



# Weekly Update

## Friday 12th March



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Dear Families and Friends,

Thank you for a wonderful first week back. What a phenomenal school community we are. The teachers have been happy and excited, the children have been smiley and playful, and we have had such phenomenal support from all of you.

We realise the one way system is irksome for some families, however we do continue to ask that you support with this. The advice we have worked with is that this supports us in our shared efforts to reduce Covid transmissions. We have a number of vulnerable school users, so please continue to support us and help them to remain safe too.

The one way system includes a system set up with Robert Bloomfield users, that we will use our side of that Drive when approaching the school sites. Families from their school have approached us to remind you that this will help them to reach their sites safely too. It is only by working together we will achieve the best outcomes for each other.

Next week, we will be welcoming back Mrs Smith for a visit. Mrs Smith returns to her class after a period of maternity leave. We also welcome back Mrs Adams from her maternity leave, and she will begin by teaching alongside Mrs Miller in Plum Class.

Our PSA have their AGM on Wednesday next week, and I urge you to get involved. We have had a period of quiet with all the restrictions that have happened this year, and joining in with our PSA is a wonderful way to participate with your child's school. They are always looking for new and active members, so do get in touch.

Our governors also meet next week. It is year end, and we have set aside budget requirements for the year ahead, including the current use of government funds to support children to reintegrate in school and develop their learning and wellbeing. You will have seen our recruitment advertising and we look forward to shortlisting next week. Please help us by passing on any vacancies you see for our school.

We say goodbye to Miss Shearsmith in April. For personal reasons, she will be leaving teaching for a while. For continuity, Mrs Ramsey will stay with Chestnut class, as she has been their teacher also this year. We wish Miss Shearsmith lots of luck.

We move into Science Week with a 'Wallop!' with this week's weather, and children asked lots of *enquiry* 'how' questions. We have been well supported to share professions for Science and investigations and know that questioning supports children's learning. Children need language and vocabulary skills to ask incisive learning questions, and so it comes as no surprise that *reading* is the number one way that children develop those skills. We encourage a little and often approach to reading, so that the neurons that children generate daily are reinforced this way. Children earn housepoints for their daily reading, and we use your notes to us in reading diaries to support their learning too.

You have probably noticed by now that we have a very special birthday in school! It is Rosco's 1st birthday! He shares his birthday with Mrs Parry. Rosco and Mrs Parry did their rounds in school today, so he had lots of attention on his first birthday.

I have given out lots of head teacher's awards today. Very notably, some were given for the incredible improvements certain children did with their phonics. Despite lockdown, some children have excelled and their progress was definitely worthy of the celebrations.

Best wishes for the weekend, let's hope for a little less of the windy weather.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Finch



## Values

The values from February 22nd—March 12th are **Courage and Determination**

*“What would life be if we had no courage to attempt anything?”*

Vincent Van Gogh

Courage when you least feel like trying. Not giving up. Knowing it is worth it, if not immediately, then in the long run. Courage when you are a lone voice in a crowd, when peer pressure is high.

## Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day is coming up on Friday 19th March and we have received our supply of red noses! These are now 100% plastic free and cost £1.50, with at least 75p going towards Comic Relief. We have a limited supply, so once they have sold out we will not be receiving anymore.

House Captains will be going round to classes with red noses next week, so if your child would like to purchase one please send them in to school with £1.50 in a sealed and named envelope. **Can you ensure your child has the correct money please as we will be unable to give change.** Please be aware we will not be selling these from the school office.



## Dinner Money

Please can you ensure when sending dinner money in to school it is in a sealed and named envelope. We have had a lot of loose change handed in and this can get lost.



## Well Done!

Well done to Jemima C in Chestnut Class who spent 4 hours before Christmas helping to make up hampers and present sacks for ‘Feed Up Warm Up’ to surprise families in need. Well done Jemima, what a lovely thing to do!

## 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 medals which will be displayed on our PE celebration board. We know that most sports clubs won’t be going ahead for a while but please can parents still send in any ways that children are keeping active at home so that we can celebrate this!

Congratulations to the following children:

### Year 1

Isla R— Isla and her football team (Hitchin Belles) ran and walked as far as they could everyday, over 4 weeks in January, to raise money for a charity called Hattie’s Rainbow of Hope and Appeal.

### Year 3

Joel B— Received Student of the Year Award in the Stotfold Class of Letchworth and Biggleswade Tae Kwondo club.



# Sheffield Lower School

## Easter Holiday Club

*For children who attend Sheffield Lower in Years 1- 4*



Year 1 - Monday 29th March 9.00am—3.30pm

Year 2 - Tuesday 30th March 9.00am—3.30pm

Year 3 & 4 - Wednesday 31st March 9.00am—3.30pm

*Numbers are limited to 30 children per day and places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.*

£18.00 per day

£12.00 per sibling

## **BOOK NOW !**

Booking forms are available on ParentMail. Please contact the [schooloffice@sheffield.cbeds.co.uk](mailto:schooloffice@sheffield.cbeds.co.uk) if you require a paper copy.



