



Newsletter

Autumn Term

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Inspire, Enjoy, Achieve



Week Beginning: 7th September 2015

Welcome back to the start of another school year. I hope that you have all enjoyed the summer break with your children.

We are looking forward to another exciting year, helping your children learn and thrive.

We have welcomed lots of new children and their families this term. It was lovely to see so many of you bringing your children into school for their first day. For health and safety reasons could I please ask that you leave your children at the school gate each morning—staff are on duty to greet and supervise them in the playground. If you need to speak to a class teacher please just ask on the gate.

Please ensure that your children have a PE kit in school everyday so that we can make the most of any nice weather.

A parent has enquired if anyone could give their child a lift to us at Cotton End Primary school from Shortstown each day.

Please contact the office for further details

Our values for this year are:-

- September—New Beginnings
- October—Co-operation
- November—Keeping Safe
- December—Equality
- January—Courage
- February—Patience/Tolerance
- March—Friendship
- April—Caring
- May—Appreciation
- June—Respect
- July—Happiness

The children will be learning about these in assemblies etc. and a child from each class will be awarded a certificate every week in our Golden Assembly.

Communication.

Please sign up to the new Parentmail PMX, if you have not done so already. You should have received a text or email last week asking you to register. All communication will be coming to you via this app/ email. Please note our old Parentmail system will be going off line by the end of the week.

Also reminders are posted on Facebook.



Mobile Library Van

Can you please ensure that your child brings their library card in and any books to return this Wednesday. If you would like your child to go to the library, please collect a form from the office.

Important Term Dates

- 9th September— Library Van
- 23rd September—Library Van
- 25th September—Individual School Photo's
- 26th October to 30th October—Half Term
- 2nd November—Inset Day
- 21st December to 1st January—Christmas Holiday



The **Government** have set the level at which a child becomes a persistent absentee. This will be going from 85% to 90% therefore the Education Welfare Service will become involved if and when your child's attendance is at 92% or below for **whatever reason**.



The **Government** are also increasing the schools total target to just under 96.5%. This is a maximum of 6 days absence, per child, per year and this includes absence for sickness. Our last years attendance last years way below the target at 93.9%.

Therefore we would like to remind you that we are unable to authorise any holiday in school in school term time for statutory aged children. The Council will issue a penalty notice of £60 per child per parent, please note there is no longer a warning issued before hand.

