



Weekly Update

Friday 15th October 2021



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Dear Parents & Carers,

I've had the pleasure this week of being outside at lunchtimes quite a bit this week. This is always wonderful for head teachers, because we can see who the children play with and how they play. It is clear that our children deliver on the values we teach and that adults act quickly when children find play difficult. We are always appreciative of your communications in this regard as well. As much as we encourage children to talk to us in the moment, we know they often recall and open up once they are home too. Thank you for your support.



This week we have opened our new sensory trail in our small wooded area. This includes an outside classroom and a pow wow seating area. The trail circles the seating area with mirrors, instruments, feely paths and other sensory items. This was brought about by using two grants to support outside learning and we have already used this for a targeted club and targeted support in school.



This week, volunteers came to school for training. We are thrilled that we have a group of willing volunteers able to commit time, and prepared to undergo the enhanced DBS checks required to help in class. We use our volunteers for a range of support, including reading. Volunteers might also be asked to support on trips due to their training and checks and as they come to know the class and teachers, to support with other aspects of learning. Thank you again for your interest and dedication to our school.

Another way to get involved, or support, is to join the wonderful PSA. It is with their support we have been able to add to our sensory trail, or consider saving for a dinosaur exhibit. Children in our school all experience the immersive room and this was a previous project paid for by the PSA. Coming up on Friday is the PSA mufti day, one of their many fundraising events. All funds go back into school to support your children. We do ask that the rules around merchandising are adhered to, and ensuring appropriate footwear and clothing for play etc is still considered on a mufti day.

Our unnamed lost property is becoming full! Please, please write names on everything. A sharpie pen will do the job for most items. We can't stress this enough, and know that families can ill afford to lose repeated items of clothing. Thank you for your support.

Thank you also to families who have replaced rucksacks with long handled or draw string bags. Our cloakrooms are much safe places, and Tidy Ted is finding it very difficult to choose which cloakroom is the winner each day!

With rising numbers of Covid positive cases within our school community and the surrounding area, we are taking a cautious approach to Christmas shows. We are switching from larger key stage performances, to year group shows that the children can practise in their classes. We have decided that we will re-evaluate after half term whether we can invite parents into one hall. If we did decide on this, we would need consider additional measures such as providing one child/one parent places, insisting on masks and ensuring one way enter/egress of the hall for social distancing. We may yet decide that the children perform their shows to the rest of the school rather than to an outside audience, or we may look at outside options. Whilst I know these measures might be disappointing, we clearly do need to consider the safety of all of our community, and we thank you for your understanding. We would also be keen to hear your contributions, so please do feel free to email me via the school office.

Parents consultations are next week, and we have a number of families that have opted for virtual meetings, and we respect this request. You will by now have been sent an option to make an appointment. We will be meeting you in year group rooms, and ask that you wear a mask when you arrive on site if you have a face to face appointment. Thank you.

We are set to have some autumnal sunshine this weekend.

Enjoy!

From Mrs Finch



Values

The values of October are 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 and Attendance W/E

01.10.21

House Points

Fire—920
Water—782
Air—650
Earth—462

House Attendance & Punctuality

Earth—96.90
Air—95.92
Fire—95.33
Water—94.81



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 every day = 3 DAYS OF SCHOOL LOST A YEAR

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

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

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

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



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](#)



DSP photography will be in school on the 20th of October for individual children's photos. Please can your child come to school with a red jumper or cardigan.

Thank you

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 none of the school's business if I let my child watch films with a 15 certificate."

Buster: The school has an obligation to ensure children are not exposed to material rated beyond their age, and log all concerns on *CPOMS. Rated material may be targeted at stress and tension levels that are developmentally inappropriate, may expose children to images or themes that are harmful and disturbing, or can be accompanied by targeted advertising for older age groups.

*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



Celtic Harmony Trip

On Tuesday Year 3 visited Celtic Harmony in Hertfordshire as part of their Pre-history learning on the stone, bronze and iron age. They made bread, clay pots and arrowheads out of soap. We observed round-houses and identified the materials they were made of along with re-enacting a story from this period



"We saw roundhouses from the Iron Age"

"My arrowhead is pointy. This would have been used for hunting"

"We saw a pheasant called Gerald who lives there"



Parents Consultation Evenings are on Tuesday and Thursday next week.

Please book your slot via Parentmail
The PSA will be in the Poplar Classroom with refreshments and Nearly New Uniform



Lost property

We have over 70 items of un-named lost property that has been gathered since the beginning of term. Lots of named items have been returned to their owners.

Please can we remind you to clearly name your child's clothing with their name and class. Items that are not claimed by the end of term will be donated to the nearly new sale.

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

Clubs available to book next half term. Please complete the online booking form on your Parentmail app



Shefford Lower School Holiday Club

For children who attend Shefford Lower in Years 1-4



October Half Term

Monday 25th October No Spaces

Tuesday 26th October 9.00am—3.30pm

Numbers are limited to 30 children per day on a first come first served basis.

£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.

