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SHORTSTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 22nd September 2017

Attendance Target: 98%

Actual Attendance: 97%

### Message from Denise Cottam

We are now over half way through the term. The children are engrossed in their topics and working hard. Staff try to plan experiences to enhance the children's learning and work hard to provide an exciting and creative learning environment. Sometimes they organise trips and visits. Unfortunately, this often has a financial implication. We do try to invite workshops in, as this saves the cost of the coaches. Either way, we appreciate it can be difficult. We would not want children to miss out on these opportunities because of financial concerns. I would urge you to come and speak with the class teacher if this is the case. Without the financial support, we may have to cancel. We never do this lightly as we know it can be disappointing.

A reminder about our Reading for Pleasure scheme. Children can choose their own books and change them as they wish. They may choose the same book repeatedly or a book, which they cannot read on their own. We would encourage you to read it to them. This is to help develop a love of reading. We have a reading system in school, which we use to teach the children the skills of reading. More information is available on our website.

Some of our older children have written permission to walk home alone, on the parents assurances there will be some one to meet them, or parents are willing to take that responsibility. However, some children are walking to school on their own and arrive early in the playground. There is no supervision, at this time. We do have Dawn til Dusk—who are open at 7.30am. This is a safe option, where you know your child will be looked after until school begins. For more information, please ask at the office for a brochure or go on line [www.kidsdowntildusk.co.uk](http://www.kidsdowntildusk.co.uk)

We have a number of children with allergies and medical needs. Please make sure all changes to your child's needs are reported to school, so we can update our records. We will make sure the information is passed to class teachers, in order to support your child in school.

Congratulations to Y3S 100% attendance this week.

We have had a flyer through from the Girl Guides. If you are interested please check out their website [www.bedsguiding.org.uk](http://www.bedsguiding.org.uk).

If you have a child, due to start Reception class in September 2018, admissions have opened. You can apply on line—[www.bedford.gov.uk/onlineadmissions](http://www.bedford.gov.uk/onlineadmissions)

**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 2nd October-Wednesday 4th October-Y5&6 Bikeability Course (3 days)

Wednesday 4th October—YR Come and Learn Numeracy at 2.30pm - Parents welcome to join children in class (doors open at 2.15pm - Entry through playground)

Friday 6th October—YR & Y1 PTA Halloween Party 3.30pm - 4.45pm

Friday 6th October—Y4 PGL 2018 - Interim payment of £35 due

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

Friday 13th October—Whole School Individual & Sibling Photos

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

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

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*

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