



Friday 15th March 2019

Attendance Target: 98%

Actual Attendance: 97%

Message from Denise Cottam

Last week we were all dressed up, for World Book day. You managed to raise £180.50 for the charity 'Book Aid International'. Thank you.

Today children have been celebrating 'Red Nose Day'. All of the money raised, through the sale of the Red Noses, has gone directly to the charity to support good causes across the UK.

There are some parent meetings organised for next week. I apologise these have been so disjointed. This was due to the staff changes. We are beginning to settle down and hope that next year will return to a more consistent approach. Thank you for bearing with us and remember that you are able to speak with your teachers, at the end of the day, if you have any questions or concerns. Parents that are having meetings next week will be able to take siblings, from other classes, after 3.00pm.

A reminder about the car park in front of the school. This is for staff, deliveries and emergency vehicles only. Please do not use this area at any time, even for dropping off or picking up. Also there are a number of people blocking the school gates. This must be left clear for emergency access. Thank you for your understanding.

The Travelling Book Fair arrived this week. It is here until next Tuesday and is open after school in the KS2 Heart Space from 3.15pm—3.45pm. There is a great array of books. A percentage of all monies made is given back to the school to purchase books for the library. Happy reading. We have been fortunate to have Dr Bike back with us. He comes as part of our Sustrans work. He has checked, repaired and recommended amendments to the bikes to ensure the children are safe. It has also been noted how many children are wearing their helmets when cycling. This is brilliant.

It really can make a difference in preventing long term or serious injuries.

The lost property mountain continues to grow. Please ensure all items are clearly named and checked after washing, in case the name has faded. You are welcome to check the box in the mornings as the doors are opening, or at the end of the day. The Eco Council will put it outside for you to look through.

It was officially 'Waster week' this week. The bags for schools were collected on Wednesday. There was a brilliant response and there will be some money raised which will come into the school to support the work of the Eco Council and their sustainable school work.

**Have a great weekend
Onwards and Upwards**

Diary Dates

Monday 18th March—YR—Y5 Interim Reports to parents (excluding Y3T & 2S)

Tuesday 19th March—Y1-Y5 Parent Meetings 1.30pm—6.30pm (excluding Y3T & 2S)

Thursday 21st March—Y1-Y5 Parent Meetings 3.30pm—5.00pm (excluding Y3T & 2S)

Friday 22nd March—Y5 trip to Marston Forest Centre at 9.00am—2.30pm

Monday 25th March—Reception Vision Screening

Monday 25th March—Y5 Q8 Singing Concert at Bedford Corn Exchange at 1.30pm—2.30pm

Wednesday 3rd April—YR - Y6 Parent Book Share at 2.30pm - 4.00pm (Entry through playground and classrooms doors)

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