

Weekly Update

Friday 16th July



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Dear Families and Friends,

We have at last started to see good weather. However, this also brings with it some things to organise, such as sun cream on in the mornings, and names on hats. The 'sun safety' policy for the school is available on our website. Water drinking is the best thing for children and we encourage this throughout the day. This should not be juice of flavoured drinks that cause problems to teeth if used throughout the day.

We do try to ensure lost property reaches the right children, so please do ensure names are very clearly visible. Children take off jumpers, hats, shoes etc. We do advise sunhats that cover backs of necks too if possible. This is preferable to the use of sunglasses, which can be dangerous. If your child has exceptional circumstances requiring glasses, they must contain the quality mark. Not to have this, causes the eye to open up to increased sun damage, so cosmetic sun glasses are not allowed.

Our school are very grateful to have been nominated to give away a football camp for 3 days from Mid Beds Futsal. We understand that the community nominated us via social media. Thank you so much. Miss Leary and Mr Tilbury will announce their chosen winner. Today, we began a mentor group for football skills between two classes, and hope to extend this next year too.

Congratulations to our hardworking PSA - Raising monies for the school is always a team effort, and this year the sponsored bounce went ahead with phenomenal results. The amount on their notice board was raised even further since this picture was taken to very nearly £4000. Kim Massey steps down this year, as her children move on, and we thank her for her time previously as chair, and continued team support of the school.



This year, we say goodbye to staff members moving on too. Mrs Burrett has worked at Shefford Lower School in many guises. More recently in her role as resources manager supporting our IT providers and library. She will stay on in September as we recruit, but will be moving on as a tutor with best wishes from us all at Shefford Lower. Mrs Fuller leaves our reception team in the office and I'm sure many of you will have met and been welcomed by her, so will join me to wish her the best of luck. Mr Johnson has completed this year with us, and now moves on to new adventures. He has worked with a number of children in Poplar, Year Two and now Year Four. Good luck Mr Johnson. Finally, but not least, after many many years, Miss Dunn moves on. After studying hard alongside working at our school, Miss Dunn will be moving on to a new role within family support at a school providing specialist provisions. This is an fantastic move and certainly earned. Best of luck!

As with all things, we will of course be recruiting vacancies on our website and ask that you share this as much as possible so that we can reach the best candidates for our children.

Many of you will be organising yourselves for the school year ahead over the holidays. Our uniform policy is available on our website. We ask that you DO NOT buy ruck sacks. These do not fit on our pegs. This causes hazards in our cloakrooms and increases lost property. PE should be in a draw string bag so that the pegs then fit coats over the top. Books go in a flat book bag, which can then be kept in a drawer. Please also be mindful to ensure slogans and gaming for older age groups are not visible on items brought for children. If you have having difficulty sourcing or providing uniform, we do offer assistance. Every enquiry is welcomed and confidentiality is always met sensitively and with support.

Attendance at Shefford Lower has been good even through the pandemic. We have shared with you the benefits of good attendance and punctuality, along with the correspondence that at lower school, this can affect GSCE outcomes. In September, the DfE will be expecting schools to apply all obligations of attendance, including fixed penalty notices. The policy for Shefford Lower School is available on our website. The annual calendar is also published, so please do refer to this when booking within the 13 weeks holiday available to families throughout the year.

Have a great weekend,

Pamela Finch

Values

The values from 28th of June are Happiness & Hope

"It's the moments that I just stopped to be that I have been the happiest." Sir Richard Branson Looking forward to the future. Understanding optimism and looking for the best as we move forward. Reflecting on how to keep ourselves and other happy.

		dance W/E 09.07.21 week's house winners.	
	House	House	
	<u>Points</u> Fire—1397	<u>Attendance</u> <u>& Punctuality</u> Water—97.34	
98	Water—1324 Air—1253 Earth—1075	Fire—96.18 Air—93.51 Earth—93.23	

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.



