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SHORTSTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 20th October 2017

Attendance Target: 98%

Actual Attendance: 97.5%

### Message from Denise Cottam

It is the end of the half term already. The children have had behaviour cards and stars in assembly. The Homework Cup was won by Y4T. The Attendance Cup went back to Y5S with an amazing attendance of 98.4%. Well done

The Harvest Festivals were so well attended. We appreciate it can be difficult to be in school during the day, but the children appreciated the audience and sang beautifully. The readers were clear and helped deliver the messages around the festival. All donations were gratefully received by 'Bedford Day Hospice.'

Thank you for your generosity.

We also had Diwali or Deepavali, which is the Hindu festival of lights, celebrations this week. Many of the classes have been learning about the importance of this occasion.

The whole school have been engaged in a fully creative week. There has been cooking, making bread, playing drums, listening to stories, working with artists, dressing up, visits to restaurants, tea parties and design technology projects. All of the learning has centred around their half term topic and books they have been reading.

It is the end of the National Big Draw Project. The art will be displayed in the KS2 heart space tonight. The art has been produced by children from Preschool, through to Y6. The project has been linked to learning around black history month.

The PTA have their final Halloween party tonight. Thank you to all of the members, who gave their time to support these fund raising events. Please keep safe, if you are trick or treating. The Bedfordshire police have some top tips to ensure fun and safety are priority at this time. [www.bedfordshire.police.uk](http://www.bedfordshire.police.uk). YR have a Halloween dress up day on Tuesday 31st October (first day back).

We look forward to your safe return.

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

### **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.caterlinktd.co.uk/meals/sign\\_in](https://meals.caterlinktd.co.uk/meals/sign_in)

**If you have any issues with your child's account please email: [meals@caterlink.co.uk](mailto:meals@caterlink.co.uk)**

### **Personal Details**

Please remember to inform the office of any changes to personal details such as phone numbers, addresses, medical conditions, dietary requirements etc.

### **Letters and Correspondence**

Please use the post boxes outside the Main Morning Entrance and the Main Reception to avoid queues before and after school in the main reception.

### **Diary Dates**

**Tuesday 31st October**- Children return to school

**Tuesday 31st October**—YR Halloween dress up day

**Thursday 2nd November**—Y6 Tring Museum Trip

**Wednesday 15th November**—Parents Evening 3.30pm-6.30pm

**Thursday 16th November**—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*