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SHORTSTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 23rd February 2018

Attendance Target: 98%

Actual Attendance: 96.9%

Message from Denise Cottam

Welcome back to Spring term 2. We hoped for warmer weather, however, it is supposed to get colder again next week. Please make sure the children are still bringing coats into school, as they will be out at playtimes. Also P.E. does take place outside, so children require a tracksuit for these sessions. Reminder: Please name all clothing.

Year 3 & 4 gymnasts have been out this week, competing against other Borough Schools. They tried really hard and should be pleased with their commitment and participation. Well done.

We had some visitors from another school. They were teachers who have heard about the way we learn, through a creative curriculum and encouraging children to take responsibility for their learning. They were really impressed with the way the children engaged with their activities and were able to talk about their work. The exemplary behaviour was mentioned and they were excited to try some of the strategies in their own school.

Every Thursday, we have a group who come and work with the children, during Collective Worship. They are 'Open the Book'. They commented to staff how brilliant the children are. They said the children are always enthusiastic, polite and helpful and love to participate. We are the best school they visit.

It is fantastic for our school to be recognised by external agencies and visitors. Thank you to all staff, parents and children who support our expectations and ethos, it really does make a difference.

This half term is World Book Day—an opportunity to dress up! Also parents evenings take place for YR to Y5 (Y6 have had their meetings earlier in the term). The new half term overview has been sent out this week. Please check the weekly newsletter for any amendments and additions. The overview and newsletters are on the website, under the 'parent and carers' heading. We will only distribute paper copies to those who request them, to support our Eco Council initiatives.

As a fully inclusive school, we have many children who are diagnosed with Autism. We work closely with 'Autism Bedford'.

They are hosting a talk for parents and carers on 'Understanding Autism'. This is on Monday 26th February, 6.00—9.00pm, at Bedford University Gateway Building. The price is £20.00, payable in advance. If you would like to attend, please contact Autism Bedford on (01234) 214871 or enquiries@autismbeds.org

**Have a great weekend
Onwards and upwards**

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

If you are interested in working in a Day Nursery, Pre-school or Lower School with babies or young children up to the age of 6 years this course will be running from Tuesday 24th April until 26th June 2018 from 9.15am—3.00pm at Queens Park Neighbourhood Centre. There will be an Enrolment and Skills Assessment on Monday 23rd April from 9.30am—12.30pm. Course costs £155 (if 19 years and above) if not receiving a means tested benefit or free if receiving a means tested benefit (evidence will be needed).

Please call 01234 228847 or visit jobsinfo@bedford.gov.uk for more information

Dawn Until Dusk—Club Manager Wanted

We are looking for an enthusiastic and willing Level 3 Manager to run the breakfast (7.30am—9.00am), after school (3.00pm—6.00pm), holiday club (7.30am—6.00pm). If sounds interesting please email joinus@kidsdowntildusk.co.uk with an overview of your experience or telephone 0781835841 for an informal chat. The pay is £10 per hour. We also provide free uniform, free childcare and profit related bonus scheme. For more information on our company please go to www.kidsdowntildusk.co.uk

Diary Dates

Thursday 8th March—World Book Day - YR—Y6 Parents invited to class to read with their children: 9.05am - 9.30am and 2.45pm - 3.15pm

Friday 9th March—World Book Day—Dress up as your favourite character

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Tuesday 27th March—YR—Y5 Parents Evening 3.30pm—6.00pm

Wednesday 28th March—YR—Y5 Parents Evening 3.30pm—6.30pm

Please see the overview for further dates and information

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