



Friday 1st February 2019

Attendance Target: 98%

Actual Attendance: 97%

Message from Denise Cottam

The school has been full of numbers today. We are celebrating Number Day, with contributions for the charity NSPCC. The children have been active in their learning, moving around the environment, finding numbers, creating and solving number problems. Thank you for your kind donations, we have raised £178.13.

We do have another charity event next week. This is to support CHUMS a charity who helps many of our children and families, in times of emotional need. We would like the children to dress up in anything bright. The focus is 'Be Bright, Be Seen'. We do not expect parents to contribute to every charity event, instead to select the ones important to you and your family. We encourage the children to participate, to focus their thoughts on how we can help others and to be thankful for what we have in our lives. Remembering: - 'there is always someone worse off than us.'

Next week, on Tuesday 5th February, is Safer Internet Day. Social media continues to be a high priority for all of us to try and keep children safe online, knowing which sites are being accessed and the age recommendation for these. Remember to add parental controls, to reduce the risk of children accessing inappropriate material. Our website has a button on the right hand menu called 'CLICK CEOP'. This goes directly to a site with all the latest information and support. Our site also has a number of materials with information regarding how to keep children safe. It is under the heading 'Curriculum and Standards—E-Safety'. We are good at helping children identify when situations, in real life, may pose a threat and how to manage them. Many children do not equate these messages with being online. For example - do not share your real name or personal information, report concerns to an adult, block people and sites who are not using the internet appropriately, identify when a site is not age appropriate and remove the access. If you have any concerns or require help, please let us know.

**Have a great weekend, keep warm
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 8th February—Wear It Bright Day—charity collection for CHUMS—£1 donation

Friday 8th February—Last day of half term

Monday 18th February—Children back to school

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