



Weekly Update



Friday 21st October 2022

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Dear Families and Friends,

It's always a long week when we have consultations and so very very worth it. Please do respond to our quick survey on parentmail so that we can continue to improve how these sessions go. For my part, it is always wonderful to share with you how your child has settled into their new school year, and think about next steps with you. Our PSA also did us proud at this event, by washing and presenting nearly new uniforms to buy with a donation. Thank you to them, as we all need extra uniforms and with the cost of living and fuel every aspect helps.

It's been an exciting term, and our pupils are now in positions of responsibility, with our Parliament taking their next meeting in time to think about 'anti-bullying'. We know children will be children, and we are a school that does not sweep this under the carpet. We aim to address any matters that arise and support children to think with their values and make our school the best it can be. We have had a number of visitors to school recently, and our children have been out and about on trips too. We have been inundated with comments about how polite and well behaved Shefford Lower School children are. Next half term, we begin with a trip to the Fitzwilliam Museum for our new curators. They will learn about conservatorship too, as part of our new learning award in partnership with the experts there. We will also have a monitoring visit from the local authority and from the teacher training providers. We can't wait to showcase our school, as we are all so proud of it. None of that happens without you the families, so thank you for all your feedback.

A new independent report published this week to further safeguard children has provided recommendations

- more robust age-verification requirements for the use of online platforms and services;

to government, including statutory reporting in all employment and voluntary positions.

There is specific mention of online platforms, where children who are younger than 13 are

finding it too easy to access platforms when they are too young. You can find a summary of the report [here](#). It recommends companies tighten their protocols. We report on all underage use, as we know it helps our children to remain safe. We know you support us in this endeavour, and as such, we discourage children wearing gaming logos and bringing in gaming paraphernalia to school, which might identify them to the public as vulnerable to the language of gaming, **as a way in** for those wishing to harm or involve them in unsafe activity.

If you are going out this Halloween, we advise taking torches, ensuring children are ALWAYS accompanied by an adult, only taking prewrapped confectionary, and only going to homes displaying a willingness to participate. It's fun, and when it's safe its better fun. We love to see pictures of them all dressed up too—so send them in to share! Please follow the link for—[halloween-trick-or-treating-advice/](#)

Have a wonderful half term break - they, and you, have certainly deserved it. The autumn term is always the longest and there is so much to take in. We come back to the joys of bonfire night, advent, Christingle and of course.....Christmas. This is always so wonderful in school, but as it is highly stimulating, it is also tiring for the children. In a good way! We return on Tuesday 1st November.

Enjoy! From Mrs Finch

Values

The values of November will be Tolerance & Friendship

"A day without a friend is like a pot without a single drop of honey left inside it." Winnie the Pooh by A.A Milne.

Tolerance is understanding, rather than 'putting up with'. Exploring building supportive and trusting networks and knowing who to talk to. This will also be explored in Anti-bullying month.

House Points

Fire—1188

Air—916

Water—806

Earth—800

House Points and Attendance

W/E 14/10/22

Well done to last week's house winners.



House Attendance & Punctuality

Winner

AIR

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

Music News

21/20/22

The final week of this half term! Pupils have been super busy learning about pitch (the constant heartbeat of the music) in music assemblies and successfully found this within different genres of music. This week we had a good old sing song which included lots of whole school songs we already know and love. This week's music vote was getting ready for Halloween, and ghostbusters won the overall vote. November will move on to looking at rhythm and as we move towards Christmas, classes will be practising a Christmas performance ready for parents and carers at the end of term.

Kind regards

Miss Mansell



This week, our Eco council walked down to Millenium green to raise the Green Flag, which has been awarded to Shefford for the 3rd year in a row. The Green Flag Award® scheme recognises and rewards well managed parks and green spaces, setting the benchmark standard for the management of recreational outdoor spaces across the United Kingdom and around the world.

Here is what the Eco Council had to say about their outing.

“We had to raise the green flag up for the 3rd year running awarded to Shefford for being Eco friendly.

We did leaf sketching where we rubbed the leaves. We also had a snack and a drink.








We all took a part in raising the flag.

The Mayor told us that Shefford used to be called Sheepford because there were lots of sheep around.”



