



Weekly Update

Friday 23rd September 2022



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Dear Families and Friends,

We hope you enjoyed the scarecrow festival at the weekend, we know the children did!

It has been election week here at Shefford Lower School and I am proud to announce our new pupil leadership team. The captains, vice captains and prefects were awarded their badges by our town mayor and school governor Mr Ken Pollard on Monday, and they have already been undertaking their duties.

AIR	EARTH	FIRE	WATER
Poppy K	Bethan L	Alfie C	Isla S
Lewie H	Emmie K	Mia W	Caiden L
Theo T	Noah R	Sonny B	Immy H

Many children wrote exceptional manifestoes, and so the leadership cabinet will also be placed in the coming weeks with the ministers for Parliamentary meetings, Eco Council, Library Leaders, Digital Experts, Sport Chiefs and Play Leaders. Values representatives are placed in every class for every house, and children have been superb at understanding the election process. We have learned words such as hustings, votes, democracy and of course the ballot box. Well done everyone.

Clubs started this week, and children have enjoyed the extended curriculum activities on offer this term. It's great to see such a full up choir too. Singing is one of the ways we bring about wellbeing and as this too is a focus for us each day, we also sing in classes. Music is a high focus, so we employ a peripatetic teacher in addition to the class lessons, so that all children have the opportunity to develop composition and see notation with a range of instruments and digital options. If you wish your child to have individual tuition, Central Bedfordshire's 'Inspiring Music' is found at this link. <https://www.inspiringmusic.co.uk/>

Our curriculum planning is available on our website here <https://www.sheffordlowerschool.co.uk/curriculum> and there you will find out details of what each year group will be studying. We do post these to [our facebook](#) also from time to time, and take on suggestions.

Reading is at the core of all of our learning experiences, and we have a high focus on sharing the reading with families. Your comments in the diaries help us, and we are always happy to add detail to assist you with your daily read at home. Teachers have now completed their talks to families, and sent home year books, and so if you have any questions please feel free to ask us. Teachers are the first port of call, and whilst we know some parents are rushed in the mornings, please do just ask for a call back. We can do that too. No question is ever too small.

Have a wonderful weekend.

From Mrs Finch

Values

The values of September will be Unity & Belonging

"I can do things you cannot. You can do things I cannot. Together we can do great things." Mother Teresa

Starting our new classes with a sense of togetherness and belonging. Belonging and working together in our school, as a new class, in our house groups. Developing our community by including everyone so everyone feels a sense of belonging.



House Points

Earth—1414

Fire—1286

Water—1276

Air—803

House Points and Attendance

W/E 16/06/22

Well done to last week's house winners.

House Attendance & Punctuality

Winner

Water

Meet our new House Captaincy Team for 2022/2023



House Captains



Vice Captains



Prefects





Together we raised an amazing

£ 385

Thank you to everyone that donated towards the Jeans for Genes charity



Year 4's Trip to St Albans Cathedral **Roman Festival**

**ST. ALBANS
CATHEDRAL**

On Wednesday year 4 went to visit St Albans Cathedral, for a whole day of interactive and creative activities to enrich their understanding of this term's history topic on the Romans. As soon as we stepped into the magnificent Cathedral, it was lovely to see the look of awe on the children's faces, which set the tone for the day. The children learnt about the story of St Alban through creating a dramatic retelling of the story, with costumes and discovered why he was such a significant individual and his links to Roman history. The year 4s enjoyed learning about, preparing and tasting Roman foods. We also discovered how historians and archaeologists work together to discover clues about the past through a blanket dig activity. The afternoon included a visit from a Roman soldier who answered our questions and taught us some Latin words for his uniform. We had a brilliant day and children showed excellent values and behaviour.



If you would like to donate an item, please see the list below given to us by The Need Project of most needed items. Other items will also be gratefully received.

