



Friday 8th March 2019

Attendance Target: 98%

Actual Attendance: 97%

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Message from Denise Cottam

It has been a lovely two days, seeing so many parents coming in to share books with their children. Some had a small group to read with. The children loved spending time and listening to the stories. The Year 5 and 6 children were a great support and read with children whose parents were unable to attend. It is great when there is a buzz throughout the school. Your kind donations raised £180 to help buy books for Africa, our annual charity. Thank you for your support.

The Travelling Book Fair will be in school from Wednesday 13th March, for a week. Children can use their World Book Day vouchers to purchase books. The Fair will be set up in the KS2 Heartspace and open at the end of every day until 3.45pm.

Next Friday is Red Nose Day. We are allowing the children to wear their Red Noses to school, however, we cannot be responsible for any losses or damage. The children can also wear any Red Nose Day merchandise, like T-Shirts. Otherwise, it will be uniform as normal. We are not asking for any donations, as you have purchased the Red Noses and that money goes to the charity.

Next week we are participating in 'Waste Week'. The children will be looking at how we can reduce the waste in our schools and become more energy efficient. Part of this week involves the 'Bags for School' recycling scheme. Bags were sent out a couple of weeks ago, to be filled with clothing, for recycling. These will be collected on Thursday 14th March. Please make sure all bags are with us on the Wednesday 13th March, as we are not sure what time the collection will take place. We will open the Community Entrance Doors on Wednesday morning, to receive the bags. This is helping the Eco Council with their Sustainable Schools work, so all bags are appreciated. See if you can find ways at home to save energy: are lights always turned off when leaving a room? Are cartons and packaging recycled? Do we walk those short distances, rather than take the car? We can all do a small thing to help our environment and secure it for the future generations.

More information and ideas can be found on <https://jointhepod.org/campaigns/waste-week-2019>

There have been a group of Year 4 children who have participated in a Multi Sports Festival, held at Bedford Academy. They had a brilliant time and enjoyed the use of the amazing facilities.

Communication within the HEART Academies Trust has improved dramatically, over these few months. I have had the opportunity to attend the Trustee meetings and there have been Trustees present at our Local Academy Committee meetings. This means we are sharing good practice and getting to know the schools and leaders within our Trust. All decisions are openly discussed and ideas actively sought. We look forward to continuing this work and making the HEART Academies a successful Trust, with successful schools.

Reminder: all newsletters will only be available on the website after Easter.

Have a great weekend

Onwards and Upwards

Diary Dates

Wednesday 13th March—Last day for Clothing Collection - Any unwanted clothes in bags to school

Wednesday 13th March— Book Fair in KS2 Heartspace open at 3.30pm. Here for a week.

Thursday 14th March—Y4 PGL Parent Meeting at 3.30pm - 4.00pm in the Extension Building

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