



Weekly Update

Friday 16th April



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Dear Families and Friends,

We might have only been back for 4 days, but so much has happened already!

A firm favourite this week has been our Egyptian Day in year 3. This is always a colourful learning experience, and our visitor *Howard Carter* shared his experience of Tutankamun's tomb with us. This coincided with news on the BBC relocating the Egyptian queens and pharaohs, as well as the discover this year of an ancient city.

Thank you for ensuring mask wearing on our premises. There are safety measures we can take, and our aim is to provide the most safe environment possible. We will be reviewing the one way paths with Robert Bloomfield prior to half term. Thank you again for ensuring children dismount bikes and scooters on the busy path. It's always nice to be there and praise our children for their superb conduct first thing in the morning, and to see the excellent role modelling from the older RBA children too.

Happily, we have had excellent attendance figures for the school. There is a strong correlation between school attendance/punctuality at this age, and school achievement at GCSE. We all want our children to be successful, so I'm happy to report good figures for Sheffield Lower School.

We are advertising teaching assistant vacancies this week for part time inclusion work. Please help us to ensure we recruit super people by sharing our vacancies when you see them. We also have a vacancy arising for a mid-day supervisor.

As you know, we think reading every day is crucial. Children build neural pathways for things they do daily, and language is such a vital part of development that there is no surprise how daily reading improves learning in every way. We give house points out for each and every daily read too.

We learned that Sheffield Saints are fund raising after their site was sadly damaged. We will be holding a fundraising sports mufti on PE day – this is FRIDAY. Children are encouraged to wear their sports wear (Particularly if they play for Saints) and think about sports they admire for a suggested £1 donation to this community facility.

Today our children in year 4 are doing 'BikeAbility' and learning how to stay safe when cycling, as well as all of the health benefits being active every day brings. As I walked through school today, I saw lots of other children were learning about health too. In year 1, Mr Tilbury was encouraging the daily challenge. The children were seeing how many star jumps they could achieve in a minute, to see if they can improve this. Year 2 children in Life Learning were exploring healthy eating, and in year 3 they were using their Science lessons to understand protein, minerals, vitamins, fibre and more....

Our leavers will not be having a residential this year, so Mrs Hall has organised for the children to attend the Frontier Centre, and is also arranging that the three days originally booked will be fun packed sessions off the usual time table. More on this later.

The restrictions have made it difficult to do things 'whole school', so we are delighted that we will be able to *visit the theatre* next week to watch The Lorax. This coincides with Earth Day too. Our office will be sending home permissions for children who are in year one, but are not 6 years old yet, so please watch out for this. Our Nursery and Reception classes will be using the story book.

We have parents consultations coming up soon, and will be contacting you to make an appointment to speak with your child's teacher. This is an opportunity to collaborate with families that we value immensely. Please do look out for this in the coming week. We gain so much from your ideas and support.

As many of you know, we will be transitioning from a lower school to a primary school in 2023. Whilst much of the work is still very much behind the scenes at the moment, we would like to form a parent focus group for our school. As you know, we cherish the excellent communication we have with families, and seek to ensure we get this right. A focus group will provide constructive 'parent voice' to our school communications on a number of issues, as well as the Local Authority's 'Schools For the Future' roadmap. There is no 'work' involved by participating in this group. I would like to organise this for half termly meetings. If you could be part of this group please let our office know.

Have a lovely weekend

From Mrs Finch

House Points and Attendance

Well done to the winning houses, and last week for house points and attendance!

W/C 22/03/21



House Points

Water—1808

Earth—998

Fire—3005

Air—2357



House Attendance

Air—97.35

Water—96.47

Fire—94.75

Earth—94.93



Values

The values from April 13th —April 30th are **Cooperation and Sharing**

Team work, playing a part whether large or small, encouraging each other to be included and feel valued. Sharing games, sharing equipment, sharing feelings, sharing friends. Understanding what might make others reluctant to share or cooperate and helping each other overcome these barriers.

Year 3 Egyptian Day

On Wednesday 14th April Portals to the Past came into school as Howard Carter for an Egyptian Day where Year 3 dressed up for the occasion. The children took part in games, crafts, learnt about mummification, and some became Pharaohs and Queens. Here's what they had to say;

"I loved being the fan bearer for the Pharaoh"

"My favourite part was when we played the Ancient Egyptian game of Hounds and Jackals"



Sheffield Sporting Successes

We celebrate children's sporting successes from home as well as those in school. As clubs begin to start up again, 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.



Amazon Wish List

Just a reminder about our Wish List on Amazon! It contains carefully selected books and resources which we know will greatly benefit your children with their learning this year. If you wish to purchase a book for our school, please use the link below to find the full list:



https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2ZZUJD59NIDQ7/?ref=nav_wishlist_lists_1?encoding=UTF8&type=wishlist#

This list is updated by staff throughout the year and can be accessed by anyone. We've made it really easy to donate a book to the school:

You can choose to get the books delivered directly to the school office or if you wish you can add it to your personal shopping and simply bring it in.

