



Weekly Update

Friday 14th October 2022



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Dear Families and Friends,

Thank you for supporting the year 2 cake sale. The children raised £154 so far for the World Wildlife Federation. As you are aware, we take lots of opportunities to enable the children to debate, make choices and develop their views. This type of activity is part of that. We also have other opportunities to vote, and learn.

Each week, the children have a music assembly and choose a piece of music with a theme and key musical vocabulary such as 'pulse' or 'dynamic' for example. The music they choose is played in the Celebrate Assembly we have every Monday.

The children also vote on pieces of art from our Sheffield Gallery, fortnightly. This time the choice is to learn more about A Banquet of a Song and Dance, or A Bigger Splash. The children will learn more about their chosen piece together in an assembly.



Our captains have been encouraging their teams to earn house points, and we show this every Monday. Extra points are won for the house group with the best attendance and punctuality. This is crucial to success in school in later life, if part of the early school journey, as studies show. Since Covid, school attendance has been a hot topic by the DfE and schools have been directed to ensure absence is avoided unless in exceptional circumstances. We also share your child's attendance with you at consultations next week, as we know you support us in this too.



It was lovely for me to see our immersive room being used by the yoga group this week, as well as for learning in school. We also saw wonderful examples of maths being delivered as part of outside learning. If you come in through year 1, you will have noticed the Autumn term provision, which supports children transitioning from early years. It's lovely to note that they take their learning from classroom into their self directed learning opportunities. This week I saw examples of their learning about the Torah in RE.

Miss Sharma is looking for volunteers for the boys writing group. Sheffield has demonstrated excellent results across all areas measured, but we recognise the encouragement and need for writing and how primary education is influenced by many female role models. This group is to help redress that balance and further encourage our boys enjoyment in writing. You don't need to give up much time, and we will make you very welcome!

Don't forget, our book sprites will be dotted around the locality soon, and we do accept donations to keep this lovely idea going.

Have a wonderful weekend.

From Mrs Finch

Values

The values of October will be Respect & Responsibility

"Treat others as you would like to be treated." The Golden Rule.

Respect for everyone and everything. Taking on responsibility, owning our mistakes or our errors of judgement and resolving them to learn from these experiences.

House Points

Fire—1088

Water—810

Air—729

Earth—729

House Points and Attendance

W/E 30/09/22

Well done to last week's house winners.



House Attendance & Punctuality

Winner

Water

Starting School in September 2023

If your child was born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019, they will be eligible to start school in September 2023 and the Admissions window at Central Bedfordshire Council is now open for applications.

[Online Application Link](#)

We have tours of the school scheduled on various dates over the next few weeks, for prospective parents.

If you would like to book onto one of these please contact Paula Hudson via email at

schooloffice@shefford.cbeds.co.uk

Or telephone the school office on 01462 629123

Male Volunteers needed

After a successful 'Boys Reading Club' we ran last term to encourage reluctant readers we are looking for some male volunteers to help us with our 'Boys Reading and Writing Club' starting next term.

If you know any Grandads, Dads, Brothers, Uncles or male friends that would be happy to spare some time on a Thursday or Friday at 3pm support us with this club please get in contact with us by calling 01462 629123 or emailing the school office on schooloffice@shefford.cbeds.co.uk.

We would be very grateful for help you can provide making this terms club just as successful.

Kind regards, Miss Sharma, English Leader

Music News

Music assembly this week continued to explore the pulse and classes found the pulse within two electronic dance songs. It was a close call this week with the song 'Children' and 'Rhythm is a dancer' in the mix however, 'Rhythm is a dancer' took the win. Whole class per lessons alongside Mrs Lawson continue, Year 1 are learning to play the handbells and Year 4 have been developing their Ukulele skills. There has been particular interest in piano lessons this half term, the piano teacher is hoping to move some things around to cater for more children in the coming weeks. As always, please do get in contact if you would like your child to begin learning an instrument.

Kind regards

YEAR 2 CAKE SALE

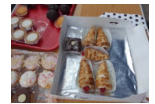
Thank you so much for the amazing support. Not only for the people that donated the yummy treats but also to everyone that came despite the rain to support this charity and buy some cakes.

