



Weekly Update

Friday 9th September 2022



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RIP Queen Elizabeth II - Sheffield Lower School made crowns on entry to school and learned about her reign before listening to the national anthem together wearing them. Our value of unity is even more pertinent this week, as we come together to experience what the word 'commemoration' means.

The town council have invited the school to add to the book of condolences. We will be doing this on Wednesday, with a contribution from each class.



Our children have had a great start to the new school year. We are riding high on the back of excellent results and our superb learning environment. The efforts of staff over the past couple of years to set up sensory areas, the art gallery, the museum and to grow the impact of the immersive room has really made Sheffield Lower School a wonderful place to learn. This week, the play trolleys have been rolled out and our play leaders have been trained to help with the equipment. The PSA contributed significant fundraising to this, and the enjoyment and social aspects of our setting are crucial to children wanting to learn.



We are reading every day and working on some of the areas nationally that children (post-pandemic) have found hardest. Do come and see us with any query you have. Nothing is too small. I really appreciate the parents that stop me to talk to me when I am out and about in the mornings. The more you tell us, the more we can continue to get things right for you and your family.

All the best for a good weekend, from Mrs Finch



Values

The values of September will be Unity & Belonging

"I can do things you cannot. You can do things I cannot. Together we can do great things." Mother Teresa

Starting our new classes with a sense of togetherness and belonging. Belonging and working together in our school, as a new class, in our house groups. Developing our community by including everyone so everyone feels a sense of belonging.



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 – all the children use TikTok, so they need it to socialise

Buster - The safety around TikTok is unguarded, and exposure to language and propaganda that is harmful to children remains highly dangerous. The school is obliged to report pupils of this age using TikTok, using 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

**Donations
are greatly
Appreciated!**



Playground Toys

We would love to fill our playground trolleys with toy cars, large clean paintbrushes, figures, pans and wooden utensils.

Many thanks





K'Nex plea!





If anyone has any K'Nex toys collecting dust at home that are no longer being used... Please consider donating them to our DT resources!



Autumn Term 1 Club list

Please find the list of clubs that we are running up to half term. These will be available to register your interest on Parentmail today. Please complete the form by Wednesday 14th September, places are allocated at random and an email will be sent to confirm your child's place on Friday.

| Autumn Term 1 2022 | KS1 and KS2 Clubs |
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|  | <p>Dance Club Join Mrs Pearson for Dance Club where you will perform a range of different dances using a variety of moves and techniques to explore different songs. Dance club explores dances from different countries and cultures and this year Mrs Pearson will be exploring 'Irish Dancing'.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY – AFTER SCHOOL – KS1</p> |
|  | <p>Maypole Club Join Mrs Finch and Miss McIntyre to socialise and play with others whilst working as a team to learn new games around the maypole.</p> <p>TUESDAY – AFTER SCHOOL – KS2</p> |
|  | <p>Choir Club Join Miss Mansell and Mrs Lawson for Choir Club to learn a range of songs and singing technique to perform at various school and local events.</p> <p>THURSDAY – AFTER SCHOOL - KS2</p> |
|  | <p>Art Club Join Mrs Smith for Art Club to show your creative side whilst exploring a range of different styles, techniques and artists.</p> <p>THURSDAY – LUNCHTIME - KS1</p> |

| Autumn Term 1 2022 | KS1 and KS2 Clubs |
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|  | <p>Recorder Club Join Mrs Lawson every week at recorder club. Children will learn the wind instrument, begin to read music and develop their overall music knowledge. A great instrument for beginners with great opportunity to progress.</p> <p>MONDAY – BREAKTIMES—All years</p> <p>Music Technology Club Join Mrs Lawson every week at music technology club. Children will learn how to use different technology and apps to explore & compose their own music.</p> <p>THURSDAY—BREAKTIMES—All years</p> |
|  | <p>Music Clubs Join Mrs Lawson for the two music clubs offered</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> African Drumming—Children will learn basic rhythm patterns, drumming techniques, cultural music appreciation and enjoy time to create their own music. — MONDAY MORNING—8.30am to 9.00am—KS1 Ukulele—We are keen to promote existing knowledge and further musical talent, therefore it is advised that these children already have some experience playing this instrument. - THURSDAY MORNING—8.30am to 9.00am—KS2 |
|  | <p>Multi Sports Join Mr Tilbury for a morning of multi sports</p> <p>TUESDAY—MORNING—8.00am—8.45am—KS1, years 1 to 2</p> <p>THURSDAY—MORNING—8.00am—8.45am—KS2, years 3 to 4</p> |
|  | <p>P.E Club Join Mr Tilbury every week at P. E club.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday—Year 1 Tuesday—Year 2 Wednesday—Year 3 Thursday—Year 4 |

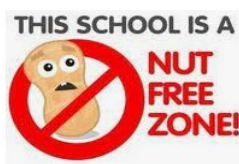


Congratulations to the children below who have been recognised as a Finer Diner this week for displaying good manners and values at lunchtime

THANK YOU

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| <u>Reception</u> | Harrison, Violet, Harry, Lucy, Lenny, Ezra, Reece & Ava |
| <u>Year 1</u> | Christina, Alfie, Eleanor, Lee, Belle, Calella, Allis, Louisa, Aiden & George |
| <u>Year 2</u> | Theo, Eva, Leon, Isha, Layla, Leo, Mia & Elizabeth |
| <u>Year 3</u> | Nicki, Michelle, Reuben, Emily, Joshua, Jessica, Edward, Georgia & Jay-Ross |
| <u>Year 4</u> | Rachael, Lillie, Imogen, Mason, Oscar, Mia, Sen & Kaiden |

EXCUSE ME



Sheffield 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.

