



Weekly Update

Friday 24th February 2023



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Dear Families and Friends,

We have had a good return from the holiday and the children have settled back into the curriculum smoothly.

School will remain open on March 1st. Whilst teachers do not have to tell me of their intent to strike, most have shared with me that they will not be striking. In the event of some staff doing so, we have sufficient staff in school to ensure classes remain open for learning.

We have enjoyed the beginning of 'Swimming' with year 3. This is a compulsory aspect of KS2 curriculum, which we work on in lower key stage 2, so that there is plenty of opportunity for children to meet the minimum safe swimming requirement by the time they reach year 6. The children are always excited to go, and we do see a different side to our children when we work with them in new environments.

Year 3 have had a quite a week, as the postponed Egyptian Day went ahead yesterday too. The children learned new games, worked with *Howard Carter* and handled a replica mummy. Thank you so much to all of you for sending your children with costumes so that the experience could be truly immersive.

Senior leaders took a look at the sequencing of our curriculum units this week. We were delighted to see how the skills progression of our units fit well with the skills progression in other units, which is clearly the intention of our 'Shefford Connected Curriculum'. We always seek new ideas and continually work on a cycle of *ready to always improve* so your suggestions to us are always crucial. We had a few during parents evenings and are auctioning them now, thinking first about how well our website communicates to you. Please do feedback to us any thoughts.

This week we say goodbye to our lovely Mrs Herbert. Over the past four years, we have grown the provision in our Poplar Classroom, from a single part time staff member, to two full time staff. We now link this provision with our family support, SEND and vulnerable pupil leadership team, Mrs Freeman and Mrs Ross. This growth has benefited from Mrs Herbert's keen insight and we will miss her. The team is now further supported by Mrs Moore and Mrs Cooper, with Mrs Gosnell providing specialist tuition.

We also say goodbye to Mrs Wickenden, who has been working with Oak. To further support the children, Mrs Reynolds who the children all know, has begun working in Oak and will continue as their TA for the remainder of this year. We wish Mrs Wickenden well with pastures new.

We welcome Mrs Carter and Mr Honeyman to key stage 2, and Ms Ormon to Early years.

A quick reminder not to use the disabled spaces in our carpark without a blue badge, and to ensure all scooters and bikes are dismounted before entering the path by Bloomfield, or School Lane. Thank you.

Today, we have children at a competitive sports festival, we have qualified to the finals in the last tournament and compete within a large group of over 50 schools that take part overall. A big well done to our pupils.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Finch

Please know: We are an Operation Encompass School. This means that we work together with the police to respond quickly to instances of domestic abuse and/or violence. Staff in school are trained responders and we are a safe space.

Values

The values of February will be Love & Kindness

"Carry out a random act of kindness with no expectation of reward knowing someday someone will do the same for you." Princess Diana.

What is love? How it is shown through our acts of kindness, and being thoughtful to one another.

House Points

Air 1477

Fire 1356

Earth 1190

Water 1158

House Points and Attendance

W/E 10/02/23

Well done to last week's house winners.



House Attendance & Punctuality

Winner

EARTH!

TRAVELLING BOOKS

COME TO THE **Book Fair**

AND EARN FREE BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL

@ Shefford Lower School 23rd—24th March

TRAVELLING BOOKS



Scan the QR code to pay for your books online
or visit travellingbooks.co.uk/pay

SHEFFORD LOWER SCHOOL

BOOK FAIR WILL BE ON THE 23-24 MARCH 2023

THIS YEAR WE ARE GOING CASHLESS – PARENTS CAN ORDER VIA QR CODE



Another great week filled with plenty of music! In the run up to Easter, pupils will begin learning Easter songs and we have a special assembly the last week to commemorate this. The year 3s have been doing especially well learning to play the p-bone, making great progress and we look forward to hearing them perform at the end of term. This week's assembly theme was British icons, classes had a clear favourite, which was the Eurovision song 'Space Man' by Sam Ryder. He came out top against the legend Sir Elton John.

I wanted to remind parents and carer's that similarly to sports awards, we love to celebrate and share any achievements within the arts. Please do send in any achievement however big or small so we can recognise and celebrate this in the weekly music assembly and put this onto the newsletter. This might include dance, drama, singing, performances, instrumentation grades or a one-off arts related achievement. Thank you!

Egyptian Day

The children and teachers had a great day dressing up and learning from Howard Carter!

"My favourite part was seeing the artefacts especially the Mummy wrapper!"

"I like this activity, I feel like we are solving mysteries!"



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 Livvi—Plum Kaiden—Pear Isla—Peach

Year 1 Eddie M—Sycamore Bella and Ben—Holly Alfie J—Chestnut

Year 2 Annalise—Oak Furqan—Willow Caitlyn—Maple

Year 3 Jack H—Hawthorn Sienna—Cedar Eliza —Elm

Year 4 Ted—Beech Ronnie W—Hazel Ruben—Ash



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



- ◇ Reception Oliver, Aurora, Ivy, Buddy, Evie, Rhianon.
- ◇ Year 1 Connor, Renae, Nancy, Amelia, Louisa, Louie.
- ◇ Year 2 Esmae, Jayda, Frankie, Grace, Mia, Sam G.
- ◇ Year 3 Zoe, Reagan, Jessica, Emily, Evie, Freddie H.
- ◇ Year 4 Charlie, Lilly, Imogen M, Scarlett W , Scarlet, Myla.

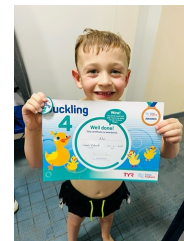


THANK YOU

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.