The children voted for this charity using their British value of Democracy. They made their choice as they are currently learning about animal habitats and food chains. It is always lovely to see the link between their learning and supporting charities that are involved.

We are still receiving donations and counting these towards the total which currently stands at



£154



Thank you again for all your support .

The next cake sale is for Year 3 on the 7th December. Keep an eye for reminders and which charity they have chosen to support



Sheffield Lower School

Holiday Club

*For children who attend Sheffield Lower in Years 1-4
This club will now also be available for children in year 5*



October Half Term

Monday 24th October 9.00am—3.30pm

Tuesday 25th October 9.00am—3.30pm

£18.00 per day

£12.00 per sibling

BOOK NOW !

Booking forms are available on Parent Mail or paper copies can be collected from the School Office.

If you child is in Year 5 please request a booking form by emailing

schooloffice@sheffield.cbeds.co.uk



On Thursday some of our Year 2 children went to Samuel Whitbread for a multi sports festival. Here is what they had to say.



'It was very fun, we played a game where we walked around the cones with beanbags on our heads'

'We went to Samuel Whitbread and the Year 11's taught us games in the hall.'

'My favourite game was to run around and pick up the cone.'

'Passing the hoop around our body to the next person in our team was the best.'

'Fun games'



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	Peach—Emilia	Pear—Freddie	Plum—Sienna
Year 1	Holly—Ben & Charlie	Chestnut—Teddy	Sycamore—Jean
Year 2	Willow—Jasmine	Maple—Louis	Oak—Esme
Year 3	Hawthorn—Ollie	Elm—Jessica	Cedar—Reagan
Year 4	Beech—Scarlett	Hazel—Kaidan	Ash—Edie



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>	Logan, Sierra, Sienna, Rosalie, Evie & Isla
<u>Year 1</u>	Elsie, Oliver, Ben, Belle, Emilia & Kovah
<u>Year 2</u>	Cara, Mai, Arthur, Arla & Morgan
<u>Year 3</u>	Daisy, Sophie, Lyra & Oliver
<u>Year 4</u>	Paige, Jake, Reuben, Lewie, Hayley, Ronnie & Immy



EXCUSE ME

THANK YOU

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.

Air House	Jacob—Football, Rory—Swimming, Jake—Football
Earth House	Abigail—Dance, Taylor—Gymnastics, Jessica—Dance
Fire House	Thomas—Football
Water House	Leo—Football, Jayda—Swimming, Freya—Dance



PSA News

We shall be setting up our nearly new uniform sale at the forthcoming Parents Consultation evenings. Do come along and grab yourselves a bargain...

Tuesday 18th October: 3.30 – 6.00 p.m.

Thursday 20th October: 4.00 – 7.00 p.m.



Items on offer:

Red Jumpers

Red Cardigans

Pinafore Dresses

Red Gingham Summer Dresses

Grey Skirts

Grey Trousers

Grey Shorts

Red Polo shirts

White Polo Shirts

Black PE Shorts

PE T-shirts

Paired Shoes

Coats



Prices range from 50p to £2. Please bring cash.

Thank you in advance!

Community News

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

Biggest Spookiest Pumpkin party in town

SPORTY SCHOLARS

Fancy Dress
Costume Disco

spooky scavenger hunt

Haunted Maze

Potion Making

Spooky Stories

Mon 24th - Fri 28th October

We welcome all children to Sporty Scholars Autumn Camp. Come and join us for an abundance of sporting activities as well as seasonal games & activities.

Visit www.sportyscholars.com for full details

OCTOBER HALF-TERM

PREMIER HOLIDAY CAMPS

INSPIRING ACTIVITY

SCAN HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION

or visit premier-education.com/holiday-camps

Trustpilot

Based on over 15,000 reviews

Sea Legs Puppet Theatre

26th October 2:30pm

THE SELFISH GIANT

October Half Term Puppet Show
Rufus Centre Flitwick, MK45 1AH
Tickets £5.50 - call 01525 631900

Organised by Flitwick Town Council

For more information: 01525 631900 or events@flitwick.gov.uk

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JACK COLLISON SOCCER SCHOOL

FORMER WEST HAM AND WALES INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALLER

OCTOBER HALF TERM CAMP!

