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SHORTSTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 2nd February 2018

Attendance Target: 98%

Actual Attendance: 96.9%

Message from Denise Cottam

We are already close to the half term break. This has been a short few weeks, but the children and staff have accomplished a lot. The year 2 classes will be coming home with First Aid certificates from St Johns Ambulance team.

They have completed their Student First Aid course this week. Well done.

There were a record number of children who participated in the level 1 Bikeability, this term. They have a lovely badge and certificate to celebrate their achievements.

The year 4 class went to Orchestra Unwrapped to participate in a musical performance. The Wellbeing Club spent the day outdoors for their learning. There were more trees planted, with Marston Vale Trust, around the field. A great time was had by all.

There are a number of children coming into school on their own, in the mornings. Some are arriving at 8.30am, or before. There is no supervision at this time and there are some incidents and accidents occurring. We cannot take responsibility for this as we recommend the children are supervised, or do not come to school until 8.50am when the doors are opened.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Last week Mr Jones- Scholfield left the school, to begin a university degree. He has been such an important part of the school development, since moving from the lower school in 2013. He oversaw the building of this new school, the expansion with the 2year old unit and finally, the building at the end of the playground. All of this was done on time, with minimal disruption. I would like to say a public and formal Thank you to him from all of us in school. We wish him every success in his new ventures. Mrs Hibbert has been appointed as the new Maintenance Assistant and we welcome her to the new position.

Next Friday is our annual Sign to Sing. The children are learning a song using sign language, which they will perform together in Friday's assembly. Mrs Huckle is working hard to make sure all of the actions are learnt. We would ask for a £1.00 donation to support the Deaf Awareness charity - supporting individuals with hearing impairments and supporting the inclusion of all.

On Tuesday, the children will celebrate Safer Internet Day. This is where we reinforce safety on line. Our website has information regarding the age rating of games, and how to stay safe.

Three special stars were presented to children, this morning. Two were for caring for other children in the school, without being asked. One was for reinforcing the behaviour expectations in school. All of the children were ensuring their peers were happy, safe and therefore able to learn.

Have a great weekend,
Onwards and upwards

Diary Dates

Monday 5th February—Last week for staff run after school clubs

Tuesday 6th February—Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 7th February—EYFS (Reception) & KS1 (Year 1 & 2) Enrichment at Pilgrims School 1.00pm - 3.00pm

Friday 9th February—Sign to Sing Day - £1 donation

Friday 9th February—PTA Y4, Y5 & Y6 Valentines Disco 3.30pm - 4.45pm

Friday 9th February—End of term

Monday 19th February—Children back to school

Tuesday 27th March—Parents Evening

Wednesday 28th March—Parents Evening

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.