



Weekly Update

Friday 12th November 2021



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Dear Families & Friends,

This week in school we have been delighted to be part of our community events. We will be part of the event on Sunday. ALL pupils are welcome to meet me to walk with me in the parade. Please wear school jumper if doing so.

The town restored the war memorial re-enamelling the names of the fallen. Descendants of the fallen were invited to attend the 100th anniversary event. This included three children from our school. Sid, Ted and Allis Rainbow. We also took our school's pupil parliament, who laid our wreath and presented Her Majesty Lord Lieutenant with a card. The town mayor spoke on behalf of Shefford residents and we heard readings and prayers also. Our children also met the president of the Royal British Legion. Some parts were videos to show the rest of our classes.

In school, our children were part of a Shefford school's broadcast organised by Samuel Whitbread. Two of our children accompanied Mrs Ross to join children also attending from Robert Bloomfield. They practised poems and their moving reading were broadcast to all three schools.

Mrs Hall and her team set up the immersive room so that all of our children could lay their wreaths by the projected Epitaph in Shefford and parade past the wreaths that they had made in class.

Packed lunches—please ensure lunches for children are healthy. This has been shown as crucial for brain development. We ask that lunches only contain one sweet treat. Tooth health has become a wider issue for UK children so this is also a concern. Drinks bottles that are kept in classes should not therefore contain juice to sip all day. We appreciate your support with this.

Mrs Ross' challenge is in this weeks newsletter. The answer last week was "A Beaver".

As previously stated, we will not be inviting parent in for Christmas shows due to Covid restrictions. The children this year will be performing on stage to other bubbles however. Therefore it is not feasible for us to film this. Parents are invited to join us for our end of term carols on the playground. The lovely PSA will be there to serve drinks and mince pies also.

You will receive communication from our Chair of Governors this week regarding Central Bedfordshire's recalibration. This means the move to become a primary is currently on pause, but is still committed to take place. We hope to also share CBC's communication with you shortly.

Our cloakrooms are beginning to look more manageable. We thank you immensely for ensuing draw string bags for P.E and book bags that fit flat in trays. Please, please, please name all coats, hats and scarves.

Our children in Key Stage 2 developed 'Passion Projects' for a project organised by Biggleswade & Sandy Lions. Mrs Ross worked with staff to develop creative ideas aligned to children's own interest. These were superb and yesterday the members of the Lions came into school to see the final projects presented.

Thank you for sending in plants for our values garden. Mr Wakefield has been revamping our tyres. We do still need plants. So please continue to send these to him.

Many thanks and have a wonderful weekend.

From Mrs Finch



Values

The values of November will be Friendship & Tolerance

"A day without a friend is like a pot without a single drop of honey left inside it." Winnie the Pooh by A.A Milne.
Tolerance is understanding, rather than 'putting up with'. Exploring building supportive and trusting networks and knowing who to talk to. This will also be explored in Anti-bullying month

House Points and Attendance W/E

05.11.21

House Points

Water—595
Fire—526
Air—491
Earth—416

House Attendance & Punctuality Winner

Water



Arriving to school on time

When pupils arrive late, they miss out on essential instructions given at the beginning of the lesson.

This can significantly reduce achievement, regardless of academic ability. Your child may also feel awkward arriving to the classroom when everyone else is settled. Furthermore, when one pupil arrives late, it disrupts the entire class and the teacher—everyone's education is compromised.

5 minutes late a day = 3 DAYS OF SCHOOL LOST A YEAR

10 minutes late a day = 6.5 DAYS OF SCHOOL LOST A YEAR

15 minutes late a day = 10 DAYS OF SCHOOL LOST A YEAR

20 minutes late a day = 13 DAYS OF SCHOOL LOST A YEAR

30 minutes late a day = 19 DAYS OF SCHOOL LOST A YEAR

Mrs Ross will be posting weekly challenges for children to complete.

Answers will be welcome by Mrs Ross throughout the week.

Good luck.

Last weeks answer was A Beaver

What am I?

- I am a strong swimmer and I like fish but not seals
- You won't find me at the North Pole
- I am a bird but I can't fly
- I like being in a huddle
- I am usually black and white



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

Mythbusters

Myth: "It's up to me if I smack my child to punish them."

Buster: This will always be investigated and recorded on *CPOMS by schools, because the law forbids smacking except in exceptional circumstances. EG: If the violence you use is severe enough to leave a mark, a scratch or a bruise, you can be prosecuted for assault.

*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



REMEMBRANCE DAY

Left We Forget

In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

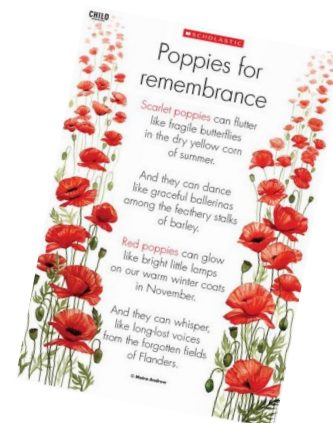
Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from falling hands, we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

John McCrae 1915

"The fighting part made me sad but when the poppies grew in the fields that was the happy ending."

