

Weekly Update

Friday 2nd December 2022



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Dear Families & Friends,

We are truly in the run up now, and everywhere is looking Christmassy! The vacuums are not enjoying the glitter, but the children are. Hopefully you saw our displays on our media pages.

Those of you in town for the light show were getting into the festive spirit, and our choir were their with a sterling performance to sing along to.

If you have had the pleasure of our early years Christmas show, you too will very likely be feeling it. Our children did us proud for their first every nativity, and aside from looking adorable, they had learned their words and actions, overcome their nerves despite being tired at this pint in the school year. A big thank you to the entire team who help bring this about.

In our library, even Larry the Llama is feeling festive on his new sleigh, and Mrs Dale-Molloy has her library advent on the go again, opening a new book each time. Reading is so central to building the neurons and the language skills for how we think about everything, so this is a great way to combine this essential skill with the festivities. If you are cooking or making lists at home, please involve the children in the reading and writing as much as you can.



Our curriculum evening was incredibly informative again, and I thank our superb team for bringing to you their presentations on 'The Shefford Connected Curriculum'. We continue to collect items for our museum and gallery that link, so please do get in touch if you, or someone you know can help. We have a museum shop, and in the new year have a museum event planned as well. Our presentation slides will be sent out to families so that you can access the links suggested. No doubt with Christmas gifts arriving of a techy nature, many of you will benefit from the helpful links to add parental controls and CEOPs to your own liked pages.

Tidy Ted is collecting lots of lost property. He advises everyone to put names and check items brought home as well. Please do keep uniform the same until the end of term, unless it is a special day. This includes nail polish, dress up headbands, etc;

We have more show, Santa and parties coming your way, and the PSA have been superb at these events already. They always need new helpers and committee members, so please reach out if you have time you can give. Present Day is the next big event, and the children absolutely love this. They love being independent when obtaining a gift for a loved one most of all.

A polite reminder about the gates and carparks. We are opening the gates a few minutes earlier than 8.45am at each end. Children are not insured until this time. Equally, they are not insured on our large play equipment unless supervised by our staff, so please do not allow children onto the playground areas. The carpark is not sufficient for the current numbers of users, and so disability parking is only for blue badge holders. Please do not tail gate under the barrier, as this is likely to result in an accident.

Have a lovely weekend

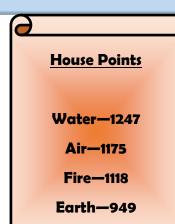
Mrs Pamela Finch

Values

The values of December will be **Peace & Understanding**

"All we are saying, is give peace a chance." John Lennon.

Understanding what peace is, and how can we bring peace about—conciliation, finding resolutions and solving problems together. Understanding the other perspective and point of view. Learning to understand the needs of others.



House Points and Attendance

W/E 25/11/22

Well done to last week's house winners.







House Attendance & Punctuality

Winner

Fire

Christmas Tree Festival

This is out Eco-friendly Christmas Tree. We have recycled and used biodegradable materials to make our eco-friendly tree. Children collected plastic bottles to decorate which we used to make our tree.

Please pop your vote in at St Michaels church from today



Christmas Dinner—13th December 2022

The school will be having their Christmas Dinner on the 13th December, find the menu of choices below. Orders need to be placed for your child before the 6th December. This can be done via the parentmail form online. If you require a paper copy please contact the school office on 01462 629123



Thank you so much to our school choir who performed at Shefford Christmas light's turn on Saturday, you did us proud! If any parent's or carer's have any photos of this, please could you send them into the school office. We had so much support and it was great to see so many there. Choir's next venture will be performing at Oak Manor care home on the Thursday 15th December (parentmail pending).

Children in year 3 have been working hard during SingUp this last term, and will perform to the school on Wednesday to showcase what they have learnt. The big SingUp concert will be next year during Summer term, more information to follow.

Early years have kicked off the Christmas shows and done so well, it is a big job putting it all together and the children have enjoyed every minute.

Just a reminder, carols on the playground will be the last day of term; everyone is welcome to come and joins us at roughly 2pm!

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Come join us for Carols in the Playground
On the last day of term
16th December 2022

From 2pm





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	Plum—Eva	Peach—Eloise	Pear—Lilah

Year 1 Sycamore—George Holly—Lee Chestnut—Macie

Year 2 Willow—Annabelle Oak—Connie Maple—Isha

Year 3 Elm—William Cedar—Ava Hawthorn—Jay-Ross

Year 4 Hazel—Poppy Beech—George Ash—Rory



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



Reception Aurora, Albie, Ollie, Edith, Reece & Killian

Year 1 Elsie, Lowri, Olivia, Libby, Yaniehve & Kovah

Year 2 Louis, Caitlyn, Grace, Connie, Emilia & Jackson

Year 3 Louie, Keira, Luca, Aaron, Bethany & Ollie

Year 4 Emily, Izzy, Amelie, Benedict, Joshua & Lara







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 Raith—Football, Isabella—Gymnastics

Air House Sophie—Swimming, Jenevieve—Dance, Sienna—Dance

Earth House Jessica—Dance















Community News

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











Ivel Valley Parent Bulletin Early Help Bulletin

Please click on the links for more information

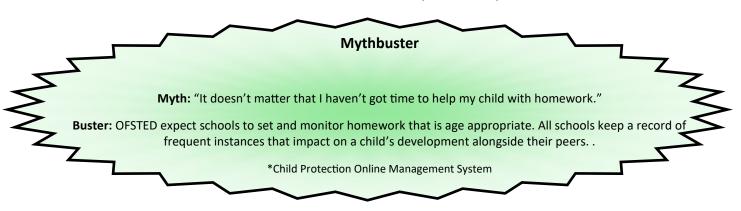




Safeguarding Information

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



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





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

5th December	Year 4 Christmas concert—2pm	
6th December	Year 2 Christmas concert—2pm	
7th December	Year 1 Christmas concert—2pm	
7th December	Year 3 Cake Sale—The Keeping Warm project	
8th December	Year 3 Christmas concert—2pm	
9th December	Coffee Morning—Invitations to be sent.	
9th December	PSA Present Day—children choose a present for their grown ups	
12th December	Christingle Assembly	
13th December	Christmas Dinner—Parentmail order form will be available	
14th December	EYFS Christmas Party & Santa Visit	
15th December	KS1 & KS2 Christmas Party & Santa Visit	
15th December	Choir performing at Oak Manor—please see parentmail for more information	
16th December	Carols on the playground & End of Autumn Term	

2023 Upcoming Dates

4th January 2023	Welcome Children back to the Spring Term
<u>25th January 2023</u>	Year 2 Trip—Material Trail—St Albans—Parentmail to follow
<u>1st February</u>	Year 3—Egyptian Day—Visit from Howard Carter—Parentmail to follow
<u>3rd February</u>	EYFS Cake Sale—Charity TBC
<u>7th February</u>	<u>Teacher Consultation Evening—3.30pm—6.30pm</u>
<u>9th February</u>	<u>Teacher Consultation Evening—4.00pm—7.00pm</u>
10th February	<u>Bikeability—Year 4s</u>

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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