



Friday 22nd March 2019

Attendance Target: 98%

Actual Attendance: 96.9%

Message from Denise Cottam

We have had the last of the parents meetings, this week. It was lovely seeing so many attending. Parent questionnaires were distributed and collected in. These will be analysed and any concerns will be addressed, in a follow up letter. Thank you for communicating with us. You will have the opportunity to join your children, in their classrooms to look at their work and discuss with their learning with them. This will be on Wednesday 3rd April at 2.30pm—4.00pm, entry through the playground and classroom doors.

We have had a few incidents, both accidents and behaviour, first thing in the mornings with children arriving early to school without adult supervision. There are no staff on duty until the doors open at 8.55am (we aim to open at 8.50am). Please ensure someone is responsible for your child, or that your child is not in the playground, before this time. We cannot be responsible for issues that occur in this time. Thank you for your cooperation.

A parent has asked me to clarify—children should not bring trading cards into school. Thank you. There has been reports of social media being used to criticise things which occur in school. The most recent is regarding accidents on the large playground apparatus. All accidents are reported and procedures followed. There is no statutory ratio of staff to children, but we follow best practice advice. There are risk assessments in place and CCTV cameras focused on the equipment.

Any accidents are investigated. Staff monitor play and children are told how to access the equipment safely. Unfortunately, accidents do happen. We have had children who have broken their ankle running along the playground or children coming back after a weekend or holiday with a broken bone. Children investigate and take risks, this is how they learn. We provide the best care and ensure that if an unfortunate event does occur, the right procedures are followed. All accidents, requiring a hospital visit are recorded and sent to Bedford Borough and HEART Academy. If they have any concerns, they would let us know. The parents of these children have been extremely supportive and we appreciate their acknowledgement of how we work in school. Social media is not the place to air grievances. Come and speak with us, we cannot change what we do not know. We will listen and I have changed a policy, this week, following a discussion with a parent. If you feel a situation has not been resolved, please come back. If we do not hear from you, we will assume the matter has been successfully dealt with.

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

Monday 25th March—Reception Vision Screening

Monday 25th March—Y5 Q8 Singing Concert at Bedford Corn Exchange at 1.30pm—4.30pm

Wednesday 3rd April—YR - Y6 Parent Book Share at 2.30pm - 4.00pm

(Entry through playground and classrooms doors)

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