



## Weekly Update

**Friday 7th October 2022**



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Dear Families and Friends,

We were delighted with the feedback from our recent year 3 trip to Celtic Harmony. This is always an enjoyable trip and so nice to be able to go out of school post-pandemic again. These are the experiences our children need and benefit so hugely from. The organisers were impressed with the knowledge and behaviour of our children.



Our 'Healthy Me Day' on Monday happens every year, and this year the children had yoga sessions as well as the smoothie bike as special activities. We talked also about sleep hygiene. We are aware that gaming is highly addictive and raising children's awareness about having a range of enjoyable activities, is part of our life learning to.



I have had some impressive learning logs come to me this week and more importantly, the children have explained how they made the items and what they found out. The collaboration of families enhancing our curriculum this way, and children being able to share different information when they come into school is so good. Thank you from us to you.

We are working through the pupil assessments that we do at the end of each half term next week, so that the following week our consultation meetings with families can share this information. We also share the attendance figures for your child, as we know the correlation between attendance in the early years, and outcomes at GCSE is highly linked. Our family support worker, Julia Parry, is always keep to help families. Please do stop her when she is outside greeting families, or you can phone or email. No query or concern is too small.

Year two have their cake sale next, raising money for WWF. This is how Shefford Lower Support charities. We have significant requests from numerous charities to support them, so each year group takes their turn to vote on the charity they wish to support from their cake sale.

Our PSA met on Wednesday. They appointed a new chair during this meeting. This was not an easy appointment because the committee numbers have been impacted by the years of virtual meetings and events during the pandemic, rather than face to face. Please do offer your support to the committee if you are able to do so. Their role in school is so very crucial to the experiences of the children at Shefford Lower. Thank you very much to the wonderful committee that have been keeping us going, and of course to the outgoing chair—Hannah Hubbard—and vice chair—Claire Redman—for your dedication.

We have met with local authority representatives this week about the 'Schools for the Future' project, which sees Shefford Lower School becoming a primary school. The local authority is currently in the stage of assessing which feasibility studies should be undertaken, and the plan for Shefford Lower hasn't altered. The 'Parent Focus Group' looked at the project plan and began the task of overseeing policy changes, beginning with the mobile phone policy. These then go to the Board of Governors, as we aim to be ahead of our road map to change. As always, I am out most mornings, and happy to answer questions. I can't promise I have all of the answers in these early stages, but do feel free to stop and chat.

Have a great 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—1293**

**Water—1043**

**Air—987**

**Earth—827**

### House Points and Attendance

W/E 30/09/22

Well done to last week's house winners.



### House Attendance & Punctuality

Winner

**Earth**

## Healthy Me Day

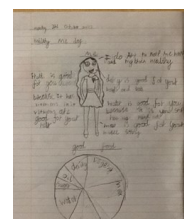


"I've never tried a plum before...and now I have and I liked it!"

"I liked the smoothie."



Monday 3rd October was 'Healthy Me Day' in school. This was an opportunity for the children to explore and learn about ways to lead a healthier lifestyle. A wide range of activities took place across school; we had healthy meal designing in Year 3, sessions on good sleep health in Year 1, and fruit and vegetable tasting in Reception, to name but a few. Many children also tried out the 'smoothie bike', using pedal power on an exercise bike to create a delicious fruit smoothie! We also had sessions of yoga going on around school, which were thoroughly enjoyed. We hope the children are inspired to continue to do a range of things to keep themselves healthy!



### School Reader Volunteers

Would you be interested in giving a few hours per week to read with children in school?

Mrs Finch will be holding a Volunteers Meeting on Wednesday 12th October at 9am

If you would like more information or would like to attend, please contact Paula Hudson via the school email

[schooloffice@shefford.cbeds.co.uk](mailto:schooloffice@shefford.cbeds.co.uk)



### Starting School in September 2023

If your child was born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019, they will be eligible to start school in September 2023 and the Admissions window at Central Bedfordshire Council is now open for applications.

[Online Application Link](#)

We have tours of the school scheduled on various dates over the next few weeks, for prospective parents.

If you would like to book onto one of these please contact Paula Hudson via email at

[schooloffice@shefford.cbeds.co.uk](mailto:schooloffice@shefford.cbeds.co.uk)

## Well done to our Lion Learners this Term



Year 1—Emilia, Tyler, Henry, Georgia, Lee & Beattie

Year 2—Layla, Leo, Caitlyn, Freddy, Sam & Mia

Year 3—Daisy, Reagan, Adam, Lyra, Jesse & Eden

Year 4—Lara, Ronnie, Isla, Oliver, Jake & Mia

## Year 3 Celtic Harmony Trip

"We made cups out of clay, it was very sticky and we can take them home once they are dry. We also made bread from flour that we ground between two grinding stones, they then cooked this by the fire."



"We learnt how to weave and make spear heads out of soap."

We learnt about how long the bronze age, stone age and iron age.



There were round houses and when we knocked on the door to go in greeted us with a spear and only let us in when they checked that we were friendly.