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| Air House | Joshua—Swimming |
| Earth House | Scarlett—Swimming |
| Fire House | Oscar—Football, Harry—Running, George—Swimming |
| Water House | Ollie—Duck 'n' Dash, Edward—Football, Chloe—Swimming, Ronnie—Swimming |



Here is a section from our uniform policy, please find the full policy by following this link [**UNIFORM POLICY**](#).

Tidy Ted has been very impressed with the tidiness of the cloak rooms, which has been helped with the draw-string bags you have provided for the children's P.E kit. Thank you

If you need to order uniform, please follow this link to [Price & Buckland](#)

Uniform

Parents are asked to send their children to school clean, tidy and appropriately dressed. The school uniform comprises of:

Boys: Grey trousers or shorts, white polo-shirt and red jumper or sweatshirt. Black school shoes (not trainers); plain black, white or grey socks.

Girls: Grey skirt/pinafore dress or trousers, white polo-shirt, red jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan. Girls may wear plain black shorts under a skirt or dress. Black school shoes (not trainers); plain black, white or grey socks or tights.

Red and white checked dresses may be worn in the summer months.

PE: Boys and girls wear black shorts and house t-shirts for PE with black plimsolls. Jogging bottoms, sweatshirts and trainers will be needed for outdoor activities.

Year 4 girls and boys need black football socks and shin pads for PE.

House colours:

Your child will be allocated a house group by the school office upon admission. Each house is designated a colour, which your child will wear for PE and sporting events.

Earth House - Green

Air House - White

Fire House - Red

Water House - Blue

Black, white or coloured trainers are only allowed for outdoor PE and are not acceptable for daily school wear.

PE kit must be kept in a **named draw-string bag and in school at all times**. Other bags are not allowed due to limited cloakroom space.

Ruck sacks in particular do not allow coats to be pegged over the top, and these then fall off and become a safety hazard.

Sweatshirts, cardigans, book bags, PE bags and summer hats displaying the school logo are available to purchase online. Some stock, including recycled uniform is available from the school office.



Community News

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



Vintage Working Weekend

24th & 25th September 2022

**Vintage & Classic Tractors
Working Demonstrations
Commercial Vehicles
Vintage Vehicles
Beer Tent**



Haynes Church End MK45 3QR
Just off the A6 South of Bedford



Gates Open
10.00 - 17.00

Admission Prices:
Adults - £5
Under 16's free



www.ovtc.org.uk
Enquiries call Edward : 07971 052170

Find us on Facebook



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
ROBERT BLOOMFIELD ACADEMY, SHEFFORD (SG175BU)

***** ONLY 36 SPACES AVAILABLE *****
BOOK ONLINE NOW!

JCSS are back with their popular term-time weekly coaching sessions, FRIDAY NIGHT ELITE (FNE) 7-12s. It is high-quality, professional, fun football coaching with the best coaches in the area, every Friday night 17:00-18:00 at RBA, resuming next Friday 9th September! All details on the flyer but do reach out to Jack and Matt at contact@jackcollisonsoccerschool.com with any questions! #JCSS #SLS

Happy Little Yogi Breakfast Club

@ Shefford Lower / 8am-8.45am

Wednesday Sept 14th - Dec 14th (13 wks) -
Trial the first class for just £1
the rest of the term payment due after the first class

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



SKILLS PERFORMANCE CENTRES 2022-23 SEASON

COMMUNITY TRUST

WHAT DO WE OFFER?

- TECHNICAL TRAINING FOR AGES 6-12 (YEAR 1 TO YEAR 7)
- THE FIRST STEP OF OUR ACADEMY PATHWAY
- WEEKLY TRAINING SESSIONS ALONGSIDE YOUR GRASSROOTS TRAINING
- CENTRES IN BEDFORD, DUNSTABLE, FLITWICK, HARPENDEN, HITCHIN, LEIGHTON BUZZARD, LETCHWORTH, LUTON, WHEATHAMPTSTEAD, WIXAMS AND WOBURN

LAST SEASON'S STATISTICS:

- 4 of the current 1st Year Professionals at Luton Town FC have come through projects ran by LTFC Community Trust
- 65 boys have been invited to trial within our COFEX/PDC Centres

FOR ANY QUERIES, CONTACT US VIA:
PHONE: 01582 561622 / EMAIL: TIPS@LUTONTOWN.CO.UK

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE, PLEASE VISIT:
WWW.LUTONTOWNCOMMUNITY.CO.UK/ABOUT-SPCS



SKILLS PERFORMANCE CENTRES 2022-23 SEASON

COMMUNITY TRUST

WHAT DO WE OFFER?

