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SHORTSTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 2nd March 2018

Attendance Target: 98%

Actual Attendance: 96.9%

### Message from Denise Cottam

What a week. We thought Spring was in the air, then the snow comes in a blizzard. The weather is supposed to improve, over the weekend. It is always a difficult decision, regarding school closures, however attendance, as you are aware, is a priority for us. There were over three quarters of the children in today and all the staff, bar a couple who were stuck on a hill! A big thank you to everyone for supporting the education of the children, if you left a message this morning, we appreciate your situations. We look forward to seeing everyone on Monday.

Autism Bedford have organised a quiz night, plus raffle, refreshments and a special prize for the losing team, on Tuesday 6th March, in our Dawn til Dusk building. It starts at 7.30pm. £2.00 per person in advance, all contributions will be donated to Autism Bedford. The organisers are concerned about numbers, so if you would like to attend, please contact Sarah Grimes on 01234 214871, email [sarah.grimes@autismbeds.org](mailto:sarah.grimes@autismbeds.org), or on line at <https://www.autismbedfordshire.net/event/quiz-night-at-shortstown-primary-school>.

Due to other events, and the predicted weather, we postponed World Book day celebrations until next week. We would like to invite parents to come and read, with their child on Thursday and Friday morning from 9.05—9.30am, then in the afternoons, from 2.45 to 3.15pm. The children can dress up, as their favourite book character on Friday 9th March, donations of £1.00, for the charity 'Book Aid International' are appreciated. We did, however, have a surprise visit from the super hero 'Book Man' who carried out a variety of work shops with the children, on Tuesday. He was great and the children enjoyed learning about books, in a different way.

We had 14 visitors to our school, on Wednesday. They were senior leaders, working in Bedford Borough schools. They came to learn about 'Women in Leadership' and how to create a vision for a school. The evaluation feedback highlighted the way staff and children have such a positive relationships and the enthusiasm for learning, in the classes. They were all able to identify, through the practice they saw, our vision words, for everyone to 'Be happy, safe and able to learn'.

A reminder about uniform. Please ensure the children have school shoes, not trainers or boots. Outdoor PE kits, including trainers and tracksuit. Please make sure everything is named, we keep buying bigger and bigger lost property boxes and some how, it still does not fit in.

**Have a great weekend—Keep warm  
Onwards and upwards**

### Diary Dates

Tuesday 6th March—YR Health Screening

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*