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SHORTSTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 9th February 2018

Attendance Target: 98%

Actual Attendance: 96.9%

Message from Denise Cottam

We have come to the end of a very short half term. This week has been 'Creative Week'. All the children have been working on projects, linked to the different curriculum subjects. The results have been shared with other classes and on 2simple, parent share. If you have supplied an email address, this has been loaded onto 2simple. You should receive an email for confirmation. Staff will then be able to send images of your child at work. As this is the first half term, we are experiencing a few technical difficulties and not all of the emails have loaded in time. However, staff will be sending more images at the end of the Spring term, before the Easter holidays. We hope you will receive some shared work, at this point.

Pupils celebrated Safer Internet Day on Tuesday by talking about 'Creating, Connecting and Sharing Respect'. KS1 talked about items special to them and their classmates gave them positive feedback about them. KS2 pupils rehearsed and performed short plays. Our Digital Leaders recorded videos of their online experiences, both positive and negative, and they shared them at assembly. You can check out some of what we did on our Twitter account @shortstown_ps.

Today the children have raised money for the charity 'Sign to Sing'. Thank you for all the contributions. If you would like to learn the song and participate, with your children, this is the website: <http://sign2sing.org.uk/how-to-get-involved/learn-the-songs/>. The children performed this years song with such enthusiasm. Five children led the school, from the front of the hall. The song was easy to learn, but the signing takes a lot of concentration. Why not give it a go?

At the end of every half term, we celebrate class attendance and a cup is awarded to the class with the highest percentage. This half term Y4S were presented with the cup for an attendance of 97.7%. This is a fantastic result. We are setting our sights on a school attendance of 98% for the year. Congratulations for getting so close. Our website has the most recent information showing the link between good attendance and increased progress in learning.

The Homework Cup was presented to Y1T for their fantastic creative work linked to 'The Hungry Caterpillar'. We hope the parents had as much fun as the children.

Behaviour Cards were given out in the classrooms. Once the children have collected 6, they are presented with a gold star badge. We had a few children collecting these today. They can wear them, with pride, in school to show everyone that they are a role model for behaviour. Well done and thank you for following the school values and expectations.

Have a great week Onwards and upwards

Digital Safety—As parents we have a **huge** role to play in keeping your children safe online and I would urge you to check out the information on our twitter feed along with lots of helpful guidance on our website.

PLEASE ensure that all access to the internet is filtered-you can find lots of help on how to do this online. Share your child's online life with them; take an interest in what apps and websites they are using. Roblox is by far the most popular online game for primary aged children at the moment and it is a fun way of being creative and sharing with friends **BUT** it is important that you have set up your child's account correctly-they should only play with known friends and you can disable the chat feature and restrict the worlds they play in too. Under 13 accounts will automatically filter inappropriate language. Information on where to find help on how to do this is on our twitter page. I wish you all a safe and happy half term.

Mrs C. McFarlane, School E-safety Coordinator

Diary Dates

Monday 19th February—Children back to school

Monday 19th February—Staff run after school clubs continue

Tuesday 27th March—Parents Evening

Wednesday 28th March—Parents Evening

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