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SHORTSTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 8th December 2017

Attendance Target: 98%

Actual Attendance: 97.7%

Message from Denise Cottam

The temperature has dropped today, there is talk of snow. Please make sure your child has a named school jumper and coat every day, as they will be outside. Your child can wear boots to school but **must** change into school shoes.

This week the children and some parents, have been planting trees, along our fence line. This is to increase the wildlife and provide better screening for the play areas. The Year 2 parents were invited to join their children, as part of the Y2 learning this half term. Thank you to all of you who managed to brave the wet weather. Over 200 trees have been planted. Only another 750 to go!

Years 5 & 6 competed in a Sports Festival this week. They represented the school well and tried hard in all of the events.

Our Christmas performances began, this week. A group of Y6 children travelled to St Pauls Church, in Bedford. They opened the Christmas Tree Festival with some beautiful singing. We then had a V.I.P Christingle Service to thank people who volunteer their time, to help the school. This gave the Y3, Y4 and Y5 children a chance to rehearse their performance, ready for next week. It was wonderful and there were so many positive comments about their singing and their behaviour. Well done.

Next week is the start of the performances, for parents. **Please could you return any unwanted tickets, to the office.** We do have waiting lists and would like to be able to fulfil these requests. A reminder: it is one ticket per person, all buggies will need to be left outside. We look forward to seeing you all next week.

There are a lot of packed lunches, arriving after the children are in school. Please make sure your child has a packed lunch when coming into school, as this does affect the dinner registers and you may be charged for a dinner.

Next Friday is Christmas Jumper Day. We are asking for donations, of £1.00 in aid of Save the Children. We look forward to seeing all the Christmas clothing. Those who do not celebrate Christmas are welcome to come in their own special costume or party clothing instead.

Sumdog Maths, National Contest starts today and lasts a week, finishing on Thursday 14th December. Your children have passwords to access this event.

Carol Singing is taking place, at the Shorts Building on Wednesday 13th December from 7.00pm—9.00pm. There will be Father Christmas and mince pies. The event is free, to celebrate the Shortstown Centenary.

Have a great weekend, Onwards and upwards

Diary Dates

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

Monday 8th January- Children return to school

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