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ROYAL NEWS

We are pleased to announce that Olivia in Ash Class and Esmae in Plum were crowned the Shefford Princesses on Saturday 10th July

All hail our new Shefford Princesses



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 with us this week



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/E 05/07/21





Reception Peach — Joseph S Pear — Theo J

Plum— Furquan H



Year 2

Chestnut— Bobby Holly— Edward G-B Sycamore— Ava C

<u>Year 1</u>

Maple— Ruben A Oak— Sonny B Willow— Crystal

<u>Year 3</u>

Cedar— Devon C Elm— Jacob S Hawthorn—Phoebe



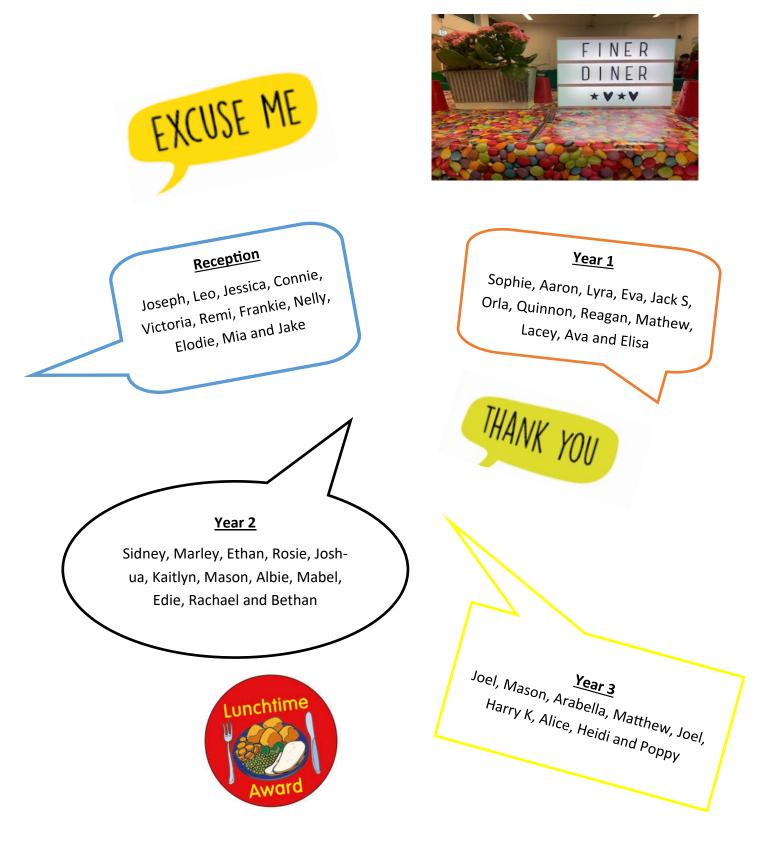


<u>Year 4</u> Ash— Rocco S Beech— Amelia F Hazel— Scarlett M



Finer Diners

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





Shefford Lower School Summer Holiday Club

For children who attend Shefford Lower in Years 1-4



Monday 26th to Friday 30th

9.00am—3.30pm

£18.00 per day

£12.00 per sibling

MONDAY and WEDNESDAY ARE NOW FULL SPACES ARE FILLING UP FAST BOOK NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

Booking forms are available on ParentMail. Please contact the schooloffice@shefford.cbeds.co.uk if you require a paper copy.

PSA News

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 14th July @ 7.30pm via Zoom

Upcoming events

Bounce

A massive thank you to everyone who helped, sponsored and bounced on Tuesday. Monies are being counted and we will have a final figure for your next week.

We are planning on lots of exciting events for the upcoming year – if you want to get involved then come along to our next meeting.

Would you like to join the PSA?

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





£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.

