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SHORTSTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 2nd November 2018

Attendance Target: 98%

Actual Attendance: 97.5%

### Message from Denise Cottam

Welcome back to the second half of the term and our lead up to Christmas.

We have received a certificate from the Foodbank, following your generous donations during our Harvest celebrations.

They said the food you donated equates to 427 meals for families in Bedford Borough. Thank you for your kindness.

A reminder about traffic, during drop off and pick up times. Please do not block the school gates, these must remain clear, for emergency vehicles. You must adhere to the one way system, on the road to the front of the building, cars are travelling the wrong way, there has been a near miss. Please do not park on the yellow lines around the Highway side of the school, again this is a danger as children cannot be seen, when crossing. We do request regular checks, by the traffic officers, however you can refer any concerns directly to Bedford Borough Highways department.

We received an anonymous letter, raising a concern around safeguarding and employee checks. I can assure you all students, staff and volunteers are rigorously checked, following the Safer Recruitment Policies by the Government and as agreed by the Governors of the school. There are numerous documents which need to be accepted and investigated, before someone can work on the school site. Dawn Until Dusk also adhere to the same Government expectations. We do appreciate any safeguarding concerns being raised, as Safeguarding is everyone's business. I can assure you, any concerns are treated seriously and confidentially. Thank you.

It is Remembrance day on the 11th November. Poppies will be sold, after school, from today. The Eco Council will continue next week, for as long as they have items to sell.

We have to say a sad farewell to Mrs Jameson, who leaves us. She is looking to relocate to Cornwall for the beach lifestyle. She has been instrumental with the development of teaching and learning, in our school. Supporting the expansion from one form Lower to two form Primary. She is an outstanding practitioner, colleague and friend. She will be missed by staff and children, but we wish her every success.

The half term overview has gone out, please check the newsletters for changes and updates.

**Have a Great weekend, Onwards and Upwards**

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### Staff Run After School Clubs

Clubs will continue after the half term from the week beginning Monday 5th November and will finish the week beginning Monday 3rd December.

### Dawn Until Dusk Themed Evenings

Tuesday 6th November—Spooky Disco

Wednesday 14th November—Cookery Night

Tuesday 20th November—Pamper Night

Wednesday 28th November—Cookery Night

Tuesday 4th December—Jungle Night

Wednesday 12th December—Cookery Night

Wednesday 19th December—Christmas Party

Please call 01234 930505 or 07982914784 for more information

### Diary Dates

Wednesday 21st November—YR Parent Open Day (for September 2019 new starters) - 9.15am - 11.30am & 1.15pm - 4.30pm

Wednesday 21st November—Tuesday 27th November—Scholastic Book Fair in school 3.00pm -3.45pm - Entry through Main Morning Entrance

Wednesday 28th November—Parents/Carers invited to share their children's work in the classrooms 2.30pm - 4.00pm - Entry through playground and classroom doors

Thursday 29th November—YR - Y5 Flu Immunisation

Friday 30th November—P.C. Roger Williams in school to talk to parents/carers about Online Safety 2.15pm

Please see the overview for further information

### 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*