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SHORTSTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 3rd November 2017

Attendance Target: 98%

Actual Attendance: 97.5%

#### Message from Denise Cottam

Welcome back to the second part of the Autumn Term. Many of the classes have a new topic to lead us up to Christmas. The half term overview is full, there are occasions where times or dates may vary so please remember to check the weekly Newsletter. There will be tickets distributed, for the Christmas productions and celebrations, nearer the time.

YR started the week with a dress up day and carried out some science investigations linked to mixing materials and potions. Y6 have had a museum visit to Tring. They saw some amazing sights and were fully engaged in the workshop opportunities. They have also had a Victorian workshop this week, linked to their current topic.

Preschool had their open evening for new and returning parents, it was really well attended and we look forward to the children joining us in the new year.

As a school we do prioritise and celebrate good attendance, as all of our data clearly shows the link between good attendance and a child's progress. This includes children who arrive late at school. Children have told us they feel embarrassed going into the classroom late and feel upset that they may have missed something. We are looking at our late procedures, to ensure we can capture the reasons why children are late and provide support to those families. Mia is our Family Support Worker and part of her role is to monitor attendance to make sure children are in school and safe. She also provides parenting support for a variety of reasons and is an asset to have in our school. However, she should not be the first port of call. The class teachers are the main care givers for your children. Please speak with them first, they can make a referral to Mia, if one is required. Mia will then make an appointment to meet with you.

Reminder about parking. Please **do not** use the staff car park for pick up and drop offs, **at any time**. Also please do not park in front of the school gates. There must be access at all times. Thank you.

It is bonfire night, this weekend. Please keep safe. The firework code can be found at [http://www.saferfireworks.com/firework\\_code/](http://www.saferfireworks.com/firework_code/)

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

#### Money, 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. Any money for trips or events must be placed in a name and sealed envelope and put into one of the school post boxes. Loose money **will not** be taken at the school office.

#### Staff Run After School Clubs

- Staff run after school clubs will continue from next week (week beginning Monday 6th November) and with the same children as last term.
- **AMENDED DATES**—Clubs will now run for only 4 weeks of this term with the last week for clubs being the week beginning Monday 27th November
- There will be no Recycle Fashion Show Club this half term. Please collect your child at the normal time of 3.20pm on Wednesdays.

#### Shortstown Centenary Fireworks Display—Saturday 18th November at Shortstown Playing Fields

Free entry to the firework display this Saturday which is open to the public from 6.00pm. Fireworks display to start at 7.00pm. Food and drink will also be on sale

#### Diary Dates

Monday 6th November—Staff run after school clubs begin

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

Thursday 16th November—Parents Evening 3.30pm-6.00pm

Thursday 9th November—Y4-Y6 Cinema trip 9.30am - 12.00pm at Bedford Cineworld -Diary of a Wimpy Kid

Friday 17th November—Y1-Y3 Cinema trip 9.30am - 12.00pm at Bedford Vue - Trolls

Friday 17th November—YR Cinema Afternoon in school - SpongeBob

For further dates and information please see the half term overview

#### 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.