart Space) or in your child's classroom, at the end of the day. Please remember to clearly name all items of clothing. Thank you

I have been hobbling around on crutches, I have torn my calf muscle—through exercise. I would like to thank you for the sympathy and concern. The children have been so lovely and their comments and well wishes are appreciated. One child has written a get well soon card, which states ' I am sorry your foot has come off your leg'. I am pleased to say, it is not as bad as that. It is in these moments we really see the calibre of pupils we have, how our values are truly embedded and reflected by them.

The new catering system is working well. The new staff are getting to know the children, they are really considerate of their needs and are trying to accommodate these as best they can and within their parameters. The food is lovely and the portion sizes are good. If you do have any concerns, please let us know and I know they will do their best to answer them. Dinners must be paid for on the day—or in advance, as the payments inform the numbers of dinners to be prepared. Parent Pay is the only method of payment. If you are having difficulty, please contact the office and they will be happy to help.

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.

Head lice in school

We are aware that there have been a few cases of head lice in school at present. Please make checking your child's hair as part of a weekly routine to try to combat this problem. We have a supply of Head Lice combs in the Main Reception. If you need more information please visit the parent/carers section on the school website. Thank you for your support.

Diary Dates

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

Monday 8th October—YR reports sent home

Monday 8th October—Last week for Staff run after school clubs

Tuesday 9th October—YR Parent Meetings 1.10pm - 5.30pm

Thursday 11th October—Nurture family session 2.15pm - 3.00pm

Thursday 11th October—YR Parents Evening 1.10pm - 6.30pm

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