



Friday 7th December 2018

Attendance Target: 98%

Actual Attendance: 97.3%

Message from Denise Cottam

This week, the school has been filled with the sound of the children singing, as they have their final practices, before their Christmas performances. These begin next week. Please could you return any unwanted tickets, to the office, for redistribution. We are holding waiting lists and would like to accommodate as many family members as possible. The children will be dropped off, at the allotted time, at the Main Entrance. Parents and family members will enter via the Community Entrance. Please remember it is one ticket, per person, including babies. All buggies and pushchairs will need to be left outside, so remember rain covers. If you are not sure, please ask.

Christmas Jumper Day is now on Friday 14th December, as the Santa Dash is the following week. Children can come in their best Christmas Jumpers, or celebration clothes. We are raising money for the charity 'Save the Children'. We are suggesting a contribution of £1.00, but appreciate it is a costly time of the year, so all donations, as always, are gratefully received.

This week, Year 4 children performed at a 'Wider Opps' celebration, at King's House. They have been learning the recorder and had the opportunity to join with other schools to perform for their families and friends. Well done for a confident performance.

Some of the Year 5 & 6 were out, yesterday, at a Sports Festival, competing with other schools, across the Borough. They represented the school brilliantly, well done.

The dinner supervisors are sending a request, to all parents not to call their child over to the gates and fences, at lunchtime. They are responsible for the children's safety and will call them back to the play ground, as they will not necessarily know who you are. We appreciate this may be difficult, but we want to ensure all children are safe, throughout the day.

There continues to be many children arriving late to school and being collected late after school. The doors open at 8.55am (we aim to open earlier at 8.50). Children need to be collected, from the classroom doors at 3.20pm. Staff are not always available to supervise children, after this time. If you are finding it difficult, please come and speak to us or use our wrap around care facility—Dawn Until Dusk.

Uniform reminder: The weather is turning and the rains have come. We appreciate children may be coming to school in boots. Please ensure they have their school shoes, to change into, on arrival. Boots are not suitable for school. Thank you.

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

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 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

Friday 14th December—Christmas Jumper Day—Charity collection/donation of £1 for Save the Children

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