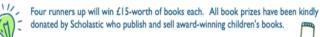


		ACTIVITIES 2021		SSC
26TH JULY - 3RD SEPT		ACTIVITY NAME	TIME	AGE GROUP
Mon 26th July		ACTIVE CHILDCARE	8.30am-5pm	5-12 years
Mon 26th July	7	GYMNASTICS EXPERIENCE DAY	10am-2pm	5-9 years
Tues 27th July	Y	ACTIVE CHILDCARE	8.30am-5pm	5-12 years
Tues 27th July - - Thurs 29th July	۲	3 DAY FOOTBALL ACADEMY	9am-5pm	5-12 years
Wed 28th July	1	ACTIVE CHILDCARE	8.30am-5pm	5-12 years
Thurs 29th July	Y	ACTIVE CHILDCARE	8.30am-5pm	5-12 years
Fri 30th July	W	ACTIVE CHILDCARE	8.30am-5pm	5-12 years
Friday 30th July		HIGH & MIGHTY ACTIVE ADVENTURE DAY	10am-4pm	8-14 years
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Tues 3rd August	1	ACTIVE CHILDCARE	8.30am-5pm	5-12 years
Wed 4th August	1	ACTIVE CHILDCARE	8.30am-5pm	5-12 years
Thurs 5th August	Ŵ	ACTIVE CHILDCARE	8.30am-5pm	5-12 years
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Mon 9th August		ACTIVE CHILDCARE	8.30am-5pm	5-12 years
Tues 10th August	Ŵ	ACTIVE CHILDCARE	8.30am-5pm	5-12 years
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Mon 16th August	Ŵ	ACTIVE CHILDCARE	8.30am-5pm	5-12 years
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Thurs 19th August	W	ACTIVE CHILDCARE	8.30am-5pm	5-12 years
Fri 20th August	Ŵ	ACTIVE CHILDCARE	8.30am-5pm	5-12 years
Mon 23rd August	w.	ACTIVE CHILDCARE 01234 340782	8.30am-5pm	5-12 years
Tues 24th August	Ŵ	ACTIVE CHILDCARE	8.30am-5pm	5-12 years
Wed 25th August	Ŵ	ACTIVE CHILDCARE	8.30am-5pm	5-12 years
Thurs 26th August	Ŵ	ACTIVE CHILDCARE	8.30am-5pm	5-12 years
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What could you win?

Schoolreader

Two winners will win £25 worth of books for themselves, along with £100-worth of books for their school's library. The two winners and their class also get a video call with award-winning children's author M. G. Leonard who wrote 'Beetle Boy', the Adventures on Trains series and new book 'Twitch!'



donated by Scholastic who publish and sell award-winning children's books.

The winners' book reviews will be featured on the Schoolreaders website.

When by?

All entries need to be submitted by 5pm on Thursday 30th September 2021

Important information:

This is a competition for pupils of primary school age in the UK. By entering the book review competition participants and their parent(s) or guardian(s) are deemed to have accepted and agreed to be bound by the terms and conditions. The child's name and age and an adult's contact details must be included with each entry. Please also include the name and town of the entrant's primary school so we can contact them

Send entries by e-mail to competition@schoolreaders.org or post them to: Schoolreaders, Bedford Heights, Brickhill Drive, Bedford, MK41 7PH.

To find out more about volunteering as a Schoolreader visit www.schoolreaders.org

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Have you read a book and want to tell everyone they should read it too? Well, now's your chance! Send us a review of your must-read book for a chance to win books for you and your school.

If you're a primary school pupil why not have a go at our

competition? You could win books for yourself and £100-worth of books for your school library!

Read a book this summer and send us your book review for a chance to win a bundle of books for you and your school

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You can use one of the templates on our website, one from your school, or create your own. For full details about the competition, suggestions for what to include in your review, templates and terms and conditions, click here.





Summer Holiday Learn to Ride, Lose the Stabilisers

Get kids riding in a safe, off-road environment, supported by local Sustrans schools officer Alister Barclay. Choose a one-hour time slot and location that suits you, then contact alister.barclay@sustrans.org.uk, 07917 084663 for further details and to sign up.

