



Friday 30th November 2018

Attendance Target: 98%

Actual Attendance: 97.3%

### Message from Denise Cottam

This week we had a number of parents who were able to come and share their children's work. The children were so excited and we had lovely feedback from our parents regarding progress and how pleased they are about the work going on in school. The staff enjoyed the afternoon and would like to plan another one in the Spring term.

The Christmas performances begin on the week of the 10th of December. The tickets have been distributed.

Please return any unwanted tickets, to the office, for redistribution. We do hold a waiting list and will try to supply additional tickets, as they become available. Remember it is one ticket per individual, this includes babies, as it is about the capacity of the hall linked to the fire regulations. Thank you for your support.

We are extremely fortunate to have a family support worker in our school. Mia does a marvellous job, supporting children and families during those times of need. However, she is busy with appointments and paperwork, which needs completing. She cannot always be there to respond immediately to parent requests. Please make an appointment with the office if you would like to meet with her. Thank you.

I have been busy, this week, interviewing for staff. There is a good field of candidates and I am feeling positive about the appointments. I will continue to keep you updated and will try to plan an opportunity for you to meet the new staff, if they can be released from their current positions, nearer to the end of term.

Some of the children are involved in a variety of activities next week. The Year 4 will be visiting Gordon Colling house, to sing their Christmas songs to the residents. This has always been a great experience for everyone involved. It is a lovely way of spreading the Christmas cheer. Year 4 are also participating in the Bedford Wider Opps play day, where they perform with their recorders, which they have been learning this term. Year 5 & 6 are participating in a Sports activity day with other schools in Bedford Borough. We wish them all well.

There is some confusion regarding our end of term. We are finishing the term on **Friday the 21st December at 1.30pm**. The preschool finishes on Thursday 20th December. The majority of schools finish on the Wednesday. Our children return to school on Monday the 7th January.

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

### Workshop for Parents: Help! My child is misbehaving!

**Date:** Monday 3rd December

**Time:** 9.30am (90 minute session)

**Venue:** Cauldwell School

**Session Aims:** To understand challenges children face and consider how they might impact behaviour, introduce parenting pyramid and key principles of effective parenting, to give an overview of techniques to promote positive behaviour.

If you are interested in attending this workshop then please speak to Mia Howlett as spaces are limited.

### Dropping Off and Collecting Children from school

Parking in the No Parking zones, restricts the view of children and parents, making the crossing dangerous. Please do not park outside the school gates, these need to be clear, at all times in case of an emergency. If you have any concerns with parking outside of the school grounds you must contact Bedford Borough on 01234 267422.

### Diary Dates

**Monday 3rd December**—Last week of staff run after school clubs

**Tuesday 4th December**—Last week for Y3,4,5&6 R&D Football

**Wednesday 5th December**—Last week for Y1&2 R&D Football

**Monday 10th December**—YR Nativity performance for parents/carers in the main hall 4.45pm - 5.45pm - Entry through Community Entrance

**Tuesday 11th December**—Y1 & Y2 Christmas production for parents/carers in the main hall 5.00pm - 6.00pm - Entry through Community Entrance

**Wednesday 12th December**—Y3, Y4 & Y5 Christingle for parents/carers in the main hall 5.00pm - 6.00pm - Entry through Community Entrance

**Tuesday 18th December**—Y6 Victorian Christmas celebration for parents/carers in the Extension Building 5.30pm - 6.30pm

**Friday 21st December**—School finishes at 1.30pm

**Monday 7th January**—Children return to school

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*