"I went to the Immersive room and saw poppies all around. It was very special."

"I enjoyed doing the reading at Samuel Whitbread it was exciting to read in front of so many people."



Year 1 Shuttleworth Trip



"I have never been so close to an aeroplane"



"I loved the ride on the old bus because the horn made a funny sound"



"We saw a Penny Farthing"

"The wheels on the oldest tractor were spiky"

Shuttleworth Trip.

We had a guided tour of all the old transport and even got to ride on a bus that was nearly 100 years old.

Eco Council



The Eco-council went for a walk this week to Millennium Green to raise the Green Flag that has been awarded. The Eco-Council had a fantastic time and even tried out the new QR trail that starts in the car park.

"I loved seeing all the fascinating facts on the trail."

"Francesca was really kind and knew loads of facts about the Millennium Green."

"I can't wait to go litter picking here."

"I am really proud of them for achieving the Green Award."

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



Thank you for your kind donations so far. We have added some more items to our Amazon wish list that will greatly benefit your children with their learning this year. If you would like to purchase a book for our school please click [here](#)



Please let the office know if you need assistance or adjustments for any disability.

Blue badge holders can access the staff car park.

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— Jake, Plum—Jacob , Peach— Lee

Year 1

Chestnut— Delilah, Holly— Althea, Sycamore— Nancy

Year 2

Maple— Thea , Oak— Jay-Ross, Willow— William

Year 3

Cedar— Jake, Hawthorn— Ruben , Elm— Mabel

Year 4

Ash— Scott, Hazel— Joel , Beech— Leo



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	Eloise—Swimming, Orla—Swimming, Fabrizio—Swimming, Max—Football
Water House	Charlie—Swimming, Eden—Football, Lauren—Gymnastics, Bobby—Football
Fire House	Lara—Swimming, Tommy—Football,
Earth	Shae—Football



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

EXCUSE ME

THANK YOU

Reception

Amelia, Samantha, Libby, Harriet, Calella, Rory, George, Louisa, Alice & Essie

Year 1

Toby, Katlyn, Grace, Arla, Ava, Alex & Teddy

Year 2

Ben, Michelle, Indiana, Jack, Sophie, Jemima & Eden

Year 3

Max & Marley

Year 4

Maisie, Jessica, Masen & Lilly



PSA News

Our next meeting is this **Thursday 18 November at 7.30**

Due to restrictions being reintroduced this will now be virtual.

Details will be sent out over the weekend so please ensure you have let the school office if you wish to attend.

Upcoming events

Christmas cards and products - A massive thank you to everyone who has purchased products. You should have received everything ordered by now all being well and have helped us to raise approximately £600!!! Final amount will be confirmed shortly.

Christmas raffle – Be on the lookout for raffle tickets coming home in book bags next week. There is a wide range of fabulous prizes on offer.

All monies and stubs need to be returned to school by Monday 29th November.

Christmas lights switch on - We will have a stall at the switch on this year and it would be fantastic to have you support if you attend the event.

How to support the PSA



Help us raise **FREE** funds for

Shefford Lower School PSA

every time you **shop online**

Just search for us on easyfundraising.org.uk



DINO BANK

You'll find him in the school entrance.

He's always hungry and is kept happy by feeding him your spare change!

Thank you



How the lottery works

£1 per ticket

That's right, unlike many other lotteries, our lottery tickets are only £1 per week.



Help us do more

For every ticket you play, 76% goes to our school and prizes.



£25,000 grand prize

Match all 6 numbers and you win the JACKPOT!



A big thank you to everyone for your continued support of our PSA

Community News

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



Was your child born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018?
They will start school in September 2022, so you need to apply for a school place by 15 January 2022.

Apply online at www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

You can also complete a paper application form which is available from your local school or by contacting School Admissions: admissions@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk 0300 300 8037

A great place to live and work.

If your child is due to start lower school or transfer to middle school you need to apply for your school place by the 15th January

Please follow the link for application guidance

Application Guidance



Our Sporty Scholars Camp is the place to be!

Enjoying Sports Coaching, Christmas Crafts, Curling, Go Karts & Christmas Disco!

LOCATIONS
Milton Keynes: Willen Primary School
Filtwick: Templefield Lower School
Dec 20th - 23rd & 27th - 30th
Ages 3-12 Price from only £17.50
We Accept Childcare Vouchers

BOOK NOW: www.sportyscholars.com Tel: 07877 86 11 12

[Booking Link](#)



MEET SANTA AND HIS ELVES AND SUPPORT CHUMS CHARITY

AT BARTON ROVERS CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

GET READY FOR CHRISTMAS!

