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SHORTSTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 12th January 2018

Attendance Target: 98%

Actual Attendance: 97.1%

Message from Denise Cottam

Welcome back to a new term and a new year. This is a short half term, which will whizz by. The overview is on the website, please continue to check newsletters, weekly, for any amendments and additions. We have altered the parents evening dates for next half term, as we now realise one was scheduled for the last night of the term. Parents evenings will take place on Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th of March.

The children have returned with a positive attitude and the learning in the classrooms has been exciting and varied. Year 1 children had a visit from some mini beasts today, as an introduction to their new topic. Topic overviews will be available on the website, under the button 'Shortstown Learning Environment'. This will give you a chance to see what learning will be happening in the year groups. Year 6 have had a week of Mock SAT exams. They have attacked these in a mature way and tried really hard. These will be shared with parents to support future learning, ready for the real thing in May.

The children look really smart in their uniform. Please name all items, with permanent marker. On the label and inside on the Airship logo. Our lost property mountain is ever growing. Children are asked to put jumpers on, or in their drawers. You are welcome to come in, after school, to check the classrooms and lost property.

There have been a number of parents arriving late in the morning and collecting late at pick up. Please remember the children should be in school by 8.55am and collection is at 3.20pm prompt.

If your child is sick, please contact the office on **every day** of the absence. When contacting by phone, Please choose 'option 1' to leave a message with child's name, year group / class and **specific** reason for illness. This last part is important as we need to monitor any possibility of contagious diseases or spread of infections. Thank you.

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.

The Oasis Swim School have sent information to us regarding swimming sessions. They take place at 4–6pm every week night. If you are interested, please contact them on 01234 272100.

Last term children participated in a charity 'Santa Dash' for Keech Hospice. The total raised, from all participating schools was £7,195.93. Keech send their thanks and appreciation for the support.

Have a great weekend,
Onwards and upwards

Award in an Introduction to Early Years Settings Level 1 (Bedford Training and Assessment Centre)

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Wednesday 24 January to 28 March 2018 - 9.15am to 2.00pm/3.00pm
£155 (19 years and above) if not receiving a means tested benefit or £25 if receiving a means tested benefit

Please call 01234 228847 or email jobsinfo@bedford.gov.uk

Diary Dates

Monday 15th January—ALL staff run after school clubs begin

Tuesday 16th January—R&D Football Y3,4,5&6 begins

Tuesday 16th January—YR Come and Learn ERR 2.30pm—3.00pm

Wednesday 17th January—R&D Football Y1&2 begins

Wednesday 17th January—YR Come and Learn ERR 9.05am—9.35am

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