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SHORTSTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 18th January 2019

Attendance Target: 98%

Actual Attendance: 97.0%

### Message from Denise Cottam

The children have continued to be calm and settled. They have learnt the new routines, with their teachers and enjoying their topics. Year 2 had a walk in their community, as part of their Science work. They had a great time, even though they got caught in the rain. Year 1 have a focus on London and the Great Fire of 1666. I had the privilege of witnessing some amazing art work in Year 5. I can honestly say, it was the best I have ever seen. The children's attention to detail was brilliant and I look forward to seeing their work progress, into a sculptured piece. Year 3 are learning about Roald Dahl and always look like busy authors as I pass their rooms. Year 6 are learning about Crime and Punishment, linked to History Curriculum, they are learning some interesting facts. Year 4 are focusing on Geography, with the adventures of Paddington Bear and his home in Peru. Some of the Reception children have started their Forest school adventures, in our new Forest School and wildlife area, it was cold but, fortunately the sun was shining. It is lovely to see all the children engaged and excited with their learning.

Reception and Year 6 have been having their parents evenings. Year 1 to Year 5 will be after half term, due to the new staff getting to know the children and their attainment. They will then be able to speak about current work and next steps, with confidence.

We are not currently running after school clubs, except R&D football coaching. This is to enable training of new staff in all of the complexities of assessment and teaching and learning expectations in school. We will review the provision, after half term.

There are still issues with children arriving late, in the morning. The doors close at 9.00am. Please try to be in school for 8.50am, when the staff aim to open the doors. There have also been a number of late collections. Please make arrangements for the collection of your child, if you are not able to collect at 3.20pm. We do not always have a member of staff to look after the children and they can become distressed. Thank you for your support.

We have made a slight change to the 2019–2020 school calendar. The February half term is now a week later. Please check the website for up to date information, before organising your holidays.

**Have a Great weekend,**

#### 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 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

Friday 1st February—Number Day Dress Up - children can come to school wearing clothing with numbers on - Charity collection for NSPCC

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*