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SHORTSTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 9th November 2018

Attendance Target: 98%

Actual Attendance: 97.4%

### Message from Denise Cottam

Fireworks all round, this week. We have had Bonfire Night and Diwali. But we have been calm in school. The children are all working hard and producing some excellent work. Some of our KS1 children attended a Multi-Skills Festival. They have received certificates, for participation. Some of the children also received special recognition for:- team work, perseverance and honesty. Well done.

We are having requests for holidays, at the end of term. Please look at the calendar on our website, as our holidays are not the same as Bedford Borough. A printed copy of the 2018-2019 calendar will be coming out to you.

There are a number of people coming into the office, at the beginning of the day, to hand in envelopes. Please post them in the black post box, outside of the main doors. Alternatively, give it to your child to post in the post box, in the KS2 Heart Space. This will help to reduce the queuing. The office monitors empty both boxes daily. Thank you.

A reminder about water bottles in school. Please make sure bottles are named and only contain water. No Juice. We have a number of children with intolerances and allergies, which we need to manage. Thank you.

An early heads up—Christmas lunch is planned for Wednesday the 12th December. All payments must be made by ParentPay. If you have not registered, the office staff are happy to help.

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week. This is a National initiative, this year the focus is 'Choose Respect'. This ties nicely with one of our school values—Respect and Responsibility. The week will involve discussions, activities and assemblies based on this theme. The message is about bullying being a choice behaviour and the individual can make different decisions about their actions. We do recognise children have needs, but do not accept any form of bullying in school. We need to remind children that bullying is different to being picked on, or upset by someone. Young children will at some stage hurt or say something hurtful to another child, especially if their emotions are high at the time, it is not helpful to label this a bullying. This behaviour is momentary, spontaneous and often without cognisance of the feelings of the person whom they have hurt. All children involved will be supported and behaviour will be addressed. We want everyone in the school to be happy, feel safe and learn.

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

### E-Safety

At a meeting of all Borough Head Teachers held this morning, Bedfordshire Police informed schools that a video is circulating amongst pupils in Bedfordshire Schools which includes child pornography and sexual exploitation. Schools have been asked to let parents/carers know so that they - as well as adults in school - are mindful that this is being distributed. The Police indicated there is no wish on their part to prosecute children who have received this video or have sent it on to others, but they are keen to know how wide the circulation is and therefore, have asked that Parents/Carers and indeed schools telephone 101 to pass on information if your

### Academic Calendar 2018—2019

The Academic Calendar for this school year (2018 - 2019) can be found on the school website and on the reverse of this letter.

Please do not use the version on the Bedford Borough website.

### Dawn Until Dusk Themed Evenings

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*