



Weekly Update



Friday 30th September 2022

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Dear Families and Friends,

The sponsored bounce is a much loved event by the children and our PSA volunteers who set it up enjoy it too. Thank you for sponsoring your child. The PSA are in need of more volunteers, as without people in the main positions, the PSA is not able to remain the crucial part of our school that it is. If you can help, now is the time to step in and let us know. Thank you.

We now end September and our children feel very settled. I have seen lots of amazing learning logs as the children get to grips with their learning topics. The reading, number and spelling activities that we share with you for daily practice serve more than one purpose. As well as building fluency, they communicate with you the stage of learning your child is at, it messages to your child that we share the endeavour for your child to try their best and it helps us gain feedback from you about your child's independent skills. Do keep the communication coming, We really benefit in school from the partnerships.

The weather is getting colder and we see those gloves are being worn. Please please, please, please....please name all items your child brings into school. With 520 children on roll, it really is difficult to tell many items apart without a clearly visible name. Thank you.

Our governors continue to work behind the scenes on the details that move us towards primary. This week we met with representatives from Central Bedfordshire Council to identify the possible physical options. Ultimately, the school will not alter in size, but as we take in years 5 and 6 in 2025, and begin to have just two classes in a Reception year in 2025, we will have what is described as 'bulge years'.

Each year, we lay a wreath at the Remembrance Sunday Parade. We will be inviting our pupil leaders and parliament members. The school have also been invited to paint pebbles for this event, which will be placed by the memorial, so more on this later. Please save the date.

We continue to host our regular coffee mornings and open events. We have a variety coming up, for new starters, for families of pupils with SEND, for volunteers, governor training, for family support, for year group focus, and also cake sales. We do like to meet you, and look for opportunities to do so. Suggestions are always welcome, and thank you for greeting Tidy Ted and I when we are out in the mornings.

Our Lion Learners were nominated this week. They are our pupils who are showing all of their values, all of the time - even when they think no one is watching. We feel it is important to celebrate these good role models.

Please do feedback to us about clubs. We will be having our annual questionnaire coming out in October, about various aspects of our school offer. The aim being to build on our strengths and ensure we understand your needs. We welcome feedback by email, discussion, phone and meetings too. No matter is too small.

Coming up next week, we re-establish our Finer Diners. This was reduced during the pandemic, and we brought back the criteria and the stickers. On Monday, I will have my first 'banquet' with the diners from last week. I can't wait. Well done to our pupils.

Have a fantastic weekend. From Mrs Finch

Values

The values of October will be Respect & Responsibility

"Treat others as you would like to be treated." The Golden Rule.

Respect for everyone and everything. Taking on responsibility, owning our mistakes or our errors of judgement and resolving them to learn from these experiences.

House Points

Fire—1163

Earth—980

Air—968

Water—855

House Points and Attendance

W/E 23/09/22

Well done to last week's house winners.



House Attendance & Punctuality

Winner

Earth

Languages Day



On Monday, we celebrated Languages Day in school. It was wonderful to see all the classes focus on a different language and learn about a country too. Our wonderful bilingual staff also taught some of their home language to the children. We had lots of French, Spanish, Polish and even Sinhala. Children were able to share their home language with their peers and taught us how to say 'Hello'. It was clear from the children's responses to the day, how much they enjoyed it!



In addition to our language's day, we met virtually with our twinning school in Sri Lanka on Tuesday. Mrs Naveratne has taught us how to say some key words in Sinhala so it was lovely to greet them with 'Ayubowan'. It is a great opportunity for the children to learn more about our global community and they are always fascinated that Hillwood College in Sri Lanka have finished their school day, when we have just started ours.

Mrs Carter—Global community lead

Music News

It's great to be back for a new academic year and we have so much music happening already. Music assemblies have resumed, and we have been focusing on melody and Pop music this week! Choir and several other music clubs have started back, and we have been able to cater for more pupils. Choir learnt a whole song in their first practice getting ready for harvest in a few weeks. We have sent music tuition forms out if your child is interested in learning an instrument, please do get in touch if you need these forms again.

Kind regards

Miss Mansell



Well done to all our children that took part in the Sponsored bounce today.

The PSA will update us soon with the total amount raised, which they are always thankful for.



