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SHORTSTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 8th September 2017

Attendance Target: 97.2%

Actual Attendance: 96.1%

### Message from Denise Cottam

Welcome back to a new year. We have had so many new families joining us. We have 60 new Reception children. I am busy learning all of their names, they are settling into new routines and learning. The staff will be opening their doors to parents to share how the children learn in Reception, enabling you to continue to support your child at home. We have 9 new children who have joined through the school. They have all settled so well and have been looked after by their new friends. The Preschool is the busiest it has ever been, at this time of the year, with 78 families accessing our Outstanding Early Years Education.

As your children are settling back into the school routines and expectations, there may be issues which arise. Please do not hesitate to speak to the class teacher, at the end of the day. I try to be available in the morning and end of the day, if I am not there, a member of the Senior Team will be able to help. The office staff are also willing to help with any questions or concerns. Please remember, social media is not the place to air your views or name children and staff, in whatever capacity. Please come and speak to us so we can help. We want all children to feel happy, safe and able to learn. School uniform is a requirement. It helps children to feel they belong to a community and enables them to learn without distractions. Trainers and boots are not suitable, please ensure your child has black school shoes. Tights and socks should be plain grey or black -no patterns or bright colours. Thank you for your support.

Please remember to add any new contacts or adults allowed to collect the children, after school, to our lists in the office. It would be helpful to have this information in writing, as with a busy office, verbal requests can sometimes be forgotten. Either collecting a slip from the office or an email would be good.

Many families, throughout the year, have need for additional support. We are very fortunate to have Mia Howlett, our Family Support Worker, as part of our team. Please make an appointment to speak with her. She is busy and cannot always be available. Siobhan Cook in the office can make an appointment for you. In an emergency she will endeavour to support immediately.

I do not want to wish the summer away, but the wet weather will be upon us soon. This means wet playtimes for our children. We are asking for donations of toys, comics, annuals, board games, dress up clothes and old rolls of wallpaper (for the children to draw on). If they are in decent condition, we would be grateful. They will be distributed through the school, to provide exciting activities during miserable indoor weather. Please give any donations to the office. Thank you.

Let the term commence

**Onwards and upwards, Have a great weekend**

### Caterlink - Changes to paying for school dinners - Years 3 4 5 & 6

As from 11th September school meals can only be paid for online and cash payments will no longer be accepted. To register your child please log on to [https://meals.caterlinkltd.co.uk/meals/sign\\_in](https://meals.caterlinkltd.co.uk/meals/sign_in)

### Diary Dates

Monday 11th September—Y4 Swimming Lessons begin

Monday 11th September—Staff run after school clubs begin

Wednesday 13th September—Funstar Streetdance begins 8.00am

Wednesday 13th September—Y2 Roald Dahl dress up day

Wednesday 13th September—Y1 Birds of Prey visit

Please see the half term overview for further diary dates

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.

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