



Friday 22nd February 2019

Attendance Target: 98%

Actual Attendance: 97%

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Message from Denise Cottam

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring term. The sun is out and it appears to be getting warmer.

Children should still bring their coats, as there are still cold snaps forecast.

Before half term, the children were given bags to fill with clothing, for recycling. The collection will be during 'Waste week'. The bags should be brought into school, in the morning, via the Community Entrance and deposited in the hall. The collection will take place on the Thursday 14th March. Please check the instructions regarding the type of clothing which can be recycled. The school will receive money, according to the weight of the recycling. This will be used by the Eco Council to continue to fund their excellent work around sustainability.

The Eco Council work hard to reduce waste and save energy. One of these ways is reducing paper usage and printing. Therefore, after Easter, the newsletter will only be available on the website. A text will be sent every Friday to let parents know the information has been uploaded onto the website.

Bedford College are offering adult training in Maths and English (Level 2). The courses run for 2 weeks, for only £20. To find out more visit www.bedford.ac.uk/summerschool

Uniform reminder: All hair bands and hijabs should be plain and either blue or black—no large ribbons, or multi-coloured accessories. Please remember to name all items of clothing, we have a lost property pile to match Mount Everest. Thank you

An E-safety message from Bedford Borough: There is an emerging 'scam' that young people are finding themselves involved in. The slang is called 'deets and squares' (details and bank cards). Young people are being asked to open accounts, or pay large amounts into their accounts and then remove it. If banks close their accounts, as a result, they will not be able to open an account for up to 6 years. Further information can be found by searching: 'Newsroom Barclays scam deets and squares.'

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

Diary Dates

Monday 25th February—Y3T Parent Meetings 1.00pm—6.00pm

Monday 4th March—Red Noses on sale at Y2 rainbow doors from 3.20pm (£1.25 each)

Thursday 7th March—World Book Day—Parents can read with children 9.00am—9.30am & 3.00pm—3.20pm

Friday 8th March—World Book Day—Parents can read with children 9.00am—9.30am & 3.00pm—3.20pm

Friday 8th March—World Book Day—Children can come to school dressed as book characters—£1 contribution

Thursday 14th March—Last day for Clothing Collection - Any unwanted clothes in bags to school

Monday 18th March—Y1—Y5 Interim Reports to parents (excluding Y3T)

Tuesday 19th March—Y1—Y5 Parent Meetings 1.30pm—6.30pm (excluding Y3T)

Thursday 21st March—Y1—Y5 Parent Meetings 3.30pm—5.00pm (excluding Y3T)

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