



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 Sheffield 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

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 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

Water—1247

Air—1175

Fire—1118

Earth—949

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 our 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



Music News

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!

*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



<u>Reception</u>	Aurora, Albie, Ollie, Edith, Reece & Killian
<u>Year 1</u>	Elsie, Lowri, Olivia, Libby, Yaniehve & Kovah
<u>Year 2</u>	Louis, Caitlyn, Grace, Connie, Emilia & Jackson
<u>Year 3</u>	Louie, Keira, Luca, Aaron, Bethany & Ollie
<u>Year 4</u>	Emily, Izzy, Amelie, Benedict, Joshua & Lara



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.

Fire House	Raith—Football, Isabella—Gymnastics
Air House	Sophie—Swimming, Jenevieve—Dance, Sienna—Dance
Earth House	Jessica—Dance



PSA Christmas raffle 2022

3 day football camp at Mid Beds Futsal
Children's Christmas Hamper
Boiler service with TJ plumbing
Men's haircut at Vallos barbers
Cut and blow-dry at Hayz Hair
Little City entry for one adult and one child
Large Christmas hamper
MOT at the Garage
Garden sheers from GM Mowers
Andy's Angling Centre shop voucher
Shefford Toddler group entry
Christmas cake from Rogers Bakery
Tea and cake for 2 at Rosebuds café
Waterstones voucher from Polehanger
Shefford Building Supplies vouchers
Hair pampering hamper from the Hair Corner
Turkish platter from The Airman
Vouchers from Shefford Kebab house
Voucher from The Wellness Hub



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Community News

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

DAWNUNTILDAUSK
BEFORE, AFTER SCHOOL & HOLIDAY CLUB

Holiday Club

FREE places available

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLUBS
Activities for children aged * 2 upwards

HOLIDAY CLUB FUN FROM £18 PER SESSION

Lots of activities to choose from:
Arts & Crafts, Cookery, Archery, Football, Climbing Frames, Bouncy Castles, Scooters and much more.

Booking is easy...

Visit www.kidsdawnuntildusk.co.uk to complete your booking. For more information email holidayclub@kidsdawnuntildusk.co.uk Or call us on 01234 930 505

Our holiday clubs are available in 4 sessions
FREE Places available - conditions apply

Setting	9am-3pm	8am-5pm	7.30am-6pm	10am-2pm
Balliol Primary	✓			
Biggleswade Academy		✓	✓	
Camestone Primary	✓			
Clifton All Saints Academy	✓			
Great Ouse Primary Academy	✓			
Kings Oak Academy	✓			
Lakeview Pre-School, Wixams		✓	✓	
Pirton Hill Primary, Luton				✓
Shortstown Primary	✓	✓	✓	
Thomas Johnson Lower	✓	✓		

All snacks, drinks, breakfast and hot lunch will be provided, only bring a packed tea if your child is booked in after 3pm.

Visit www.kidsdawnuntildusk.co.uk for prices and for details of our Early Bird Discounts

BOOK NOW or FIND OUT MORE

* 2 year old spaces available at Lakeview Pre-School & Biggleswade Academy

www.kidsdawnuntildusk.co.uk 01234 930 505

ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS CHURCH, SHEFFORD

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Friday 2nd December
11.15am - 4pm

Saturday 3rd December
10am - 4pm

Sunday 4th December
11am - 2pm

Donations to Shefford Parish Church

Ribbon cutting by the Shefford Gala Prince & Princesses Saturday @ 10am

Refreshments available all day
Fri / Sat / Sun

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

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY FOOTBALL CAMP

Date: 20-22 December 2022
Venue: Pendleton Sports Centre, Stotfold
Days: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
Age: 5-15 Years
Special Christmas Prices:
1 day - £20
2 days - £40
3 days - £50

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6TH - 9TH DECEMBER 2022
SAMUEL WHITBREAD ACADEMY
MAIN HALL 7PM

£7 ADULTS • £5 CONCESSION

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT
2 Adults and 2 Concessions for £20 until Friday 18th November

BEST
Theatre Company

Tickets available from www.ticketsource.co.uk/swaconcert or scan the QR code to the right.



Coffee afternoon
with **SEND support**

Monday 12th December
1.00-3.00

Sheffield and District Children's Centre
School Lane, Sheffield, S617 5XA

Do you have a child with an additional need, disability, new diagnosis or not yet diagnosed?

Come along and meet the team, Support advice and information
Activities for the children. Siblings welcome

Free confidential advice and support for children 0-12 years
Our Speech Therapist and Early Years SEND practitioner will be at this session

Sheffield Children's Centre, School Lane, Sheffield S617 5XA 0300 300 8112

Time for Two's

Do you have a two year old who is struggling with talking? Having challenging behaviour or is a fussy eater? Come along to our play session for two-year-olds for support and information.

On Wednesday 30th November, 7th, 14th & 21st December at 10am- 11am

Arlesey Youth Centre

Week 1 Stories, rhymes and Free gifts
Week 2 Mark making and playdough fun
Week 3 Recyclable play and patterns of behaviour
Week 4 Personal, social and emotional development

To book a place call Sheffield and Stotfold Children's Centre
0300 300 8112 or send us a Facebook message

Information about being ready for pre-school, transitioning, home learning, early reading and writing skills, ditch the dummy, child development, speech and language support available.

Safeguarding Information

At Sheffield 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 doesn't matter that I haven't got time to help my child with homework."

Buster: OFSTED expect schools to set and monitor homework that is age appropriate. All schools keep a record of frequent instances that impact on a child's development alongside their peers. .

*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
bedsdv.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

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

<u>4th January 2023</u>	<u>Welcome Children back to the Spring Term</u>
<u>25th January 2023</u>	<u>Year 2 Trip—Material Trail—St Albans—Parentmail to follow</u>
<u>1st February</u>	<u>Year 3—Egyptian Day—Visit from Howard Carter—Parentmail to follow</u>
<u>3rd February</u>	<u>EYFS Cake Sale—Charity TBC</u>
<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>
<u>10th February</u>	<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

schooloffice@shefford.cbeds.co.uk.