



www.Shortstownprimary.co.uk



SHORTSTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 14th December 2018

Attendance Target: 98%

Actual Attendance: 97.3%

Message from Denise Cottam

This week has been a fantastic celebration of community and families, with the Christmas performances. The children were amazing, every year they do such a brilliant job and make the audiences smile. Thank you to the staff, who spend time and persevere with the rehearsals, to support the children in developing their confidence and enthusiasm, to perform. Thank you to you all, for having the tickets, to ensure our fire regulations are adhered to, this is appreciated. All your positive feedback has been relayed to the staff. We are now ready for the last week of term.

We have many positive communications, with parents. There are times when things can go wrong. We are here to listen and will work with you to address any concerns. Abusive and aggressive language towards staff, will not be tolerated. We are all here to make a positive impact on the children's learning and well being, with a focus on our value of 'Respect'. Thank you

I did receive a complaint from the residents of the Shorts Building. Parents are parking in the residents bays, outside the flats. These are clearly signposted and belong to the people who live in the flats. Please avoid parking in these spaces. Thank you.

Yesterday, the Department for Education released the KS2 (Y6) data, for all schools in the country.

This is a snapshot of achievement in school and does not reflect the work and effort of staff and pupils, or recognise the other attributes and achievements of the individuals. The data shown is for combined scores, this means the percentage of children who passed their Reading, Maths and Writing tests, for the whole cohort, regardless of needs. The progress data shows how the children have improved from the end of Y2 to the end of Y6. We are second in Bedford Borough, which is an excellent achievement. There are other aspects of data reporting, which need to be acknowledged. The Early Years Team exceeded National Expectations, The phonics, in Y1, met the National Standard and our KS1 (Y2) results continued to improve in line with National and above many Bedford Borough schools. All of the data and explanations are on our website, under 'Standards'. We have been recognised for these achievements and would like to thank all the staff for their hard work and all the parents who support the work we do in school.

**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.

Preschool Children Absences

Please report any children's absences using the Preschool number—01234 742174.

Diary Dates

**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

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