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SHORTSTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 24th November 2017

Attendance Target: 98%

Actual Attendance: 97.7%

### Message from Denise Cottam

Our Christmas celebrations started early this year. We had a visit from Father Christmas, on his train. All the children went out to meet him and sang a song. The Office was full of the Christmas spirit all morning. The children dressed in Santa costumes and the donations were received with much appreciation. All monies will be given to Keech Cottage hospital, caring for sick children in our community. Thank you.

The classes are beginning to organise the Christmas performances, which take place at the end of term—please see diary dates below. There will be allocation of tickets, as in previous years. These will be distributed shortly. Remember—it is one ticket per person, not per seat. All buggies will need to be parked outside, so please remember rain covers. Can we please ask you to return any unwanted tickets so we can try and fulfil any waiting lists? This has worked well in previous years and ensured we meet the fire regulations in school.

The Shortstown Centenary Fireworks were a success on Saturday. We hope you managed to get along and support the event. The next planned event is Carol Singing at the Shorts Building. This will be on the 15th December at 7.00pm—9.00pm. Hot drinks will be served and Father Christmas will be handing out free mince pies.

The Reception classroom opened their doors to new children this week. The open day for parents interested in starting their children in September 2018. The Year 6 children helped and showed parents around, spoke about our school and displayed all the attributes of the mature, reliable, sensible individuals they are. The YR team sent a big thank you to them. We are proud to have them lead the school in this manner. Well done.

We gave out swimming medals this morning, during assembly. These are awarded to the Year 4 children, who can swim 25 metres, unaided, using a recognisable stroke. This is the national expectation for all children to achieve before the end of KS2. We feel it is an important life skill, especially as Bedford is a river town. If you need any information about swimming lessons, in our region, please come and speak to us and we will be happy to help.

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 accepted in the school office.

### Staff Run After Clubs

Last week for staff run after school clubs is week beginning Monday 27th November

### Dawn Til Dusk Christmas Activities

Dawn Til Dusk 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. They 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 on 07982914784

### Diary Dates

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

Thursday 30th November—Y4 Wider Opps Play Day - Recorders performance at Kings House

Monday 11th December—YR Nativity performance - Main hall 4.45pm - 5.45pm

Tuesday 12th December—Y1 & Y2 Christmas production 5.30pm - 6.30pm

Thursday 14th December—Y3, Y4 & Y5 Christingle - Afternoon: 2.00pm - 3.00pm & Evening: 5.30pm - 6.30pm

Friday 15th December—Festive Jumper Day (children can come to school wearing a festive jumper for £1 donation)

Tuesday 19th December—Y6 Victorian Christmas celebration with parents

Wednesday 20th December—Last day of term

### 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*