Wednesdays at Robert Bloomfield Academy

Bloomfield Drive, Shefford SC	G17 5BU	
Wednesday 4th August	2-3pm	3-4pm
Wednesday 11th August	2-3pm	3-4pm
Wednesday 25th August	2-3pm	3-4pm

Thursdays at Stratton Upper School Eagle Farm Road, Biggleswade SG18 8JB

Thursday 25th July	10-11am	rian-izpin
Thursday 26th August	10-11am	11am-12pm
Thursday 2nd September	10-11am	11am-12pm

Sundays at Redborne Upper School

Sunday 25th July	1-2pm	2-3pm
Sunday 1st August	1-2pm	2-3pm
Sunday 22nd August	1-2pm	2-3pm

These are free events in our area please follow the links for more information

This clip from last year shows the impact of these activities (it's well worth a quick look): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UNwzMTWVnrg



Dear Parent / Guardian

Luton Town FC – Girls Skills Performance Centres

Luton Town Football Club Community Trust are looking to start a girls skills performance centre and we are delighted to offer your child 3 FREE TASTER SESSIONS at our community hub at Ely Way, Luton on Saturday 7°, 14°, and 21° August.

The training sessions will be put on by Luton Town Football Club coaching staff with the aim of improving individual technical development in areas such as dribbiling, passing and shooting as well as small sided games. The program is run to provide additional training to supplement the development they will get at their grassroots club.

The taster sessions are being put on with the aim to attract interest of running sessions weekly for girls across Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire. Times, days and venues will be confirmed for the 7 week term starting in September on the back of shown interest and with the aim to reduce travel time for families to access the training session.

The FREE taster sessions will run from 10:00am – 11:00am at Luton Town FC Community Hub and Training Ground, Ely Way, Luton, LU4 9QN.

The program is for girls in school years 1-7 and to register, please complete the consent form below and return via email to <u>Tps@lutontown.co.uk</u>. Telephone booking is also available through our community line on once server.

All your child will need is sports kit and a water bottle, the session is open to girts of all ability levels, they do not need to play grassroots footbail. We are able to provide sessions catered for beginners and more advanced footballers.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as we can.

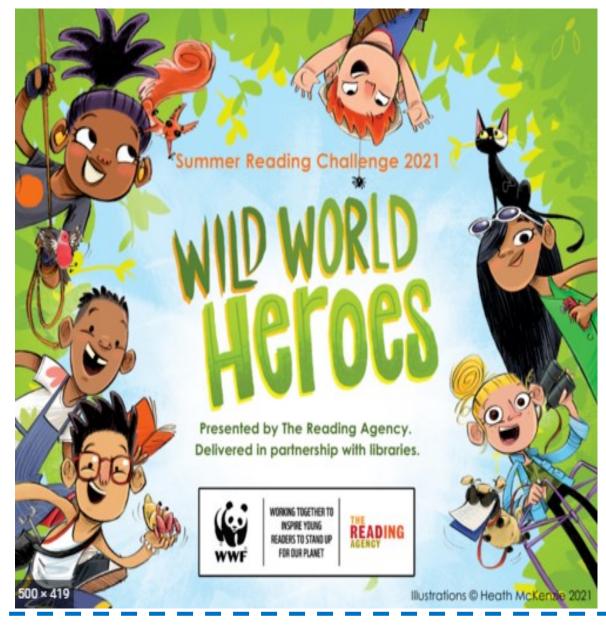
Kind Regards

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Skills Performance Centre Team Luton Town Football Club	
Name of Child	Year Group:
Any Medical Conditions:	
Contact Number	Email:
Name of Parent / Guardian:	Days Attending: 7th / 14th / 21st / All
Name of grassroots club (if applicable):	

Luton Town F.C. Community Trust, ilworth Stadium, 1 Maple Road, Luton, Beds, LU4 8AW Tel: 01582 561622 e-mail: Tips@lutontown.co.uk



Return information noted at the bottom of the letter to this email <u>Tips@lutontown.co.uk</u>.



The Health HUB is a single contact number and email address for our 0-19 school nursing and health visiting teams across Bedfordshire and Luton

Since the launch on 1 June 2021 we are averaging around 250 calls per day, and 200 emails per day. Our call centre is manned by four call handlers everyday who take your calls, with our busiest time of the day between 9am and 11am for the phone line.