- TECHNICAL TRAINING FOR AGES 6-12 (YEAR 1 TO YEAR 7)
- PATHWAYS TO FA EMERGING TALENT CENTRES
- WEEKLY TRAINING SESSIONS ALONGSIDE YOUR GRASSROOTS TRAINING
- CENTRES IN FLITWICK & DUNSTABLE

DISCOUNT CODE

CELEBRATE ENGLAND'S EURO 2022 VICTORY BY USING THE DISCOUNT CODE 'LIONESSES'

TO SAVE £15.00 OFF TERM 1!

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Parenting Puzzle

Parenting is easy... said no parent ever!

We all need a little support at times when it comes to looking after children, and across Central Bedfordshire, there are **FREE** courses for parents and carers of children under 5 to help.

The Parenting Puzzle programme helps to build strategies to reduce the stress of parenting and prepare your children for school. It's also a great place to meet other parents and carers in your area.

Parenting Puzzle is being run throughout the year at your local children's centre with two courses available to you:

Four-week Parenting Puzzle Workshops:

Sandy and Biggleswade
Starting 14th September, running Wednesday evenings between 6:30 – 8:30pm
Email sandy.childrenscentre@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk or call 0300 300 8114 / 0300 300 8134 for details and bookings

Flitwick
Starting 17th November on Thursday afternoons between 1:30 – 3:30pm
Email flitwick.childrenscentre@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk or call 0300 300 8111 for details and bookings

Ten-week Parenting Puzzle Nurturing Programme:

Shefford and Stotfold
Starting on 29th September on Thursday afternoons between 12:45 – 2:45pm
Email shefford.childrenscentre@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk or call 0300 300 8112 for details and bookings

Creche facilities are available to support parents and carers attending so please let your children's centre know if you wish to use this facility when booking.




Central Bedfordshire PRESENTS...

POWER 2 PARENTS

Preventing exploitation through informative and interactive workshops for parents

Did You know children as Young as 9 Years old are being targeted and exploited?

Though sadly, no child is exempt from the tactics of perpetrators, there is power in knowing the signs to spot a child at risk, so you can raise the alarm prevent future harm.

Hear from a number of guest speakers including Roseann Taylor, who will be sharing how knife crime has impacted her life and the ways in which the death of her son may have been prevented.

Wednesday 21 September 2022

5.30pm – 9.00pm

Connolly Hall, Redborne Upper School, MK45 2NU

Register Your place now!

www.bit.ly/p2p_central



Central Beds Early Help Plus Team presents in partnership to build a better community.

VIOLENCE AND EXPLOITATION REDUCTION UNIT

Aquarius

CAMHS Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services



Julia Parry - Family Support Worker

How can I help?

- By listening and appreciating parents/carers issues and offer suggestions and advice for individuals and families on behaviour management, boundaries, routines, school attendance, e-safety, healthy eating to name a few.
- Signposting to other services available with Central Bedfordshire.
- Working with and supporting families during key school transition, including newcomers and moving onto other schools.
- Supporting families who are going through difficult times including relationship breakdown, bereavement, mental well-being and financial hardship.
- In consultation with parents/carers I can signpost children or support on a 1:1 basis. This may include listening and working with them in different ways for example: anger management and control, key schools transitions, development of pupil self-esteem and confidence, friendship issues, bullying including social networking, family issues: bereavement, new baby in the family, parent's separation/divorce.

Ways contact:

Email mailto:familysupport@shefford.cbeds.co.uk, Phone 01462 629123, Via class teacher, Via school office



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

[@bedsv](https://www.bedsv.org.uk) [bedsv.org.uk](https://www.bedsv.org.uk)



Ivel Valley Parent Bulletin

Ivel Valley Local Bulletin

Shefford Lower School

Diary Dates

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

2022 Upcoming Dates

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| 12th September | Year 4 Parent Welcome morning—meet the teachers |
| 13th September | Year 3 Parent Welcome morning—meet the teachers |
| 15th September | Year 1 Parent Welcome morning—meet the teachers |
| 16th September | Year 2 Parent Welcome morning—meet the teachers |
| 21st September | Year 4—St Albans Trip—please see parentmail for more information |
| 23rd September | Jeans for Genes day |
| 30th September | PSA Sponsored Bounce |
| 3rd October | Healthy Me Day |
| 5th October | Year 3 Celtic Harmony Trip—please see parentmail for more information |
| 7th October | Coffee Morning |
| 12th October | Year 2 Cake Sale—donations are welcome on the day—charity TBC |
| 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 |

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

schooloffice@shefford.cbeds.co.uk