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SHORTSTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 15th September 2017

Attendance Target: 97.2%

Actual Attendance: 97%

Message from Denise Cottam

These first 2 weeks of school have been focusing on poetry. There are a number of children who have learnt poems and can recite them, without support. I am sure your child would love to share their poem with you, as they have been sharing with each other in school. Year 1 topic is Flight. They had a display from the Birds of Prey Centre to help stimulate their ideas and support their topic work.

The first couple of week also gives us a chance to refocus on our School Values and expectations around learning and behaviour. We are having a whole school focus on wellbeing, this year. We have wellbeing clubs and will be participating in a number of events linked to supporting children, to develop strategies, to help them cope in an ever changing, fast paced world. Some of the work links to play therapy, music therapy and art therapy. Children will be taught relaxation techniques to calm their mind and further enable them to develop resilience to deal with challenges, as they arise.

After School Clubs have started. I would like to thank the staff, who give up their time to organise and teach these activities, I know the children enjoy the additional experiences. We appreciate some children did not get a place, there is a waiting list and this is kept in the office, to ensure, as soon as a space becomes available the child will be contacted. We would love to be able to offer all children a space, however, numbers are limited.

We are a Healthy School, this means packed lunches need to be based on health foods. There are some suggestions on the website. Children can have a small cake for pudding, no sweets and chocolate bars. Also, we do have children and staff with nut allergies, so please refrain from putting nut products in their lunch box. Any concerns, or questions, please speak with your child's class teacher. Thank you for your support.

We already have a mountain of lost property—please name all of your child's property. Thank you.

Year 4 have started their swimming lessons. The National Curriculum states that a child should leave year 6 being able 'to swim 25m, using a recognisable stroke.' We can only provide 10 weeks of lessons. If you would like to help to meet this target, we can sign post you to swimming sessions, outside of school.

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

Diary Dates

Tuesday 19th September—Y3,4,5&6 R&D Football begins 3.30pm-4.30pm

Wednesday 20th September—Y1&2 R&D Football begins 3.30pm-4.30pm

Friday 22nd September—MacMillan Afternoon Tea 2.45pm - 3.35pm in the Extension Building (entry through the playground)

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.

Be Happy, Safe and Learn