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SHORTSTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 15th December 2017

Attendance Target: 98%

Actual Attendance: 97.5%

Message from Denise Cottam

Christmas Jumper Day has been a great success. The children had a Christmas boogie, after assembly and raised over £200 for Save the Children. Thank you for your kind contributions.

The Christmas performances were an absolute delight. All the children performed with such confidence.

The amount of songs they learnt was amazing. Thank you for bringing the tickets and supporting the children. Thank you to the staff, for all their hard work. The majority of schools run their performances during the school day. Our staff stay behind, after work, to enable a later performance, so as many parents and relatives can enjoy the Christmas celebrations. All of your kind comments and appreciations were passed on. Thank you.

Next week, Year 6 have their Victorian Christmas Party for their parents, on Tuesday evening, 5.30pm. The children will be making the decorations, food and crackers.

Caterlink cooked the Christmas dinner, on Wednesday. It was delicious and all the children enjoyed their meals. Many of the staff also participated. The kitchen had to cook for over 300 people for a 1 hour sitting.

They are to be commended. Thank you to Sarah and her team.

Year 1 have battled the elements today, as they spent the day as explorers, outside on the field, building dens. This is linked to their topic of penguins and the life of Captain Scott, the explorer. The children were supposed to be out on Tuesday, but the snow and ice, although more realistic, would not have enabled the children to enjoy a full day. However, they did go out in the snow and experienced the Arctic conditions.

A BIG thank you to all the parents and children who helped Mrs McFarlane with the tree planting last week. We planted an amazing 500 trees! This was part of the DEFRA 1 million trees project and we were only 1 of 2 schools in the Forest of Marston Vale area who took part. Over the years these trees will grow and provide a privacy hedge around the perimeter of the field. The children really enjoyed the task, despite all the mud!

We have had the ice cream workshop back in this week. Looking at different flavours and combinations of taste, linked to Science. The children had a great time.

The PTA Christmas Fete is on this evening. Charlie and her team have worked tirelessly, this year. There have been volunteers serving refreshments at all of the evening Christmas performances. They have been busy with the gift shop. They have funded the Preschool Christmas party. They are like little elves, behind the scenes. A big thank you to all the parents who have helped and donated cakes for today. All the fundraising goes to great causes in the school. If you want to be a part of this team, please contact Charlie (phone number in the Main Reception area). Any small amount of time or support is greatly received.

Next week, is the last few days of term. We are in on Wednesday 20th December. We return on Monday 8th of January 2018. As the last Newsletter of 2017. We would like to wish you all a Happy Holiday.

See you Monday
Onwards and upwards

Diary Dates

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

Wednesday 20th December—Last day of term—Holidays start on Thursday 21st

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