



## Weekly Update

Friday 16th October 2020



Dear Families and Friends,

A huge thank you from all of us here  
and also from the 'Need Project'.



The Harvest collection of food was amazing. We were delighted that our collection was as wonderful as it usually is, and this was noted when it was collected too. It will all go to families in need of support. Our children were able to watch a video presentation of Reverend Valentine, and our pupil leaders took our food to Reverend Ronnie to be blessed. We learned about the significance of Harvest, as part of the Bedfordshire Agreed Syllabus for RE. As always, we have been keen to be involved with our community and you may have seen our flag flying above the town hall. Our mayor, Paul Mackin, greeted our new pupil leaders with the flag we had made in school, and this was hoisted high to display our autumn branches with our values. Our harvest message tree can be seen in the pharmacy window.



It's been a rather busy week here. We had our first school trip too! At the moment this is our only trip planned. It was selected because it is mostly outside at Celtic Harmony and year 3 were able to travel in their bubble on coaches to the destination, where we were the only school on site. We were incredibly proud of our children, and very impressed with the staff there too. Many safety measures were in place and the children asked lots of meaningful questions as part of their learning.

In school, we have been thinking more about Christmas, and staff have been pooling together ideas too—our Eco Council are thinking about alternatives to cards as well. Our lunch staff are already coming up with ideas and we have also thought about music whilst we have restrictions around singing in groups. I can assure you that we will most definitely have special times in store.

Before this though, we have Remembrance. It is no coincidence that we begin this by moving our values focus on Monday to 'Tolerance & Friendship'. Our children will experience activities and focussed discussions about being a good friend and what it means to be different. This will move us into the month of November, and when the curriculum brings us 'anti-bullying week'.



We were thrilled this week to have been donated some artwork for our school. Local Langford artist, Sally Quorn framed and sent us her artwork when she learned we were enquiring for our school. The children have been invited to ask questions about being an artist, and we know some of our children will be inspired to make their own creations.

Next week, we have PSA mufti day to look forward to, and this is an opportunity for the PSA to raise funds for the children. A polite reminder from me to be mindful of clothing that is merchandised around gaming for older children, such as Fortnite. Thank you.

Have a great weekend. From Mrs Finch

## Values

The values from 28th September — 16th October are **Respect and 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.*

*Developing our community by building each other up and including everyone in our groups so that they feel a sense of belonging.*

## 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. After half term our PE assemblies will be beamed into every class too.

Congratulations to the following children:

### Year 3

Devon C— Star of the Week at dance

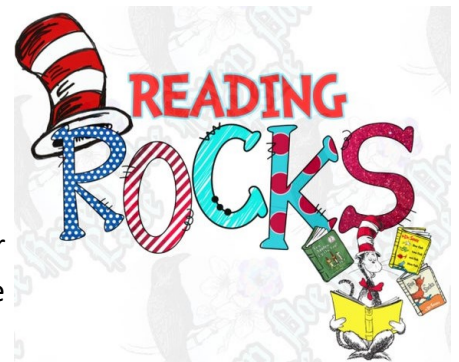


## Donations for Cherry

Cherry Class would be very grateful for donations of girls leggings/trousers aged from 3-5 years.

## **Useful websites and tips for reading with your child:**

- Oxford Owl has free e-Books online—especially good for younger children. Why not see what your child would choose to read?
- Lovers of non-fiction can have a field day on great websites like [National Geographic Kids](#) or the fantastic [Guinness World of Records](#)—great ways to read loads of fantastic facts.
- BookTrust have some great online resources, including younger age books you can read online. Get your child to read to a younger sibling, your pet or even to grandparents over the



