



Weekly Update

Friday 13th January 2023



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Dear Families & Friends,

It's been a busy week back with new topics for the children to get their teeth into.

We have Year 2 learning about the Great Fire of London, and they have been inside the event using the immersive room, learning to think of the WOW words they would use in their writing. This has been followed by drama activities such as 'hot seating' as the children pretended to be Samuel Pepys, all leading up to the writing their own diary account of the event.

The immersive room is one of the facilities that our wonderful PSA brought, and the children have been using this during their learning. Year 4 took themselves inside the Anderson Shelters of WWII and thought about how it would feel during a raid. They learned what families needed in the shelters and how they kept their spirits up through singing.

Year 3 are learning about Ancient Egyptians, and staff are preparing a fully immersive curriculum and dress up day to bring this learning to life. You will have received a parentmail regarding this.

We have brought new materials to support our phonics sessions. Many of you will know that the school had the best ever results for Phonics despite the challenges of missing education during Covid. We surpassed our previous best by a very wide margin and any benchmarking set by the local authority and nationally. We do not, however rest on our laurels. Matching reading more closely to support spellings, handwriting and phonics is essential, as we have invested in more reading books, and the resources of Monster Phonics. We will, however, maintain our embedded practices for phonics sessions and teaching. We hope you enjoy the new resourcing as it makes it way through resources and discussions shared with home.

Mrs Freeman, as many of you will know, is employed by the local authority as an expert practitioner and advises other early years providers. We will be using some of the funding from this outreach to continue to improve the Reception classes, and think about the furnishings. We always benefit from the suggestions you share with us. Thank you.

I would like to remind parents to stop sending in ruck sacks. These are really difficult in the school environment, cause corridor hazards and increased lost property as items fall off and move around. Please use long handled bags, or the traditional draw string variety.

It was lovely to see year one begin Forest School for the first time. We ensure our children develop a love of the environment through our 'Sheffield Connected Curriculum' and our classes are named after trees so that children learn some British trees as they move through the school. This all leads towards earning their forest badges as they move through each unit. In addition to Forest School sessions, our children also have 'outside learning' on their timetables, and this supports the love and fulfilment of learning, as well as healthy active learning.

It's good to begin to have the lighter evenings coming through, and Spring is always a lovely time in school and for children to notice the changes in the natural environment.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Finch

Values

The values of January will be Excellence & Quality

"The sky has no limits." Usain Bolt

Not accepting less than our best, but striving for excellence. Practising to develop quality. Rehearsing and trying so that we achieve what we believe is possible. Understanding what is excellent to one person might be different to another.

House Points

Air—451

Water—385

Fire—373

Earth—333

House Points and Attendance

W/E 06/01/23

Well done to last week's house winners.



House Attendance & Punctuality

Winner

Fire



We are very proud of our three Digital Leaders who represented Shefford Lower School at BEST House on Tuesday.

They went to take part in an Online Safety Conference with children from local schools to discuss and share any concerns as well as strategies to stay safe online.

They will then meet with our other digital leaders and report back to the rest of the school to share their messages.

Invitation to Parents/Carers

On Thursday 19th January we will be holding a drop in session after school drop off in the hall to learn more about

Gaming online harms & how to protect your children.

There will be a presentation and a chance to ask any questions.

Please meet Mr Wakefield at the Community Entrance at 9am

Music News

13/01/23

A great full week back, with so much music happening! Year 1s have started their 'rap' unit accompanied by glockenspiels, Year 2s are continuing their ocarina unit, and have loved learning how to play different songs. Year 3s have begun their p-bone unit led by inspiring music, and year 4s are exploring music from the World War two period. Clubs are back in full swing, whilst the demand has been huge, we do have a waiting list if spaces do become available. This week's winning music vote was '[Spandau Ballet - Gold](#)', with a focus on dynamics.

Kind regards Miss Mansell

Weekly Good News Calls

Here are the children whose parents and carers have received a phone call home this week to let them know how well their child has been working and showing their school values. Keep up the good work Shefford Lower.