We dressed up as if we were from the stone age.



We rate this trip 10/10 and would recommend for the next years 3 to go on the trip.



### Harvest Festival Donation

A huge thank you for all the amazing donations for the Harvest Festival this week. The donations have been given to The Need Project, which is a local charity that will be used locally to help families in need. Our Harvest Festival assembly involved a story about Holly the Harvest Mouse from our local reverend, as well as some lovely singing from our Key Stage 2 Choir and the whole school. Miles in Maple also read a lovely autumn poem and Poppy in Hazel kindly brought in a traditional wheat sheaf that she brought around to all classes.



### Music News

This week, music assemblies have moved on to exploring what pulse means and finding it within different songs. Classes had fun with this in assembly and voted for their favourite boy band song for this week's music vote.

Choir have been asked to perform at the Shefford Christmas lights switch on, which is a lovely festive event to be part of. We will get letters out to parents and carers soon.

As always, please do get in touch if you would like your child to learn an instrument.

Kind regards

Miss Mansell

### 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—Teddy	Peach— Harry	Plum—Killian
Year 1	Holly—Nancy	Sycamore—Theo	Chetnut—Clara
Year 2	Maple—Esmee	Willow— Nancy	Oak— Sid
Year 3	Elm—Forrest	Cedar— Bradley	Hawthorn— Oscar
Year 4	Ash—Amber	Hazel—Shiron	Beech—Laila



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>	Albie, Violet, Lyla, Emma, Isla & Reece
<u>Year 1</u>	Alfie, Lilly, Marley, Nancy, Barnaby & Allis
<u>Year 2</u>	Louie, Jessica, Blake, Emilia & Morgan
<u>Year 3</u>	Lacey, Maria, Sofya & Ayaz
<u>Year 4</u>	Noah, Laila, Blake, Caidan & Isla



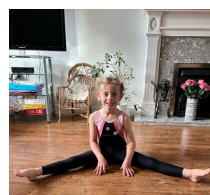
EXCUSE ME

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.

<b>Fire House</b>	Raith—Swimming & Taekwondo, Harry—Football, Amber—Swimming
<b>Water House</b>	Blake—Football, Oliver—Swimming, Ayaz—Football
<b>Air House</b>	Sienna—Dance, Darcey—Gymnastics
<b>Earth House</b>	Lucas—Karate







# **Sheffield Lower School**

## **Holiday Club**

*For children who attend Sheffield Lower in Years 1– 5*



## **October Half Term**

**Monday 24th October 9.00am—3.30pm**

**Tuesday 25th October 9.00am—3.30pm**

**£18.00 per day**

**£12.00 per sibling**

## **BOOK NOW !**

Booking forms are available on Parent Mail or paper copies can be collected from the School Office.

## Community News

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

**Biggest Spookiest Pumpkin party in town**



**Fancy Dress Costume Disco**  
**spooky scavenger hunt**  
**Haunted Maze**  
**Potion Making**  
**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](http://www.sportyscholars.com) for full details**

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**OCTOBER HALF-TERM**



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 FORMER WEST HAM AND WALES INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALLER

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 FOOTBALL, FUN, COMPETITIONS AND PRIZES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 5-14!  
 MONDAY 24TH - THURSDAY 27TH OCTOBER, 10:00-15:00  
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 1,2,3 AND 4 DAY TICKETS AVAILABLE  
 \*\*\* ONLY 60 SPACES AVAILABLE. WAITING LIST AVAILABLE \*\*\*  
**BOOK ONLINE NOW!**

### JCSS OCTOBER HALF TERM CAMP!

Monday 24th - Thursday 27th October, 10:00-15:00, at RBA! All Shefford Lower School students get 10% discount using code JCSSSCHOOL10. If you want your chills to be safe, be active, win prizes, make friends and above all else HAVE FUN, book your place today!

[Please click here to book](#)



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

**OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CAMP**  
 Date: 25th - 27th October  
 Venue: Pendleton Sports Centre, Stotfold  
 Days: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday  
 Age: 4-16 Years  
 Cost: £25-£60  
 Extra 10% if booked before 10th October (can also be used with other codes)  
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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 fine for them to have the occasional day off for a treat."

**Buster:** Attendance is a legal requirement for parents. Schools must report on all unauthorised absences. Parents may be subjected to a fixed penalty notice. This is £60 per parent per child. A record is kept 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



**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](mailto:BDAP@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk)

  @bedsdv  
 [bedsdv.org.uk](http://bedsdv.org.uk)

# Shefford Lower School

## Diary Dates

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

### 2022 Upcoming Dates

12th October	Year 2 Cake Sale—donations are welcome on the day—WWF
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—24th October	Mr Tilbury's Holiday Club—To book please complete the parentmail form online or email <a href="mailto:schooloffice@shefford.co.uk">schooloffice@shefford.co.uk</a>
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
11th November	Remembrance
14th—18th November	Anti Bullying Week
18th November	Children in Need
30th November	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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