If you have any suggestions or feedback about that Health HUB that you would like to share with us – please email us: <u>ccs.childrenscommunityhealthhub@nhs.net</u>

Email: ccs.bedsandlutonchildrenshealthhub@nhs.net

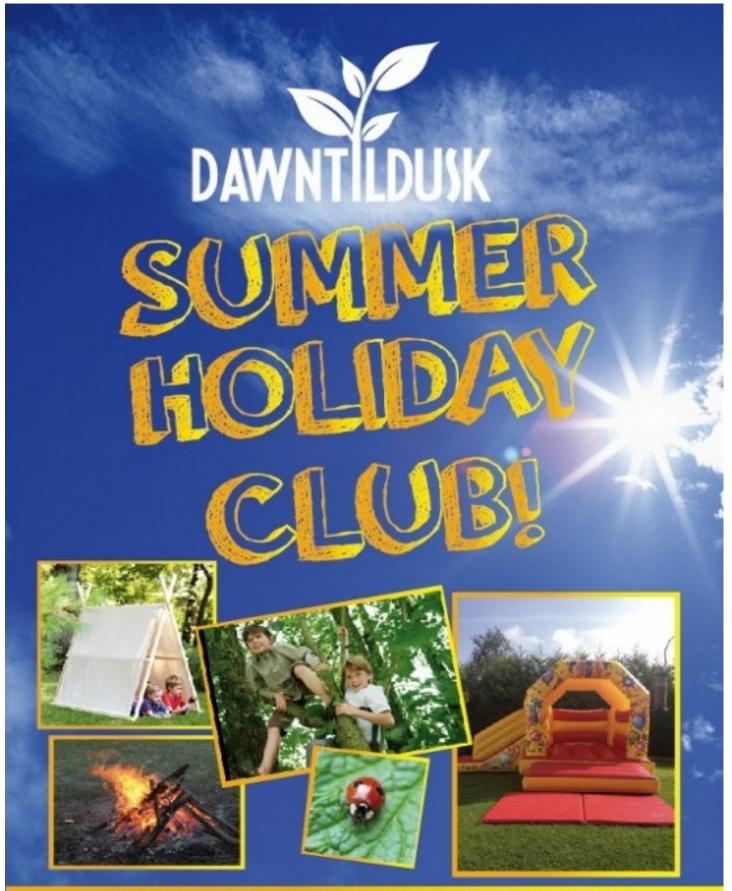
Your one stop

contact point

Tel: 0300 555 0606

Children's Community

Health



PLEASE CONTACT THE CLUB MANAGER ALISON FOR FURTHER DETAILS 07913 352568 WWW.KIDSDAWNTILDUSK.CO.UK



Family support Drop in

We provide a friendly service to families with children 0-12years No need to book a place, turn up on the day or call us for more information



Tuesday 9 - 12 @ Arlesey Youth Centre High St SG15 6SN

Wednesday 9 - 11 @ Shefford Children's centre School Lane SG17 5XA

Friday 9 - 12 @ Stotfold Children's centre Rook Tree Lane, SG5 4DL

	Shefford and Stotfold Children's Centre S	
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Find us on Facebook	0300 300 8112	6 prospects

Time for Two's

Join us for 4 weeks for play, fun & information around the development

of your 2-year-old either virtually or in a small group

Stories, rhymes, mark making, messy play

Patterns of behaviour, Healthy Movers and free gifts Wednesday 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th June 10-11am Bookable



Young parents

A social session for parents under 22years old with your baby or child

Every Wednesday 11 – 12 noon at Shefford Children's centre Call or Text if you would like to join us 07585889226

Drop ins

Drop in for one-to-one support for your baby or child, including advice on sleep, behaviour, feeding & one to one breast feeding support.

