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SHORTSTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 22nd September 2017

Attendance Target: 98%

Actual Attendance: 97%

### Message from Denise Cottam

Year 4 have started their swimming sessions. The National Curriculum states 'children should be able to swim 25 meters, with a recognisable stroke.' Five children were presented with their medals and certificates, in assembly, for meeting this target. Congratulations.

We are having a whole school push on Times Tables this year. We would like all the children to recite and know their tables. Confidence in this, can help children in all aspects of Maths, helping them to achieve even better results. Your support is appreciated.

Parking remains a concern. Please **do not** use the staff car park when dropping and picking children up from Dawn til Dusk. Please ensure the school gates are not obstructed, at any time. They must be clear in case of an emergency.

We are still having children coming from the play area, to use the toilets, after school. Please make alternative arrangements, as the toilets are cleaned, ready for the next day and we cannot take responsibility for the children's safety. Thank you for your support in both these matters. This time of year often sees an increase in the occurrence of Head Lice. There is a website called 'Once a week take a peek'. This has advice and information regarding the prevention and treatment of Lice. If you need any further information, please come and ask.

The Shortstown Centenary celebrations are continuing on Saturday 18th November. There will be a Shortstown Centenary Fireworks Display on the fields, by the Village Hall. It will be open to the public from 6.00pm, display to start at 7.00pm. Entry is Free. There will be food and hot drinks on sale. Sounds like a fabulous family night out.

Attendance continues to be one of the top in the Borough. This is thanks to Mia and our families. All data shows the link between attendance and progress. We have increased our target to 98% This is a massive challenge. Already we have three classes who are currently at 100% - 1T, 3S and 5T. Well done. If you are unsure, or have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

**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**

**Friday 6th October**—YR Come and Learn Numeracy at 2.15pm - Parents welcome to join children in class (doors open at 2.15pm - Entry through playground)

**Monday 9th October**—Last week for staff run after school activities

**Wednesday 18th October**—Y3-Y6 Harvest Festival 1.30pm—2.15pm

**Wednesday 18th October**—YR-Y2 Harvest Festival 2.30pm—3.00pm

**Wednesday 15th November**—YR—Y6 Parents Evening 3.30pm—6.30pm

**Thursday 16th November**—YR-Y6 Parents Evening 3.30pm—6.00pm

### **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*

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