Reception	Pear—Lenny & Ava—Mae	Plum—Isabella	Peach—Sierra
Year 1	Sycamore—Finn-Mary	Holly—Arthur	Chestnut—Mia
Year 2	Maple—Amaya & Arya	Oak—Evelyn	Willow—Minh
Year 3	Hawthorn—Ayaz	Cedar—Reagan	Elm—Raith & Esme
Year 4	Beech—George	Hazel—Imogen	Ash—Lola



Congratulations to the children below who have been recognised as a Finer Diner this week for displaying good manners and values at lunchtime



<u>Reception</u>	Sierra, George, Emma, Buddy, Noah & Isla
<u>Year 1</u>	Henry, Lily, Max, Adam, Libby, Jake & Millie
<u>Year 2</u>	Louie, Remi, Martha, Grace, Annabelle & Morgan
<u>Year 3</u>	Ben, Elisa, Lacey, Scarlet, Annie, Holly, Jack
<u>Year 4</u>	Layla, Izzy Immy & Poppy



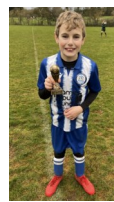
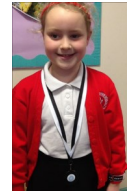
THANK YOU

EXCUSE ME

Shefford Sporting Successes

We celebrate children's sporting successes from home as well as those in school. Please send us photos of your child's certificates and/or medals which will be displayed on our PE celebration board and celebrated in assembly. Well done to these children who have shared their sporting success this week.

Fire House	Eleanor—Swimming & Dance, Lacey—Dance, Dougie—Football
Air House	Nancy—Dance, Libby—Taekwondo, Jackson—Football/Swimming
Earth House	Jemima—Gymnastics
Water House	Imogen—Swimming



Community News

Please note, the following events/activities are run independently of Shefford Lower.



present their traditional family pantomime

The New Adventures of
ROBINSON CRUSOE
By Norman Robbins

Fri 27th, Sat 28th Jan, Fri 3rd, Sat 4th Feb at 7.30pm
and Sat 28th, Sun 29th, Sat 4th Feb at 2.30pm

Meppershall Village Hall SG17 5AB

Tickets £8 child, £13 adult, £36 family (2+2)

Book on-line at:
www.ticketsource.co.uk/hats-drama
or phone 0333 666 3366

@ HATSDramaMeppershall [booking fees apply]



JACK CALLISON
SOCCER SCHOOL

FORMER WEST HAM AND WALES INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALLER

FEBRUARY HALF TERM CAMP!

FOOTBALL, COMPETITIONS, FUN AND PRIZES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 5-15!

MONDAY 13th - THURSDAY 16th FEBRUARY, 10.00-15.00

ROBERT BLOOMFIELD ACADEMY, SG175BU

1, 2, 3 AND 4 DAY TICKETS AVAILABLE

*** 30% OFF IF YOUR CHILD BRINGS A NEW FRIEND ***

*** ONLY 75 SPACES AVAILABLE ***

BOOK ONLINE NOW!

Happy Little Yogi Breakfast Club
@ Shefford Lower

Wednesday Jan 11th - March 29th (11 wks)
8am - 8.45am

Yoga
Meditation
Mindfulness
Breathing
Memory
Dance
Movement
Sound



Book via the QR Code or the link following link:
<https://www.happylittleyogi.com/classes/online-enrolment?type=a>
Any enquiries please email: jane@happylittleyogi.com



FEBRUARY 2023 HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

Monday 13th - John Bunyan Soft Play
Venue: John Bunyan Sports & Fitness, Mile Road, Bedford, MK42 9TS
Time: 13.30 - 15.00
Cost: FREE for all Bedfordshire & MK families
Children must be supervised by parent/carer at all times.



Tuesday 14th - Exclusive Swim Session
Venue: Leo Manor, Northwell Drive, Luton, LU3 3TL
Time: 12.45 - 13.45 or 14.00 - 15.00
Cost: FREE for all Bedfordshire & MK families
Please arrive 15 minutes before your session. Parents/Carers must be in the pool with their children.



Wednesday 15th - Salto Gym Play Session
Venue: Salto Gymnastics Centre, 98 Camford Way, Luton, LU3 3AN
Time: 12.30 - 14.00
Cost: FREE for all Bedfordshire & MK families
Children must be supervised 1-1 at all times, for families with 2+ children, additional adults must attend



Friday 17th - MK Springers Gymnastics Centre
Venue: 16 Carters Lane, Kiln Farm, Milton Keynes, MK11 3ES
Time: 12.15 - 13.45
Cost: FREE for all Bedfordshire & MK families
Children must be supervised by parent/carer at all times.



For all activities, parents will be fully responsible for their children at all times
Limited spaces book now on 01234 214871
email: enquiries@autismbeds.org

CHILDREN'S SERVICES
MULTI-SPORTS COURSE
5 WEEKS

Castle Newnham School (Sports Hall)
Pollhill Avenue, Bedford MK41 9DT

Date: Thursdays
12th, 19th, 26th January 2023
2nd, 9th, February 2023

Time: 4.45pm - 5.45pm

Cost: £15.00 per child (AB members)
£20.00 per child (non AB members)

For ages 10-17 years



Working in partnership with



Enjoy a range of sports activities across 5 sessions.
Be active and have fun doing it!

