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SHORTSTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 1st December 2017

Attendance Target: 98%

Actual Attendance: 97.7%

Message from Denise Cottam

Merry First of December and so the count down begins. This is such an exciting time of the year. We know, from past experiences, the children's excitement can result in increased difficulties in behaviour. We want to embrace the season, but need to make sure all children remain happy, safe and able to learn. The teaching continues until the end of term, in addition to this, there are rehearsals for the performances. We would like to request your support by ensuring the children have a good breakfast and more importantly, plenty of sleep. Thank you in advance.

The children have had another busy week. The Y3 & 4 children attended a Sports Festival and, as always, were superb.

There were a group of children who attended an enrichment afternoon, at Bedford Modern School. They have been recognised for their excellent behaviour and participation in the 'Escape Room' activity, where they had to crack as many codes as possible and a Science activity to construct a vessel to transport their cargo. The year 4 children have been learning the recorder. Yesterday they performed at Kings House, to an enthusiastic audience of family and friends. It was a long day, with rehearsals in the morning and working with 11 other schools. The children were patient and remained focused, with little disruption. Well done. Thank you to all the staff involved in the organisation of and participation in all these extra events.

Christmas cards: Please **do not** send in Christmas cards before the last week of term. We will not give out class lists and we cannot distribute cards in the classroom. The children can give out cards at the end of the day, in the playground.

We appreciate your support in this matter.

PE kit reminder: All children must have a full PE kit, in order to fully participate in a safe manner. The children are sometimes outside, please ensure they have named tracksuit and suitable trainers.

Certificates were distributed for the 'Extreme Reading Challenge'. There were 3 winners, who also received a trophy.

The first prize was a £10 Amazon voucher to spend on books. Thank you to everyone who took part.

Next week, the children will be involved in a 'mass tree planning' event, in conjunction with Marston Vale Forest Centre, to add more woodland to the school grounds.

Next week is the start of the Santa Challenge. Children are encouraged to bike or scooter to school and complete the miles to Santa. The challenge is to be the class with the most miles.

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 with the **exception** of Wellbeing Club that will continue with the **last** session on Thursday 14th December

Diary Dates

Wednesday 6th December—Y6 singing at St Pauls Church

Thursday 7th December—Y4 singing at Collingwood House at 1.30pm

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)

Friday 15th December—PTA Christmas Fete in the hall 3.20pm - 4.45pm

Tuesday 19th December—Y6 Victorian Christmas celebration with parents: 5.30pm—6.30pm

Wednesday 20th December—Last day of term

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