**If your child has:**  
**a high temperature**  
**a new, continuous cough, or**  
**a loss of, or change in, sense of**  
**smell or taste**

**This could be a sign of**  
**coronavirus**

**Book a test**

**If your child has:**  
**a runny nose, is sneezing or**  
**feeling unwell**  
**But they don't have:**  
**a high temperature**  
**a new, continuous cough, or**  
**a loss of, or change in,**  
**sense of smell or taste**

**These are**  
**not normally symptoms of**  
**coronavirus**

**Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial**  
**111 or see your GP**

# parent safety measures

## **Walk the one way**

The one way system prevents the risk of contamination from passers by, and also helps to maintain the social distancing.

## **Keep the distance**

Covid spreads less easily if people aren't close to each other. We have marked out lines to stay behind, and a safety box at the door to keep clear. Please stay outside of the box when talking to teachers.

## **One adult per drop off or collection**

With 500 families, keeping numbers down will help to keep you safe, reduce the infection rate and help to keep our school empty. Please do not arrive on site in twos, or threes, or with friends.

## **Fewer adults on site**

## **at the same time**

Our staggered timings reduce the numbers of adults on site at any one time. We know they don't fit everyone, particularly if you have several drop-offs, so please talk to us if you have exceptional challenges. We have classes using different doors, and we also request adults move on after their designated time to help us keep congestion down. We are available by phone or email to answer queries and support you.

## **Sanitise and hand wash**

Kill the virus in its tracks by using soap or hand sanitiser, and support your child to understand the benefits of hand hygiene

## **Masks**

If you enter the reception foyer, you will be in an enclosed space with other users. We advise you wear a mask. In all situations, please do not discard masks on the school grounds. Use bins or take them home to dispose of. We recommend contacting the office by phone or email in most circumstances.

**Thank you  
for your support**



## Community News

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

### Baby Days



**Ideal for baby's birth to 12 weeks old  
Book a place on the next virtual course  
12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> March 10-11am**

Covering aspects of your baby's growth and development over 3 weeks

Week 1 Getting to know you – Sleep information

Week 2 Baby cues – Brain development - Ages and stages

Week 3 Feeding – wellbeing - what next?



If you are interested in attending our virtual 3-week programme via Microsoft Teams or have any further questions, please contact the children's centre on 0300 300 8112 or email [info@shefforddistrictcc.org.uk](mailto:info@shefforddistrictcc.org.uk)



Shefford and Stotfold Children's Centre  
0300 300 8112



**Babies and children love the sound of your voice  
have time together to share stories**

### Bookstart pack

**Claim your free book start pack from your  
local children's centre**

**Shefford Children's centre School Lane,  
Shefford SG17 5XA**

**Stotfold Children's centre Rook Tree Lane,  
Stotfold SG5 4DL**

- Baby Pack ideal for birth to 12months
- Two year old pack



Shefford and Stotfold Children's Centre School Lane  
Shefford SG17 5XA 0300 300 8112





Safe, active, together.



## Multi-activity Holiday Camps for your children!

Our Holiday Camps have been making kids happy for over 20 years, and this Easter should be no different. Our super-fun sessions are jam-packed with safe activities for every child to enjoy.

To book now, visit  
[premier-education.com/holiday-camps](https://premier-education.com/holiday-camps)

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## Our Holiday Camps near you...

**Venue:** Henlow Academy

**Dates:** 29th March - 1st April & 6th - 9th April 2021

**Times:** 08:00 - 16:00

**Price:** £80 - 4 day block booking (£20 per day)

**Ages:** Juniors (5-8 years) & Seniors (9-12 years)

### Additional Info:

We will be continuing to work with a 'bubble' system to keep your child & our staff safe, following current guidance.

### Taking every precaution

Our Activity Professionals have been undergoing additional training in order to provide the best care to the children under their supervision, specifically the Transcend Level 2 Award in Infection Prevention, Mitigation and Management.

### They will need

- A packed lunch
- Plenty of water
- Suitable clothing for the weather
- Loads of energy!

**Premier Education Promise:** In the event these courses are cancelled, we will issue a full refund within 7 days.



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# Diary Dates

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

<b>Spring Term 2021</b>	
19th March	Comic Relief
26th March	Last Day of Term
<b><i>29th March</i></b>	<b><i>Year 1 Easter Holiday Club</i></b>
<b><i>30th March</i></b>	<b><i>Year 2 Easter Holiday Club</i></b>
<b><i>31st March</i></b>	<b><i>Year 3 &amp; 4 Easter Holiday Club</i></b>
<b><i>12th April</i></b>	<b><i>Inset Day</i></b>
<b><i>13th April</i></b>	<b><i>Children Return to School</i></b>
<b><i>14th April</i></b>	<b><i>Year 3 Egyptian Day</i></b>
<b><i>16th April</i></b>	<b><i>Year 4 Bikeability</i></b>
<b><i>28th April</i></b>	<b><i>Class Photos</i></b>
<b><i>19th April—30th April</i></b>	<b><i>The Big Pedal</i></b>