- Tinned/Longlife items, Biscuits and crackers, Chunky soups, Cooking sauces, Tinned meat and fish
- Tinned fruit and vegetables, Custard and rice pudding, Noodles and rice, Children's cereals
- Sugar and coffee, Ketchup, mayonnaise and gravy

Fresh Items

- Onions
- Potatoes
- Carrots

Please send any Harvest gifts in to your child's classroom by: From Friday 30th September to Tuesday 4th October – Tins and packets Tuesday 4th October – Fresh food

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—Emma, Peach—Amarliah, Plum—Leo
Year 1	Chestnut—Henry, Holly—Marley, Sycamore—Millie
Year 2	Willow—Sam, Maple—Freddy, Oak—Hayden & Leo
Year 3	Hawthorn—Grace, Cedar—Charlie, Elm—Jesse
Year 4	Hazel—Alfie, Ash—Ethan, Beech—Alexandra



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>	Lucy, angel, Liam, Jack, Ivy, Sienna-Rose & Noah
<u>Year 1</u>	Joshua, Georgia, Oscar, Darcey, Theo & Harriet
<u>Year 2</u>	Eva, Elenor, Mia, Chloe, Vinny, Althea, Mia, Miah, Aria-Rose
<u>Year 3</u>	Charlie, Daisy, Jacob, Eden, Esme, Sarah, Orla, Alyssa-Mae & Jack
<u>Year 4</u>	Arthur, Denis, Kaiden, Bryan & Jacey-Mae

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	Lewie—Football, Anuradha—Swimming, Fabrizio—Football, Ethan—Football, Louie—Swimming, Kayleigh—Swimming
Fire House	Thea—Swimming
Water House	Crystal—Swimming, Eden—Football, Chloe—Swimming



Here is a section from our uniform policy, please find the full policy by following this link [**UNIFORM POLICY**](#).

Tidy Ted has been very impressed with the tidiness of the cloak rooms, which has been helped with the draw-string bags you have provided for the children's P.E kit. Thank you

If you need to order uniform, please follow this link to [Price & Buckland](#)

Uniform

Parents are asked to send their children to school clean, tidy and appropriately dressed. The school uniform comprises of:

Boys: Grey trousers or shorts, white polo-shirt and red jumper or sweatshirt. Black school shoes (not trainers); plain black, white or grey socks.

Girls: Grey skirt/pinafore dress or trousers, white polo-shirt, red jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan. Girls may wear plain black shorts under a skirt or dress. Black school shoes (not trainers); plain black, white or grey socks or tights.

Red and white checked dresses may be worn in the summer months.

PE: Boys and girls wear black shorts and house t-shirts for PE with black plimsolls. Jogging bottoms, sweatshirts and trainers will be needed for outdoor activities.

Year 4 girls and boys need black football socks and shin pads for PE.

House colours:

Your child will be allocated a house group by the school office upon admission. Each house is designated a colour, which your child will wear for PE and sporting events.

Earth House - Green

Air House - White

Fire House - Red

Water House - Blue

Black, white or coloured trainers are only allowed for outdoor PE and are not acceptable for daily school wear.

PE kit must be kept in a **named draw-string bag and in school at all times**. Other bags are not allowed due to limited cloakroom space.

Ruck sacks in particular do not allow coats to be pegged over the top, and these then fall off and become a safety hazard.

Sweatshirts, cardigans, book bags, PE bags and summer hats displaying the school logo are available to purchase online. Some stock, including recycled uniform is available from the school office.



PSA News

With the new academic year underway, we are making plans for future events and fundraising opportunities that will support and benefit the pupils!

Our next PSA meeting is scheduled for:

Wednesday 28th September at Shefford Lower School

(7.30 p.m. for a 7.45 p.m. start)

New members are always welcome! If you are interested in joining us, please leave your contact details at the School Office and we will get in touch. Thank you.

SHEFFORD LOWER SCHOOL PSA
Sponsored Bounce
Friday 30th September 2022.

Dear Parent/Carer,

On Friday 30th September 2022 we will be holding another of our very popular Sponsored Bounces.

In past years this has been a major fundraising event, raising as much as £4000 pounds for the school. And we hope that you will support us at the PSA again this year.

For those of you who are new to the event, the rules are as follows:

- The children collect sponsors for the number of bounces they can do in a bouncy castle in one minute.
- The children bounce in groups of four or five, and bounces are counted by an adult.
- The children must remove all shoes and socks before bouncing.
- Children can only be sponsored by an adult, and their sponsorship form must be signed by their Parent/Guardian
- Consent forms, sponsor forms and sponsorship money must be returned on or before Friday 30th September 2022
- Every child who takes part receives a Big Bounce Sticker.

