



# Weekly Update

## Friday 9th December 2022



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Dear Families and Friends,

This will be my last Headteacher letter in the weekly news in 2022.

Thank you for supporting our wonderful children as they took part in their performances. We had a selection of singalongs, nativities and showcases depending on the age of the children, and all of our shows went incredibly well. The PSA did us proud as always and made sure the audiences were well refreshed, and our staff have worked incredibly hard to bring these shows to you.

Next week, we have our Christmas countdown. This is a really important part of our school calendar. Not only is it crucial for children to have that sense of belonging and celebration with their friends, but it is also a time that we assess, catch up and ready the term ahead.

The celebratory feeling has kicked off today with present day. Again, our wonderful PSA use this event to ensure children have a shopping opportunity that is all their own, and a secret gift for home. The children love it, and the helpers enjoy this time as well. Thank you to them.

We have Christmas dinner on Tuesday. The children have a special treat of eating in classrooms, with the fire blazing on the interactive whiteboards, music and festivities. We ask that the children wear their jumpers with their usual uniform on this day too. We don't take donations for jumpers, it is simply something we allow the children to do for their own enjoyment. We also make Christmas hats to show off.

On your child's party day, we allow them to change into their party clothes, so please send these in named bags, and ensure all your child's belongings that day are definitely named. Santa is due a visit, and we have told him how fantastic our children have been.

On Friday, you will have the opportunity to join us for a sing-a-long in the playground. The children will be singing carols with you. We have a plan that families will come in through the gate nearest to School Lane. The audience will watch from the ball court, so that we can safely organise the children to face you from the field. The PSA plan to be their with a uniform sale, and of course, some refreshments. We do ask that when you enter the site, you ensure younger children you bring with you do not use the playground equipment.

Staff return to school on the 3rd January, and PUPILS return on the 4th January. We can't wait to hear all the wonderful Christmassy times you have. We are always mindful that there are a number of families for whom this isn't the case, and there are help numbers in this newsletter.

Stay safe and warm and we will see you next year!

Kind regards, 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

**Air—1257**

**Fire—1114**

**Earth—1023**

**Water—1006**

### House Points and Attendance

W/E 02/12/22

Well done to last week's house winners.



### House Attendance & Punctuality

Winner

**AIR**

## Year 4 Athletics Festival

2 teams from Year 4 went to an indoor athletics festival at Etonbury Academy this week. The teams came in 1st and 2nd and have made it to the County Finals in February.



"We did relay races, which was my favourite." - Isla

"We jumped over hurdles and ran—you have to time it well to jump over the hurdles otherwise you knock them over." — Archie

"We are very excited for the county finals in February and will be doing lots of practice to try and get 1st again."

## **Music News**

09/12/22

With one week to go and the Christmas shows all done, it's been a very festive week at school. Well done to all the pupils that performed in the Samuel Whitbread pantomime, you were all amazing! We have carols on the playground to look forward to next Friday, 2pm start. We have so much music happening in school, we now have a brass and vocal teacher coming into school, so if your child would like to learn a brass instrument or pick up singing lessons, please get in touch!

We look forward to seeing you at the carols on the playground next week 😊



## 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—Noah	Pear—Edith	Peach—Harrison
Year 1	Chestnut—Christina	Holly—Maxwell & Amelia	Sycamore—Yaniehve
Year 2	Maple—Theo	Willow—Aria	Oak—Martha
Year 3	Hawthorn—Sofya	Elm—Jesse & Sebastian	Cedar—Eliza
Year 4	Beech—Immy	Hazel—Mabel	Ash—Isabella



## Shefford Sporting Successes

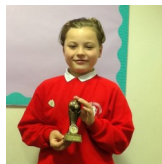
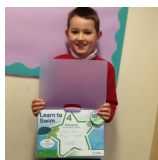
We celebrate children's sporting successes from home as well as those in school. Please send us photos of your child's certificates and/or medals which will be displayed on our PE celebration board and celebrated in assembly. Well done to these children who have shared their sporting success this week.

**Air House** George—Swimming, Lewie—Football, Eleanor—Swimming

**Water House** Zoe—Tae-kwondo, Blake—Football, Chloe—Swimming

**Earth House** Lana—Swimming, Amelia—Dance

**Fire House** Eva—Swimming



# 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.***



**JACK COLLISON  
SOCCER SCHOOL**

**CHRISTMAS CAMP!**

FESTIVE FOOTBALL, FUN, AND PRESENTS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 5-15!

**2 DAYS ONLY! MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> / TUESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 10:00-15:00**

**ROBERT BLOOMFIELD ACADEMY, SHEFFORD**

**INDOORS (SPORTS HALL)**

**\*\*\* ONLY 40 SPACES AVAILABLE!!! \*\*\***



**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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SBS, life cycles at pendleton, Shefford Academy, GW, the wellness hub, Dan Gaze Support Service

## Happy Little Yogi Breakfast Club @ Shefford Lower

Wednesday Jan 11th - March 29th (11 wks)  
8am - 8.45am

**Yoga**  
**Meditation**  
**Mindfulness**  
**Breathing**  
**Memory**  
**Dance**  
**Movement**  
**Sound**



Book via the QR Code or the link following link:

<https://www.happylittleyogi.com/classes/online-enrolment?type=a>

Any enquiries please email: [jane@happylittleyogi.com](mailto:jane@happylittleyogi.com)

**Coffee afternoon**  
with **SEND support**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> November, 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:ccs.bedsandlutonchildrenshealthhub@nhs.net)

# Shefford Lower School

## Diary Dates

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

### 2022 Upcoming Dates

13th December	Christingle Assembly
13th December	Christmas Dinner—children can wear their Christmas jumpers
14th December	EYFS Christmas Party & Santa Visit—children to bring in their party wear to change into
15th December	KS1 & KS2 Christmas Party & Santa Visit—children to bring in their party wear to change into
15th December	Choir performing at Oak Manor—please see parentmail for more information
16th December	End of Term Celebration Assembly
16th December	Carols on the playground & End of Autumn Term

### 2023 Upcoming Dates

4th January 2023	Welcome Children back to the Spring Term
25th January 2023	Year 2 Trip—Material Trail—St Albans—Parentmail to follow
1st February	Year 3—Egyptian Day—Visit from Howard Carter—Parentmail to follow
3rd February	EYFS Cake Sale—Charity TBC
3rd February	Coffee Morning—Invites to be sent
7th February	Teacher Consultation Evening—3.30pm—6.30pm
9th February	Teacher Consultation Evening—4.00pm—7.00pm
10th February	Bikeability—Year 4s
13th—17th February	Half Term
22nd February—29th March	Year 3—Swimming—Elm & Hawthorn
24th February—31st March	Year 3—Swimming—Cedar
15th—17 March	Year 4—Kingswood Residential Trip

**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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