FOOTBALL, FUN, COMPETITIONS AND PRIZES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 5-14!

MONDAY 24TH - THURSDAY 27TH OCTOBER, 10:00-15:00

ROBERT BLOOMFIELD ACADEMY, SG175BU

1,2,3 AND 4 DAY TICKETS AVAILABLE

*** ONLY 60 SPACES AVAILABLE. WAITING LIST AVAILABLE ***

BOOK ONLINE NOW!

10% Discount for: NHS, Police, Fire Service, Military, Blue Light Card Holders and Siblings

OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CAMP

Date: 25th - 27th October

Venue: Pendleton Sports Centre, Statfold

Days: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Age: 4-16 Years

Cost: £25-£60

Extra 10% if booked before 10th October (can also be used with other codes)

www.midbedsfutsal.co.uk

Delivered by UEFA B and Licensed Coaches

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JCSS OCTOBER HALF TERM CAMP!

Monday 24th - Thursday 27th October, 10:00-15:00, at RBA! All Shefford Lower School students get 10% discount using code JCSSSCHOOL10. If you want your chills to be safe, be active, win prizes, make friends and above all else HAVE FUN, book your place today!

[Please click here to book](#)

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Parent/ Carer Workshop
5 Week Training Course
A Course for Pre-Diagnosed & Newly Diagnosed Families

This course is aimed at families who are new to the diagnosis and will focus on how you can better understand and support your child when considering the many different aspects of autism. The course is open to two members of the family and you will need to sign up to all five sessions.

Dates: Saturdays 12th, 19th, 26th November & 3rd, 10th December 2022
Venue: The Rufus Centre Steppingley Rd, Flitwick, Bedford MK45 1AH
Time: 09:45 arrival for a prompt start at 10:00, till 13:00
Age: For parents/ carers of children aged 3-11 years
Cost: £15 per person. Maximum of 2 people per household
Additional Info: Refreshments will not be provided however there is a café onsite, or you are welcome to bring your own

Week 1: Diagnosis Journey
Week 2: What is Autism
Week 3: Sensory Needs
Week 4: Communication
Week 5: Behaviour & local support

To book:
 01234 214871
 enquiries@autismbeds.org





Enrol now onto Maths and English courses

Do you want to work towards a Level 1 or Level 2 Maths or English qualification?

Do you want to build your Maths and English skills for work, to support your career progression or to access further learning opportunities?

[Please click on this link for more information](#)

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: "It's fine for them to have the occasional day off for a treat."

Buster: Attendance is a legal requirement for parents. Schools must report on all unauthorised absences. Parents may be subjected to a fixed penalty notice. This is £60 per parent per child. A record is kept on *CPOMS.

*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




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

  @bedsdv
 bedsdv.org.uk

IT DOESN'T HURT TO ASK FOR HELP!

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)

2022 Upcoming Dates

18th October	Parent consultation evening—3.30pm—6.00pm
19th October	Individual Pupil Photos
20th October	Parent consultation evening—4.00pm—7.00pm
21st October	Flu Immunisations
21st October	Coffee Morning with Mrs Freeman and Mrs Parry—Parentmail invite
21st October	PSA Mufti Day—Donations towards the Winter Fayre
24th—24th October	Mr Tilbury's Holiday Club—To book please complete the parentmail form online or email schooloffice@shefford.co.uk
24th—28th October	Half Term
31st October	Inset Day
1st November	Children back in school
4th November	Diwali Day
9th November	Year 1—Chestnut & Holly—Shuttleworth Trip—please see parentmail for more information
10th November	Year 1—Sycamore—Shuttleworth Trip—please see parentmail for more information
14th—18th November	Anti Bullying Week
18th November	Children in Need
30th November	Dick Whittington Pantomime performances
1st & 2nd December	Early Years Christmas performances
5th December	Year 4 Christmas concert—2pm
6th December	Year 2 Christmas concert—2pm
7th December	Year 1 Christmas concert—2pm
8th December	Year 3 Christmas concert—2pm

Moving to become a primary as part of Central Bedfordshire's Schools For The Future project.

<https://www.schoolsforthefuture.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

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

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