- ONLY CHILDREN WHO HAVE GIVEN CONSENT FORMS WILL BE ABLE TO BOUNCE – THESE WILL BE AVAILABLE ON PARENTMAIL TO COMPLETE.
- CHILDREN CAN STILL BOUNCE AS LONG AS THEY HAVE PARENTS PERMISSION/CONSENT FORMS SIGNED.
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- AS WE ARE A CHARITY, WE CAN APPLY FOR GIFT AID, WHICH IS WORTH ANOTHER £750 TO THE SCHOOL

FOR US TO APPLY FOR GIFT AID, WE NEED YOUR FULL NAME, ADDRESS AND POSTCODE ON THE SPONSORSHIP FORM!

Thank you for your support.

SHEFFORD LOWER SCHOOL PSA - SPONSORED BOUNCE – FRIDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 2022.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE CONSENT FORM ON PARENTMAIL BY FRIDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 2022

*If you require a paper copy of the consent form please contact the school office

Please look out for Sponsored bounce forms in your child's book bags this week.

Children will only be able to take part in this if they have completed the consent form on Parentmail.

Community News

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

Vintage Working Weekend

24th & 25th September 2022

Vintage & Classic Tractors
Working Demonstrations
Commercial Vehicles
Vintage Vehicles
Beer Tent

Haynes Church End MK45 3QR
Just off the A6 South of Bedford

Gates Open 10.00 - 17.00
Admission Prices:
Adults - £5
Under 16's free

www.ovtc.org.uk
Enquiries call Edward : 07971 052170

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Book a trial class online
For children currently in Reception, year 1 and year 2

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OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CAMP
Date: 25th - 27th October
Venue: Pendleton Sports Centre, Stotfold
Days: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
Age: 8-16 Years
Cost: £25-£60
Extra 10% if booked before 10th October (can also be used with other codes)
www.midbedsfutsal.co.uk

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FRIDAY NIGHT ELITE 7-12s
HIGH-QUALITY, FUN, FOOTBALL COACHING FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 7-12!

EVERY WEEK RESUMING FRIDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER, 17:00-18:00
ROBERT BLOOMFIELD ACADEMY, SHEFFORD (SG175BU)
*** ONLY 36 SPACES AVAILABLE ***
BOOK ONLINE NOW!

OCTOBER HALF-TERM

PREMIER HOLIDAY CAMPS

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SCAN HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION
or visit premier-education.com/holiday-camps

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Happy Little Yoga Breakfast Club
@ Shefford Lower / 8am-8.45am
Wednesday Sept 14th - Dec 14th (13 wks) -
Trial the first class for just £1
the rest of the term payment due after the first class

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

Parenting Insight**How to support children with angry feelings**

Guest Speaker Rebecca Gooch
Emotional Health and Wellbeing Practitioner

Parent session Thursday 6th October
4-5pm

Free to attend via Microsoft Teams
Register for your place via the Eventbrite link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/401169818727>

Resources will be sent out after each session

Organised by the CBC Early Help Teams:

For more information, please contact

Early Help northeasthelp@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk / southeasthelp@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

What is Early help?**Would you like to know more about Early Help?**

Tuesday 4th October 2022

13.30-14.30pm

What is
BKIF?

What is a
locality
meeting?

How can my
community
partner help
me?

How can I
refer for
Early Help
Plus?

How do I
refer for
services?

Free to attend via Microsoft Teams

Register for your place via the Eventbrite link below

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/379035875507>

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North Early Help northeasthelp@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

South Early Help southeasthelp@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

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 up to me what I let my child eat

Buster - Access to a healthy diet in order to thrive is part of safeguarding. Children without access to nutrition is an area of neglect. Schools are obliged to monitor and record instances on CPOMs. We can support you if you need help with this aspect of care. Our family worker can work with you and help you to establish good routines.

*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

**BEDFORDSHIRE
DOMESTIC
ABUSE
PARTNERSHIP**

**IT DOESN'T HURT
TO ASK FOR HELP!**

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](https://www.facebook.com/bedsdv)
[bedsdv.org.uk](https://www.bedsdv.org.uk)

**News
Central**

Ivel Valley Parent Bulletin

Early Help Bulletin

Shefford Lower School

Diary Dates

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

2022 Upcoming Dates

30th September	PSA Sponsored Bounce
3rd October	Healthy Me Day
3rd October	Year 1 Hearing Screening
5th October	Year 3 Celtic Harmony Trip—please see parentmail for more information
7th October	Coffee Morning
12th October	Year 2 Cake Sale—donations are welcome on the day—charity TBC
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	PSA Nearly new uniform sale
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
30th December	Dick Whittington Pantomime performances

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 term dates

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