## 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 05/10/20



### Reception

**Peach** — Jessica C

**Pear** — Anella C

**Plum** — Ethan R



### Year 1

**Chestnut** — Kiarno D

**Holly** — Bethany L

**Sycamore** — Kelly Y



### Year 2

**Maple** — Amelie S & Imogen L

**Oak** — Lola D & Lara R

**Willow** — Imogen H

### Year 3

**Cedar** — Frankie P

**Elm** — Reece H

**Hawthorn** — Amelia N

### Year 4

**Ash** — Kimberley H

**Beech** — Abbie H

**Hazel** — Rhys R





# Sheffield Lower School

## Holiday Club

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



## October Half Term

Parents can choose from one of two days:

Monday 26th October—**FULLY BOOKED**

OR

TUESDAY 27th October 9.00am-3.30pm

**LIMITED SPACES REMAINING**

Numbers are limited to 15 children per day on a first come first served basis

£18.00 per day

£12.00 per day

## BOOK NOW !

Booking forms are available on ParentMail or paper copies can be collected from the School Office.

## PSA News

Next meeting – Wednesday 21 October @ 7.30pm via Zoom

Would you like to join us?

Please feel free to contact us via the school office email or our Facebook page if you would like to find out more about what the PSA does and how you can get involved.

We have a core elected committee along with a wider committee that you are welcome to join.

We also have a list of people who would be happy to volunteer time or skills at events throughout the year. We are always looking for more people to join us, all you need is to be a legal parent/guardian of a child attending Shefford Lower.



Dino bank

Thank you to everyone who has fed our dino – we have raised £66.53!

### Upcoming events

Friday 23 October – PSA Mufti – For a suggested donation of £1 you can wear non-uniform for the last day of the half term.

Christmas Cards – Packs are with classes and will soon be sent home for you to order your child's artwork to be printed onto Christmas cards ready for the festive season.

Christmas hamper raffle – tickets have been ordered and hampers are being filled for the annual Christmas hamper raffle. More information will be coming out soon – look out for the raffle tickets in your child's book bag in November.





**Do you find it hard  
to make yourself  
understood?**

**Pegasus** is a scheme  
for people who may have difficulty  
in communicating their details when  
making contact with the emergency services.

**It's free of charge to join the scheme...**

You won't have to waste time providing personal  
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- Register online at [bedfordshire.police.uk/Pegasus](http://bedfordshire.police.uk/Pegasus).
- Your PIN card will be posted directly to you, or a trusted person, or both.

**You can show your PIN card to a police officer, or other  
emergency services staff if you need help.**



**If you need us...**

1. Dial 999/Textphone 1800 or chat to us live through our webchat service.
2. Say "police"
3. Wait for the operator
4. Say "Pegasus"
5. Give your PIN or name
6. Tell us how we can help you

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of this poster  
to register later**

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email [autism.champions@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:autism.champions@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk)  
for more information.



**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.***

Dear Parent/Carer,

We're pleased to be able to send you the Sep/Oct Families magazine.

It is full of resources and ideas to help you and your family through the autumn term and to keep your children entertained, busy and productive.

You can read the magazine [here](#).



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# Diary Dates

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

Autumn Term 2020	
20th October	Parent Consultation Evening
21st October	Individual School Photographs
22nd October	Parent Consultation Evening
23rd October	PSA Mufti Day
26th October	Half Term
2nd November	Inset Day
3rd November	Children Return to School
3rd November	Year 1 Vision Screening
6th November	Diwali Day
13th November	Children in Need
16th November	Anti-Bullying Week
26th November	Flu Immunisations for Year R, 1, 2,3 and 4

2nd December	EYFS Dress Rehearsal 2.00pm
3rd December	EYFS Concert 10.00am
4th December	EYFS Concert 2.00pm
7th December	KS1 Dress Rehearsal AM, KS2 Dress Rehearsal PM
9th December	KS1 Concert 9.30am, KS2 Concert 2.30pm
10th December	KS2 Concert 9.30am, KS2 Concert 2.30pm
11th December	Present Day
14th December	Christingle 50th Anniversary
15th December	Christmas Dinner
16th December	EYFS Parties with Santa AM
17th December	KS1 Parties with Santa AM
17th December	KS2 Parties with Santa PM
18th December	Christmas Carols End of Term