Freddie—Swimming Archie — Basketball/Swimming Oliver—Skiing Cara—Gymnastics Eden—Football
Ethan – Football Jackson—Football Adam—Swimming Elisa—Dance

PSA NEWS



SHEFFORD LOWER SCHOOL PSA FAMILY GAMES NIGHT

Friday 24 March
6.30pm-8.30pm


**Tickets: £5 per adult,
children FREE**
**Bingo | Quiz | Plus
more!**

**BAR: Prosecco, wine,
beer & soft drinks.**

**FOOD: Children's
hotdogs & tuck shop.
OR Pre-order a
ploughmans (£5)
with your ticket!**



**Tickets available via ParentMail OR
visit the office to pick up a form.**



**Tickets must be purchased in advance by the
20th March. Entrance via Community Entrance.
Card & cash on the night.**



Community News

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

DYNAMOS CRICKET



For all 8-11 year-olds

Southill Park Cricket Club

- 8 weeks of cricket sessions for 8-11 year olds
- Southill Park Cricket Club, Southill, Bedfordshire, SG18 9LJ
- 1815 hours - 1915 hours, from Friday 12th May 2023 to Friday 30th June 2023
- £40.00 for all 8 weeks—booking fee includes personalised Dynamos Shirt



SCAN ME

It all starts with...



ALL STARS CRICKET

at Southill Park Cricket Club

- 8 weeks of introductory cricket sessions for 5-8 year olds, all ability levels welcome
- Southill Park Cricket Club, Southill, Bedfordshire, SG18 9LJ
- 1815 hours - 1900 hours, from Friday 12th May 2023 to Friday 30th June 2023
- £40.00 for all 8 weeks—booking fee includes AllStars kit and personalised T-Shirt



SCAN ME

https://southillpark.play-cricket.com/web_pages/2023_allstars_dynamos

Competitive prices available on our website

Scan me to find out more



25% discount on first term membership for anyone aged between 5 and 18.

Free lessons for children in care placed by Central Bedfordshire Council.




Full time membership includes four sessions each Saturday. When enrolling part-time, sessions booked must be back-to-back.

For dates and to find out more, please look online

www.inspiringmusic.co.uk
 CBC Inspiring Music @InspiringMusic1

Contact us on 0300 300 6604
 or inspiring.music@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

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learn to play!

You can be active



You can be creative!



Come and join Rainbows

Girls age 4-7

Your nearest Rainbow unit is **Shefford**

Register your interest by visiting www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus or you can ring Girlguiding on 0800 169 5901

Do you want to learn new skills?



Do you want to have lots of fun?



You can make friends and have adventures



SHEFFORD LOWER SCHOOL PSA FAMILY GAMES NIGHT

Friday 24 March 6.30pm-8.30pm

Tickets: £5 per adult, children FREE

Bingo | Quiz | Plus more!

Tickets available via ParentMail OR visit the office to pick up a form.

Tickets must be purchased in advance by the 20th March. Entrance via Community Entrance. Card & cash on the night.

BAR: Prosecco, wine, beer & soft drinks.

FOOD: Children's hotdogs & tuck shop. OR Pre-order a ploughmans (£5) with your ticket!



SILSOE CRAFT FAIR

Sunday 5th March 11-3pm

Silsoe Community Sports Centre, Chestnut Avenue, Silsoe, Bedfordshire

40+ STALLS

- Jewellery
- Funky knitwear
- Cakes & brownies
- Candles & diffusers
- Jams, curds & chutneys
- Natural bath products
- Soap flowers
- Plants
- Hair accessories
- Pottery
- Crystals
- Wooden gifts
- Artwork
- And more!



Adults £1 - under 18's FREE

NO STILETTOS PLEASE AS WE WILL BE IN A SPORTS HALL

RIVER DREAM EVENTS

For info contact Lesley 07799 642863
lesley@riverdreamevents.co.uk
www.riverdreamevents.co.uk

Lesley Whiteman Social Media

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 – Bedtimes are upto me

Buster - Ensuring children have good sleep hygiene in order to thrive is part of safeguarding. 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



[Ivel Valley Parent Bulletin](#)

[Early Help Bulletin](#)

Please click on the



links for more information

AGES 3 - 17 YEARS

£25 PER DAY

09:30AM TILL 3PM

SUMMER ACTIVITY SCHEMES 2023

24TH JULY TO 28TH JULY

31ST JULY TO 4TH AUG

7TH JULY TO 11TH AUG

Summer Activity Schemes are respite services that are based in Bedford and Luton. They provide a wide range of onsite activities and community-based experiences for autistic young people who live in Bedfordshire.

See our website with details on how to apply!
[@autismbedfordshire.net](https://www.autismbedfordshire.net)

Autism BEDFORDSHIRE



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

Bedfordshire DOMESTIC ABUSE PARTNERSHIP

IT DOESN'T HURT TO ASK FOR HELP!

Autism BEDFORDSHIRE

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

22nd February—29th March	Year 3—Swimming—Elm & Hawthorn
24th February—31st March	Year 3—Swimming—Cedar
3rd March	Dress Up for World Book Day—Dress Up as your favourite book character. (Remember if swimming no face paint!)
9th March	Vision Screening—Reception
15th—17 March	Year 4—Kingswood Residential Trip
22nd March	Year 1 Woburn Trip—Parentmail to follow
23rd March—24th March	Book Fair at Shefford Lower School
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
26th April	Class Photos
1st May	Bank Holiday
8th May	King Charles III Coronation
24th May	Year 4 Cake Sale—Charity TBC
29th May—2nd June	Half Term

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

<https://www.schoolsforthefuture.co.uk/>

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