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SHORTSTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 17th November 2017

Attendance Target: 98%

Actual Attendance: 97.6%

### Message from Denise Cottam

We have had a lovely week. It was great seeing so many parents in school, over the two parents evenings. It is good to have the opportunity to discuss progress and attainment. Also just to reinforce how well the children are behaving and developing as individuals. We have had some constructive feedback from parents regarding reports and questions about how you can better support learning at home. We will discuss these and try to arrive at a solution to answer your questions. We do welcome this kind of feedback, as it means we are working together to make changes to support you and your child. Thank you.

The Wellbeing Club had a great outdoor learning day, on their visit to Chellington this week. Year 1 to Year 3 went to the cinema, this morning, to see 'Trolls'. Reception class had a cinema experience, with a special guest appearance by Sponge Bob.

It is Children in Need today, we did not ask for contributions because the Eco Council have already agreed charity fundraisers, including Keech Cottage Hospital. Father Christmas will be here, on his Sleigh, on Monday to collect any donations.

We are a Healthy School and appreciate the way parents are acknowledging this, when giving out birthday treats, outside of the classroom. I appreciate this may make it difficult to catch all of the children in the class, as the families disperse at the end of the day. If you let the teacher know, the night before, that your child would like to distribute something for their birthday celebration, they will try to remember to get them out first. Alternatively, if it is a healthy option instead, we can pass these out in the classroom. Thank you for your understanding.

We have been celebrating National Anti Bullying Week. The children have discussed and thought about how we are all different but have similarities. The learning has focused on appreciating and celebrating this.

The Shortstown Centenary Fireworks are on this Saturday, on the Shortstown Playing fields by the Village hall. The celebrations start at 6.00pm with the Firework display at 7.00pm. There will be drinks and food on sale. We hope you can get along to join in the fun.

**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 named 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

**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

### Dawn Til Dusk Christmas Activities

We have lots of fun filled Christmas activities coming up such as bauble card making, tree decorating, pom pom trees and our end of term Christmas party. We are also running a holiday club during the Christmas holidays on the 21st & 22nd December as well as the 3rd, 4th & 5th January. For more information you can book online, come and see a member of staff or call us on 07982914784

### Diary Dates

**Monday 20th November**—Keech Santa train visits school

**Wednesday 22nd November**—Reception Class Starters for September 2018 Open Day—Morning 9.15am-11.30am & Afternoon: 1.15pm-5.30pm

**Thursday 23rd November**—YR - Y4 Flu Immunisations

**Thursday 23rd November**—Culture and Wellbeing Club participating in Harpur Trust Competition

**Monday 27th November**—Last week for staff run after school clubs

**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.

*Be Happy, Safe and Learn*