Tuesday 9-12noon Arlesey youth centre, High St Arlesey SG15 6SN

Wednesday 9-11am Shefford Children's centre, Shefford.SG17_5XA

Friday 9 - 12noon Stotfold Children's centre, Stotfold SG5 4DL

Introducing solids talk

Tuesday 25th May or Tuesday 29th June 10.30-11.30 at Arlesey youth centre, High St Arlesey SG15 6SN

Call 0300 300 8112 or Facebook message to book a place



Little Explorers - Buggy walk

Meet up with other local families, a nice place to socially distance, walk, explore, and play in open spaces, woodland, or the play park. Suitable for babies and toddlers.

Bellcote Meadow, Purcell Way, Shefford SG17 5RY

Every Wednesday 10.30-11.30am

Children's Centre News

Please find information and an up to date timetable for drop in sessions for families with children aged 0—12 years

Speech and language

Are you worried about your child's speech, listening, interaction or stammering? Book a phone consultation with our speech and language therapist on:

26th May or 28th June 9.30-11.30

Email sue.rogers1@nhs.net with your contact details.

SEND Book start corner

Book start is a lovely session covered over three weeks for families with children aged 1 to 3years. Develop the love of stories and rhymes through socially distanced activities each week. This session is tailored to children with additional needs. Free book pack and resources.

Thurs 20th 27th May & 3rd June at Stotfold Children's centre 10-11am

Call to book a place 0300 300 8112

Baby Days

Tuesday 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th June 10.30-11.30am



At Shefford Children's centre. Call to book a place

A four-week postnatal course for parents with babies 0-3 months old. A friendly course, enabling you to meet other new parents find out about sleep, growth spurts, feeding, development, childhood illnesses.

Bump Birth and Baby stuff Antenatal course

A 4-week antenatal course for expectant parents 29weeks or more. Topics on- what to expect as a new parent, birth, feeding, safe sleeping babies brain development and equipment you might need.

11 th , 18 th	, 25 th June	and 2 nd	July	2-3pm
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16th, 23rd, 30th July and 6th August 2-3pm

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At Stotfold Children's centre Call to book or for more details

Schools For The Future Going primary

FAQ—How will the change happen?

We will move from a three form entry school into a two form entry school. For a while we have more classes, and so there will be temporary space provided by Central Bedfordshire Council.

ear		Number of classes in	each school year <code>ɛ</code>	group						
		Cherry								Total
		Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Classes
Se	pt 2022	unchanged	3	3	3	3	3			15
	2023	unchanged	2	3	3	3	3	3		17
	2024	unchanged	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	19
	2025	unchanged	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	18
	2026	unchanged	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	17
	2027	unchanged	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	16
	2028	unchanged	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	15
	2029	unchanged	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	14

Children will stay with us once they join us, and the change to a two form entry will be gradual. For a while we will have extra classes, which the council describe as 'bulge years'. Funding is provided to buy resources and furniture.

Shefford Lower School Diary Dates

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

Summer Term 2021				
20th July	Year 4's Leavers Disco			
21st July	Year 4's leavers picnic and performance			
<u>21st July</u>	<u>Year 2 Sports Afternoon</u>			
22nd July	Last day of Term			

26th—30th July

Autumn Term 2021	Autumn Term 2021
6th September	Years 1 to 4 Children return to school
10th September	Reception Children return to school
13th September	Cherry Children return to school

Governor's News

As we move into the final phases of this academic year the Governing Boards focus has been to support the school through these unprecedented times. This has been a big focus for us as governors, particularly on the recovery of the students learning journey. Shefford Lower School strives for excellence and are committed to

a policy of inclusion, well-being, and education of all pupils. We believe in the potential of all children and take seriously our responsibility to enable them to achieve their very best. We will endeavour to make sure the school focus is on progress and recovery as we move into the next academic year.

We are working closely with the Local Authority and School to ensure that the twotier transition is at the forefront of plans and ensure that this happens smoothly for every child. We will keep you updated on any further developments.

If you are interested in a position within our Governing Board, please email the school office. Further information regarding positions will communicated within the Shefford community this term.