Thank you so much for your help with this matter. Your donations will be gratefully received and the children will benefit massively.

Phone Calls Home

Teachers will be making phone calls home every week to let parents and carers know how well their child has been working and for showing school values! Keep up the good work Shefford Lower!

W/C 22/03/20



Reception

Peach — Eleanor W

Pear — Annalise H

Plum — Sid B

Year 1

Chestnut — Scarlett

Holly — Georgia S

Sycamore — Aria K



Year 2

Maple — Charles L

Oak — Charlie M

Willow — Emily B



Year 3

Cedar — Willow S

Elm — Rose P

Hawthorn — Ella Q-W

Year 4

Ash — Daniel H

Beech — Mikey O

Hazel — Riley C





VACANCY – APRIL 2021

2 POSTS

TEACHING ASSISTANT – 20 hours over 5 days
Inclusion Support

NJC Level 2A, SCP 3 -4 (£18,065 - £18,426 FTE)
£9.36 - £9.55 per hour – pay award pending

Or

NJC Level 1D, SCP 2 – 3 (£17,711 - £18,065)
£9.18 - £9.36 per hour – pay award pending.

Sheffield Lower School is an excellent, thriving, friendly and values based school with over 500 children on roll. Our school offers a very well-resourced and vibrant learning environment for both children and staff to develop and achieve their potential. We pride ourselves in our community and a warm school family.

We have a vacancy for 2 Inclusion Teaching Assistants to support children with an Education Health and Care Plan. An NVQ Level 2 qualification in childcare is preferred, together with a minimum of 6 months' experience of working with children in an educational setting within the last 5 years. Members of our team must be caring, cheerful and proactive being able to support children with a range of learning and pastoral needs.

Closing Date: 26th April 2021

Interview Date: 28th April 2021

Interested applicants should complete an application form which is available on our School Website.

All staff are required to follow our policies and procedures working in line with the ethical framework and values of the school.

Sheffield Lower School is committed to safeguarding children and all appointments are subject to enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service Check



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**



PSA News

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 29th April @ 7.30pm** via Zoom

Would you like to join the PSA?

One of the main benefits that people gain from being involved in the PSA is the feeling of contribution to their child's school life and also the social aspect of meeting other parents.

During our meetings we discuss ideas for future fundraising and community events for the benefit of the children at Shefford Lower School.

Does this sound like something you want to be a part of?

Please contact us through the school office or via our Facebook page to find out more about the PSA.

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

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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

	<p>£1 per ticket</p> <p>That's right, unlike many other lotteries, our lottery tickets are only £1 per week.</p> 	<p>Help us do more</p> <p>For every ticket you play, 75% goes to our school and prizes.</p> 	<p>£25,000 grand prize</p> <p>Match all 6 numbers and you win the JACKPOT!</p> 
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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.

The graphic features a vibrant, stylized landscape with a blue sky, green hills, a winding river, a bridge, a castle, and a playground. In the center, the text 'sustrans BIG PEDAL 2021' is prominently displayed in a bold, colorful font. Below this, a white box contains the text 'Go on an amazing journey every day'. Further down, another white box contains the dates '19-30 April'. At the bottom, there is a section for prize sponsors and the website 'www.bigpedal.org.uk'. The Sustrans logo is in the bottom right corner.

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BIG PEDAL
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19–30 April

Go on an amazing journey every day

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19–30 April 2021

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Start Back Date - Wednesday 14th April 2021

£4 per session - 13 week block of Development

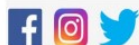


Times/ages: 5-6pm = 5 - 9 years & 5-6pm = 10 - 14 years

**UEFA B coaches – Youth Award Level 3 - Enhanced DBS - Safeguarding
BFAS (Basic First Aid for Sport)**

Contact: Natasha – 07957980492 – natasha@4cornercoaching.co.uk

www.4cornercoaching.co.uk



JACK COLLISON SOCCER SCHOOL EASTER FUN DAY 9TH APRIL 10AM UNTIL 3PM



Enjoy an Easter feast of football with our UEFA qualified coaches at Jack Collison Soccer school. Our fun day will include coaching, games and an opportunity to try your luck on our inflatable dart board. With prizes on offer throughout the day, every child will also receive a certificate and easter treat.

SHEFFORD STMA, SHEFFORD, SG17 5JA

FOR AVAILABILITY AND TO BOOK YOUR TIME SLOT, VISIT

[HTTP://WWW.JACKCOLLISONSOCBERSCHOOL.COM](http://www.jackcollisonsoccerschool.com)

OPEN TO ALL GIRLS AND BOYS AGED 5-14 - ALL OUR COACHES ARE DBS CHECKED AND ENGLAND FA QUALIFIED

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Diary Dates

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

Summer Term 2021	
<i>23rd April</i>	<i>Shefford Saints Fundraising MUFTI Day (£1 Donation)</i>
28th April	Class Photos
19th April—30th April	The Big Pedal
3rd May	Bank Holiday
31st May—4th June	Half Term
7th June	Children return
2nd July	Transition (Move Up) Day
22nd July	Last day of Term