PRESENTS FROM SANTA, CHRISTMAS MUSIC, MAGICAL SNOW GLOBE, CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES, CHILDREN'S RIDES, FESTIVE STALLS, DISCO FROM 8PM AND MORE...

DECEMBER 17 | 4 PM

BARTON ROVERS FOOTBALL CLUB

FOR TICKETS CONTACT
EMMA.STEWART@CHUMSCHARITY.ORG OR
[HTTPS://BIT.LY/SANTAFORCHUMS](https://bit.ly/santaforchums)



Parenting Insight

Coping with the Christmas Holidays

Guidance on stress management and managing worries over the Christmas period

Opportunity to ask questions, gain information, advice, and guidance from The Bedfordshire Wellbeing Service

Bedfordshire Wellbeing Service
Along a festive afternoon through 'Starry, Starry'.

Thursday 2nd December 2021
4.30-5.30pm

Free to attend via Microsoft Teams

Register for your place via the Eventbrite link below
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/169601287015>

Resources will be sent out after each session

Organised by the CBC North Localities Early Help Teams:
For more information, please contact:
North Early Help earlyhelp@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk



Christmas FOOTBALL CAMP

Join us for our fun Christmas Football Camp
December 21st - 23rd 2021
Pendleton Sports Centre
Stotfold

Limited Places Available



Biggleswade Music Centre is OPEN!

Enrol today www.inspiringmusic.co.uk/



inspiring music
in Central Bedfordshire

Saturday mornings never sounded so good!

Our Saturday Music Centres offer a chance for musicians of all ages and abilities to play and learn together in an informal and fun setting.

They offer varied music-making opportunities, such as string and jazz ensembles, keyboards, ukuleles, folk group, junior band and concert band.

And they are a great stepping stone if you are looking to go on and perform with a local group, orchestra or collective.

For full details of activities, please visit our website.

Please sign up via our website before you visit
(14 day cooling off period applies)

Amphill Music Centre
9.30am to 12.30pm
Redborne Upper School
Filtwick Road
Amphill MK45 2NU

Biggleswade Music Centre
9.30am to 12.30pm
Stratton Upper School
Ragle Farm Road
Biggleswade SG18 8JB

Leighton Linslade Music Centre
9.30am to 12.30pm
Vandyke Upper School
Leighton Buzzard
LU7 3DY

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LEIGHTON-LINSLADE LEWIS COOPER

Enrol today— [Inspiring Music](#)



Professional Insight

Gain information, advice, and guidance on a different subject each month

SEND

Information on SEND services
Guest speakers from Home-Start, SENDIASS and SNAPP

Monday 8th November 2021
4-5pm
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/168103493073>

Coping with Christmas holidays
Guest Speaker: Bedfordshire Wellbeing Service

Monday 29th November 2021
4-5pm
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/169601287015>

Find ways to guide the children and young people that you support

Free to attend via Microsoft Teams

Guest presenter 4:00pm

Opportunity to ask the presenter questions

Resources will be sent out after each session

Organised by the CBC North Localities Early Help Teams:
For more information, please contact:
West Valley Community Partner - Karen Widdow karen.widdow@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk
West Mid Beds Community Partner - Natalie Gould natalie.gould@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

10% discount for siblings. NHS. Police and Military Personnel

Held at Pendleton Sports Centre, Stotfold
Camp drop off 10am, pick up 3pm
Available to players between the ages of 4-15 years
Delivered by UEFA B and FA Licenced Coaches

Book Today:
Head over to: www.midbedsfutsal.co.uk
Send us an email: midbedsfutsal@gmail.com

[Booking Link for Mid Beds Futsal](#)

Sheffield Lower School

Diary Dates

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

Autumn Term 2021

19th November	Children in Need Fundraiser
15th—19th November	Anti Bullying Week
2nd December	EYFS Christmas Concert PM to the school
3rd December	EYFS Christmas Concert PM to the school
6th December	Year 4 Christmas Concert to the school
7th December	Year 2 Christmas Concert to the school
8th December	Year 1 Christmas Concert to the school
9th December	Year 3 Christmas Concert to the school
10th December	PSA Present Day
14th December	Christmas Dinner Day
15th December	EYFS Christmas Party and Santa
16th December	KS1 (AM) and KS2 (PM) Christmas Party and Santa
17th December	Carols on the playground and End of Term
4th January 2022	SPRING TERM Begins—Children Return
13th January	Year 2 St Albans Material Trail
1st February	Chinese New Year
8th and 10 February	Parents Consultation Evening
11th February	Year 4 Bikeability
14th—18th February	Half Term
W/C 21st February	Year 3 Swimming lessons begin for 6 weeks
16th March	Year 1 Woburn Trip
30th March—1st April	Year 4 Residential Trip
6th June 2022	Extra Bank Holiday to mark The Queen's Platinum

Please refer to our school website for the Academic Calendar for 2021/2022

[Term Dates Links](#)