Meet our Sports Leadership Team

We went to RBA to complete our sports leadership training. We did two different activities, the 1st one we needed to complete a picture by running to a hula-hoop and back to our team, the 2nd activity we had to find out information from other sports leaders. In school we are going to help children with different games skills, we will be doing this at our break times and lunch times.

We are really looking forward to running this.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Harvest Festival

Tuesday 4th October

Please send your child's Harvest gifts into their classroom.

Tins & Packets
from 30th September
to 4th October
Fresh Food
on the day 4th October

**All donations will be gratefully received by
The Need Project Foodbank**

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—Liam, Plum—Tommy, Peach—Angel
Year 1	Chestnut—Laurence, Sycamore—Edward, Holly—Belle & Reagan
Year 2	Willow—Mia, Chestnut—Cara, Oak—Grace
Year 3	Hawthorn—Bethany, Elm—Beau, Cedar—Lacey-Mae
Year 4	Ash—Isla, Hazel—Sen, Beech—Katya



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>	Harry, Eloise, Darcy, Jack, Evie & Kaiden
<u>Year 1</u>	Lowri, Eleanor, Libby, Samantha, Eddie & Ivy
<u>Year 2</u>	Zoe, Ezme, Jayda, Thomas, Vinny, Mia & Elodie
<u>Year 3</u>	Millie, Josh, Keira, Kairno, Raith, Harry & Eva
<u>Year 4</u>	Reuben, Arthur, Crystal, Ted, Sherri-Jo & Mylah

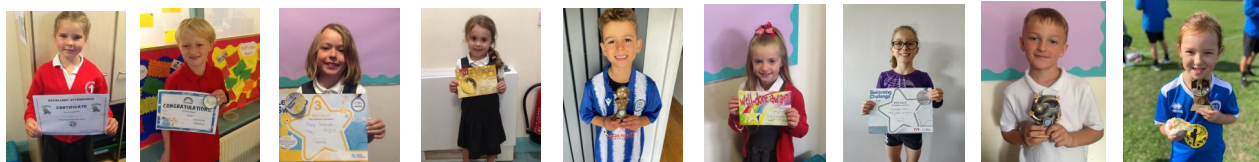
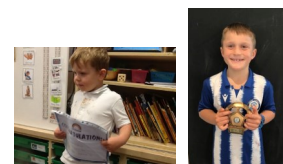
EXCUSE ME

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.

Water House	Charlie—Swimming, Oliver—Cricket, Holly—Gymnastics, Blake—Football, William—Football
Fire House	Thea—Tae-kwon-do, Leon—Football, Isla—Football
Earth House	Poppy—Swimming
Air House	Ava—Dance, Jackson—Football, Kayleigh—Swimming, Lenny—Swimming



Community News

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



Sid Ted and Allis Rainbow's mum Elisabeth Rainbow Braved the Shave on Saturday 24th September and raised over £2700.00 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

IF you would like to donate to Macmillan Cancer, please follow the link below

<https://bravetheshave.macmillan.org.uk/shavers/elisabeth-rainbow>

Biggest Spookiest Pumpkin party in town

SPORTY SCHOLARS

Fancy Dress Costume Disco
spooky scavenger hunt
Potion Making
Haunted Maze
Spooky Stories

Mon 24th - Fri 28th October

We welcome all children to Sporty Scholars Autumn Camp. Come and join us for an abundance of sporting activities as well as seasonal games & activities.

Visit www.sportyscholars.com for full details

OCTOBER HALF-TERM

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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

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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 not worth putting parental controls on devices, they just use their friends' in any case.

Buster - Device control is crucial. It is also vital that we explain to children how this supports them to have safe access, so that they know they can share any concerns they have with adults. Shefford Lower School teaches e-safety in every year group. Schools are obliged to report on unsafe use as part of safeguarding and record this 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



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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

Shefford Lower School

Diary Dates

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

2022 Upcoming Dates

3rd October	Healthy Me Day with a smoothie bike and Happy Yogi Taster session
3rd October	Year 1 Hearing Screening
5th October	Year 3 Celtic Harmony Trip—please see parentmail for more information
12th October	Year 2 Cake Sale—donations are welcome on the day—charity TBC
14th October	Coffee Morning—invites sent on parentmail
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

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