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SHORTSTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 11th January 2019

Attendance Target: 98%

Actual Attendance: 97.0%

Message from Denise Cottam

Welcome back to the start of a new year and new term. There have been a number of staff changes, which the children have coped with brilliantly. The relationships are building and learning is taking place. The new staff are being well supported by the team who know our expectations and there has been a calm, positive start to the term. I would like to welcome them all to our community and thank everyone for their commitment to our school and its values.

When any changes occur, it is natural for anxieties to increase. Please come and speak with us, over any worries or concerns you may have. I understand, that last term, social media was used to discuss what was happening in the school. I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone, this is not how concerns should be addressed. The new teachers have already spoken with some parents, to reassure them and support their children's needs. Please come and see us, no question is too small. It is better to have it answered, than rely on hearsay.

The majority of children have come back looking smart in their uniforms. Please ensure your child wears school shoes -no trainers or boots. They must have a P.E. kit, which includes a tracksuit, as they will be working outside. All uniform expectations are on the website, or please just ask.

There are a number of children arriving late, in the mornings. Please be ready for the doors to open at 8.55am. 9.00am is too late, the doors will be closed.

A reminder about medical appointments, including opticians and dentists. Please make these outside of school times. Children should not leave early if it is not their appointment. Alternative arrangements should be made. Dawn til Dusk, is on site and open until 6.00pm every night. They are happy to take registrations. Dawn til Dusk have policies similar to ours. If your child is sick in school, they will not be able to attend their service and must be collected from school. There should be a minimum of 3 contacts on the lists. If both parents are unavailable, there has to be someone who can collect a child from school, in case of an emergency.

I would like to share good news and congratulate staff who have received promotions, in school. Mrs Gina Bobbett is now the Deputy Head. Miss Kelly Bobbett is Assistant Head for Early Years and Miss Katie Stuart is Assistant Head for Teaching and Learning.

**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 15th January—YR Come and Learn Phonics - All parents/carers welcome at 2.00pm (entrance through playground)

Wednesday 16th January—YR Come and Learn Phonics - All parents/carers welcome at 9.00am (entrance through playground)

Thursday 17th January—Y6 Parent Meetings in the extension building at 1.30pm - 5.30pm

Monday 21st January—Y6 Parent Meetings in the extension building at 1.30pm - 4.30pm

Tuesday 22nd January—YR Parent Meetings in the extension building at 1.00pm - 3.00pm and 3.30pm - 6.30pm

Wednesday 23rd January—YR Parent Meetings in the extension building at 1.00pm - 3.00pm and 3.30pm - 5.30pm

Please see the overview for further dates and 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