Here are the new clubs that are being offered after half term. P.E, Music, Choir and Maypole clubs will continue to run with their current registers so there will be no need to reapply. Please complete the Parentmail form that will be available over half term.

| Autumn Term 2 2022 | KS1 and KS2 Clubs | |
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|  |  <p>Dance Club Join Mrs Pearson for Dance Club where you will perform a range of different dances using a variety of moves and techniques to explore different songs. Dance club explores dances from different countries and cultures and this year Mrs Pearson will be exploring ‘Irish Dancing’.</p> <p><i>WEDNESDAY – AFTER SCHOOL – KS2</i></p> |  |
|  | <p>Music Clubs Join Mrs Lawson for the two music clubs offered</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> African Drumming—Children will learn basic rhythm patterns, drumming techniques, cultural music appreciation and enjoy time to create their own music. —MONDAY MORNING—8.30am to 9.00am—KS1 Music Ensemble— for a small group of children who are keen to play percussion instruments —THURSDAY LUNCHTIME—KS2 | |
|  | <p>Gymnastics Club Join Miss Sharma and Mrs Farnan for Gymnastics Club where you will have fun exploring both floor and apparatus to learn and perform a range of different movements and skills. T</p> <p><i>TUESDAY– AFTER SCHOOL – KS1</i></p> | |

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.

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| Reception | Peach—Annie | Plum—Harry | Pear—Ezra |
| Year 1 | Chestnut—Oliver | Holly—Eleanor & Olivia | Sycamore—Edward |
| Year 2 | Maple—Chloe | Oak—Jannat | Willow—Morgan |
| Year 3 | Elm—Jennifer | Cedar—Zoe | Hawthorn—Chloe |
| Year 4 | Ash—Lilly | Hazel—Archie | Beech—Ella |



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



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| <u>Reception</u> | Albie, Eloise, Darcey, Freddie, Sophia & Grayson |
| <u>Year 1</u> | Henry, Callum, Olivia, Millie, George & Jean |
| <u>Year 2</u> | Eva, Freddie, Vinnie, Dylan, Abigail & Alex |
| <u>Year 3</u> | Kiera, Daisy, Reuben, Eden, Chloe, Grace & Oscar |
| <u>Year 4</u> | Theo, Denis & Remy |



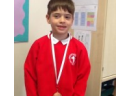
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THANK YOU

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.

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| Air House | Howie—Swimming, Sienna—Gymnastics, Eva—Football, Kayleigh—Gymnastics, Jackson—Football |
| Earth House | Katie—Swimming, Immy—Earth, Daisy—Gymnastics, Jessica—Dance, Abigail—Swimming |
| Fire House | Theo—Swimming, Thea—Gymnastics, Isabella—Gymnastics, Rose—Gymnastics |
| Water House | Lowri—Gymnastics, Niki—Football, Miles—Football, Annabelle—Gymnastics |





The PSA are a friendly group of parents who meet once every 6-8 weeks to discuss fundraising events such as the Sponsored Bounce, Pre loved uniform sale, Christmas events and summer activities. We discuss where the funds raised should be spent throughout the school on activities such as the Bird of Prey Experience, Playground Equipment & the Sing Up.

We are always looking for volunteers to join the committee, now more than ever as we are the smallest committee has ever been and about to have our busiest term. If you can help at the odd event that would be great, this can range from helping serve refreshments at sports day to wrapping books for the children's Christmas gifts to helping with the Easter Colouring Competition!

Please follow us on our Facebook page (Shefford Lower School PSA) for regular updates and please get in contact if you have any questions or suggestions!

If you would like to find out more information please add your contact details here <https://forms.gle/pK77GeFangtAkcFYA>

Many thanks

Chloe Llewellyn & Louise Hollis

SLS PSA Co-Chairs

Community News

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

Happy Little Yogi @ Shefford Lower

Breakfast Club, Nov 2nd - Dec 14th (7 wks)

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

JACK COLLISON
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
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OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CAMP
Date: 25th - 27th October
Venue: Pendleton Sports Centre, Stotfold
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

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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Shefford and Stotfold Children's Centre

**What's On in the Week of
Monday 24th October 2022 - 28th October 2022 Half-Term**

Monday

Drop in 9-10am All Ages Welcome @ Stotfold Library, Hallworth Drive, SG5 4HP
Introducing Solids Talk 10.30-11.30am - Stotfold Library

Tuesday

Build Explore & Play - No Group this week
Baby Group 1.30-3pm - 0-12 months Arlesley Youth Centre, High Street, Arlesley. SG15 6SN

Wednesday

Welly Walk 10am - All meet at Henlow Pavilion, Henlow

Thursday

Friday

Drop-In 9-11am All Ages Welcome @ Shefford Children's Centre
Brasserie 11-12noon (Feeding Support and Social) All Ages Welcome @ Shefford Children's Centre

*All our sessions are Free of Charge, and
we welcome families and friends to come along and join us*

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

@bedsdy
bedsdy.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)

2022 Upcoming Dates

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| 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

schooloffice@shefford.cbeds.co.uk.