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SHORTSTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 25th January 2019

Attendance Target: 98%

Actual Attendance: 97.1%

Message from Denise Cottam

These last couple of weeks have been Parent Progress Meetings, for the children in Year R and Year 6. We have had a fantastic turn out and appreciate the support being given at home with the children's learning. Progress meetings for Year 1 to Year 5 are planned for next half term. Year R have also held a Learning Session for parents, linked to the Phonics teaching in school. We had a great response and positive feedback from those who were able to attend. There will be other sessions planned in the future terms.

As a school, we are constantly looking at the Curriculum and finding ways to support and motivate learning. We have developed a Forest area, on the field, next to the Wildlife Garden. We have always provided outdoor learning as part of our curriculum. We now have a member of our team, trained as a Forest School Leader. There are two more members of staff currently attending their training which will provide good quality learning outside in a natural environment. Some of the

Reception children have already started their Forest School learning and have enjoyed their experiences. OFSTED are looking at making opportunities and experiences, provided in school, as a priority in their inspections, along side the standards in Reading, Writing and Maths. This will be an exciting change and suit us as a school, as we believe we cannot always find what children are good at, if they have never had the chance to try something new. We will be working on developing our Curriculum further and will be sending questionnaires home to ask for your opinions and ideas. If you would like to find out more about the proposed changes, please look at the OFSTED site: - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/education-inspection-framework-draft-for-consultation>. The Government appear to be catching up with what we all know our children need.

On the next two Fridays We have a couple of charity fundraising events. Next week we have Number Day, raising money for NSPCC. The children can wear anything with numbers or linked to Maths. The last Friday of term is 'Wear it Bright', this is to raise funds for CHUMS, who support a number of our children with their emotional needs. Donations are appreciated.

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

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

Friday 8th February—Wear It Bright Day—charity collection for CHUMS—£1 donation
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