KS1 and KS2 Clubs

Autumn Term 2 2021	
	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. WEDNESDAY—AFTER SCHOOL—KS2
	Gymnastics Club Join Miss Sharma and Miss Leary for Gymnastics Club where you will have fun exploring both floor and apparatus to learn and perform a range of different movements and skills. TUESDAY—AFTER SCHOOL—KS1
	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. THURSDAY—AFTER SCHOOL—KS2
	Art Club Join Mrs Kumar and Mrs Smith for Art Club to show your creative side whilst exploring a range of different styles and artists. THURSDAY—LUNCHTIME—KS1
	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. MONDAY—BREAKTIMES—Year 1 & 3 THURSDAY—BREAKTIMES—Year 2 & 4
	P.E. Club Join Mr Tilbury every week at P. E club. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday—Year 1 Tuesday—Year 2 Wednesday—Year 3 Thursday—Year 4

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—Louie, Plum— Allis, Noah & Georgia, Peach—Tyler & Bobbie

Year 1

Chestnut—Mya, Holly—Frankie, Sycamore—Nelly

Year 2

Maple— Lacey-Mae & Zoe, Willow—Raith, Oak—Bethany

Year 3

Cedar—Rosie, Hawthorn—Imogen, Elm—Isabella

Year 4

Ash— Masie, Hazel—Masen—, Beech—Edward



Shefford Sporting Successes

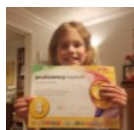
We celebrate children's sporting successes from home as well as those in school. Please send us photos of your child's certificates and/or medals which will be displayed on our PE celebration board and celebrated in assembly. Well done to these children who have shared their sporting success this week.

Beth —Gymnastics—Fire House

Niamh —Gymnastics—Fire House

Eleanor—Street Dancing—Air House

Charlie—Football Man of the Match—Earth



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



Reception

Harriet, Amelia, Samantha, Jean, Eleanor, Oliver, Teddy, Seb, Imogen, Toby & Clara

Year 1

Imogen & Sid

Year 2

Evie, Maria & Daisy

Year 3

Rachel & Crystal

Year 4

Rosa, Freddie, Cameron, Phoebe & Freya

PSA News

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 18 November**

Recent news

A MASSIVE thank you to everyone who has ordered products from Cauliflower Cards and to all of the school staff and members of the PSA who helped organise this amazing fundraising initiative.

All orders will be sent back to school once created. Watch out for dates in future PSA News.

How to support the PSA

We have heard from a parent who recently used Easyfundraising and has said it's "so easy to use and there are loads of brands on there" and then added "with Christmas coming up, it's free money"

It really is very easy to set up and use - you can even set up reminders to prompt you to use the website.

Please take the time to check it out next time you plan on shopping online.

Help us raise **FREE** funds for

Sheffield 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.



great prospects

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.

JACK COLLISON SOCCER SCHOOL
 FORMER WEST HAM AND WALES INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALLER

*****NEW*****

ONE-TIME **50% BRING-A-NEW-FRIEND DISCOUNT** (BOTH CHILDREN)

IMPROVED **20% LOYALTY DISCOUNT**

STANDARD **10% SIBLING DISCOUNT**

OCTOBER CAMP!
 FOOTBALL GAMES, COMPETITIONS, PRIZES AND FUN FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 5-13
 25TH - 28TH OCTOBER, 10AM-3PM, RBA SHEFFORD, SG175BU
 1,2,3 AND 4 DAY TICKETS AVAILABLE
 BOOK ONLINE NOW!

[JC Booking Form](#)

October Half Term FOOTBALL CAMP

Join us for our October Half Term Football Camp
 October 26th - 28th 2021
 Pendleton Sports Centre
 Stotfold

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

[MBF Booking Form](#)

Street Tag to launch in Central Bedfordshire Schools



Street Tag has teamed up with schools in Central Bedfordshire. Pupils and their families can enjoy walking and cycling to school using the Street Tag app!

[Please click for more info](#)

NHS

Children's Community Health HUB

Your one stop contact point

0300 555 0606
cca.bedsandlutonchildrenshealthhub@nhs.net

Open 9am-5pm every weekday (excluding BH)

New contact number and email address for the Beds and Luton 0-19 services, including:

- Health Visiting
- School Nursing

New contact number for:

- Luton Community Paediatric services (Edwin Lobo Centre)
- Beds and Luton Looked after Children's services

Health HUB - a single contact point, making it easier for you to get in touch with us.



Luton Children & Adults Community Health Services

Bedfordshire Community Health Services

NHS

My child has received a neurodiversity diagnosis (e.g. Autism or ADHD)

Where can I find help and information?

The DIAGNOSIS SUPPORT PACK is an online 'one-stop shop' for information, resources and signposting for families.

- Introduction
- Profiles of Neuro-diversity
- Initial Approach
- What to expect at your appointment
- Steps
- Medication
- Talking about a diagnosis
- Sensory Processing Needs
- Mental Health
- Supporting Social Communication Development
- Best Practice Guide for Professionals
- Contact Information and Resources
- Jargon Buster
- Portable resources and links

www.cambscommunityservices.nhs.uk/dsp

This pack has been co-produced with the help of parents, young people, local Parent Carer Forums, CAMHS, Bedfordshire Education Psychology and other key partners

Bedfordshire Community Health Services

Luton Children & Adults Community Health Services



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Diary Dates

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

Autumn Term 2021

19th and 21st October	Consultation Evenings
20th October	Individual School Photos
22nd October	PSA Mufti Day (£1 Donation)
25th—29th October	Half Term
1st November	Inset Day
4nd November	Curriculum Evening
4th November	Diwali Day
9th and 10th November	Year 1's Shuttleworth Trip
12th November	Children in Need Fundraiser
15th—19th November	Anti Bullying Week
2nd December	EYFS Christmas Concert PM
3rd December	EYFS Christmas Concert PM
<i>6th December</i>	<i>Year 4 Christmas Concert</i>
<i>7th December</i>	<i>Year 2 Christmas Concert</i>
<i>8th December</i>	<i>Year 1 Christmas Concert</i>
<i>9th December</i>	<i>Year 3 Christmas Concert</i>
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
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](#)