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SHORTSTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 29th March 2019

Attendance Target: 98%

Actual Attendance: 96.8%

### Message from Denise Cottam

Thank you to all of the parents who have completed the parent questionnaires and returned them to school. There is still time to bring them in, as I will be analysing them and providing feedback, ready for after the Easter holidays. We do appreciate all of the constructive comments and will attempt to address these and reflect on current practice in the school.

We started the 'Big Pedal' this week. The Eco Council have to count the number of bikes and scooters in the racks and submit this to an online recording system. This ranks us with all of the other schools taking part. There are over 700 schools participating and we are 91st on the rankings. However, we are second in Bedford Borough. We have had an excellent response, but still have a chance to work our way up the leader board next week. We will be celebrating the end of the event on Friday 5th April with a charity collection for Sustrans. The children can wear their pyjamas to school. The school with the highest number of participants are put into a raffle draw.

Last year one of our children won a new bike.

The company 'Outspoken' who provide the Bikeability training in school are recruiting cycle instructors. Full training is provided, which is a nationally recognised qualification. If you are interested please contact Kieron McNab: jobs@outspokentraining.co.uk, or phone: 01223473820. Some parents have been complaining about head lice in school. Unfortunately, I cannot do anything about this, it is up to the parents to regularly treat their child's hair. This does not require expensive potions or lotions. If you wash the hair regularly, at least weekly, use conditioner and comb your child's hair with the conditioner in this removes any nits or eggs. This is the only way we can eliminate head lice. There is more information and advice on our website.

Next week is the last week of term. Bedford Modern School are advertising their Easter Holiday courses. If you are interested, please contact Sylvia Styles on 01234332667. Alternatively, you can book on line at [www.bedmod.co.uk/holiday-activity-courses](http://www.bedmod.co.uk/holiday-activity-courses). They have an amazing variety of activities, all fully supervised. They are also advertising their Summer Activity courses.

You may have seen the press release, announcing the appointment of David Hoare as the new Chair of the Trustees. I have had opportunity to speak with him on numerous occasions and believe he is committed to making the HEART Academies trust successful and wants staff, children and parents to be part of the journey. He has a positive attitude and we look forward to working with him and the trustees to secure the continued success of the school, within the Academy Trust.

**Reminder:** There will be no paper copies of Newsletters, after Easter. They can be accessed on the school website.

**Have a great weekend  
Onwards and Upwards**

#### Diary Dates

Tuesday 2nd April—Y1 Parent Book Share at 2.30pm—4.00pm (Entry through playground and classrooms doors)

Wednesday 3rd April—YR - Y6 (excluding Y1) Parent Book Share at 2.30pm - 4.00pm (Entry through playground and classrooms doors)

Friday 5th April—Y6 PGL Trip—Coach leaving at 1.30pm—Returning Sunday 7th April between 7.30pm—8.00pm

Friday 5th April—The Big Pedal celebration day—Dress in your pyjamas—Contributions for Sustrans

Friday 5th April—Last day of term—Children return to school on Tuesday 23rd April

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*