Book Now

enquiries@autismbeds.org
01234 214871 (general enquiries)

Safeguarding Information

At Shefford Lower School we take our responsibilities to promote safeguarding the welfare of all children seriously. The designated persons for safeguarding children is the Headteacher who can be contacted via the school office on 01462 629123

Please find useful information updated weekly

Mythbuster

Myth: "I am the only one who can decide what is healthy for my child's lunchbox."

Buster: OFSTED expect schools to promote healthy lifestyles. Schools are expected to record instances on their *CPOMS that are harmful to a child's health or development. We can offer ideas and support with family support.

*Child Protection Online Management System

If you are concerned about a child outside of school you can phone 999 in an emergency or 101 to make a report. The NSPCC operated an urgent helpline on 0808800500



Ivel Valley Parent Bulletin Early Help Bulletin


Please click on the
links for more infor-



ARE YOU A PARENT/CARER/FAMILY MEMBER OF A CHILD WHO HAS ADDITIONAL NEEDS?

Do you ever feel:

- > Isolated
- > Exhausted
- > Overwhelmed
- > Frustrated
- > Judged
- > Angry
- > Depressed
- > Misunderstood?




You are not the only one. Come along to...

CONNECT

- > A support group in Stotfold open to parents, carers and family members of children who have additional needs
- > The group has been set up by two mums to offer encouragement and support, and information about organisations to help you & your child
- > There is no agenda - just time and space to rest, recharge, chat, share stories and refreshments!

WHEN?	1 ST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH (DURING TERM TIME)
WHAT TIME?	9.00 - 10.30 A.M.
WHERE?	KINGS BAPTIST CHURCH, STOTFOLD
HOW MUCH?	£1 (inc. tea/coffee/biscuits/cake)

Come along & 'Connect'! You will receive a warm welcome.

Find us on Facebook!  'Connect' Support Group Central Bedfordshire & UK 



Safe Space

What is a Safe Space?

- a place for you to go if you need to access support
- a place where you can contact a domestic abuse support service who will be able to help you safely

For more information, speak to a member of staff or contact BDAP@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

 @bedsv  bedsv.org.uk

The **Bedfordshire and Luton Children's Community Health HUB** is our one stop service for our Health Visiting, School Nursing 0-19 and our Looked after Children Teams for parents, carers and professionals. Our Luton Community Paediatric Service can also be contacted via this number, but for emails please continue to use their own dedicated email address.

To access the Health HUB call us on 0300 555 0606 or email: ccs.bedsandlutonchildrenshealthhub@nhs.net

Shefford Lower School

Diary Dates

(further dates will be added and these will be in bold italics)

2023 Upcoming Dates

25th January 2023	Year 2 Trip—Material Trail—St Albans—Parentmail to follow
1st February	Year 3—Egyptian Day—Visit from Howard Carter—Parentmail to follow
3rd February	EYFS Cake Sale—Charity TBC
3rd February	Coffee Morning—Invites to be sent
7th February	Teacher Consultation Evening—3.30pm—6.30pm
9th February	Teacher Consultation Evening—4.00pm—7.00pm
10th February	Bikeability—Year 4s
13th—17th February	Half Term
22nd February—29th March	Year 3—Swimming—Elm & Hawthorn
24th February—31st March	Year 3—Swimming—Cedar
2nd March	World Book Day—More information to follow
9th March	Vision Screening—Reception
15th—17 March	Year 4—Kingswood Residential Trip
22nd March	Year 1 Woburn Trip—Parentmail to follow
24th March	SEND Coffee Morning
29th March	Year 1 Cake Sale—Charity TBC
31st March	PSA Nearly New Uniform Sale
31st March	End of Term Easter Assembly
31st March	Last Day of Spring Term
3rd—5th April	Mr Tilbury's Holiday Club—Booking form to be released soon
18th April	Children Return

Drop off times—08.45—09.00am

Collection times—3.20pm

The school office will be open from 8.30am to 3.45pm for any queries, please call 01462 629123 or email

schooloffice@shefford.cbeds.co.uk

To find Shefford Lower's Academic Calendar for 2022/2023 please refer to our website

[Term Dates Link](#)

Please note this will be different to the Central Bedfordshire