



Weekly Update

Friday 17th September 2021



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Dear Families and Friends,

It's going quickly already. Lovely to have so many smiling faces at the path when I greet too.

We have a special week this week, as we have been husting, casting votes and using our independent adjudicator to count the ballot. Our town mayor, Mr Ken Pollard, is in school to present our pupil leaders with their badges.

House teams are AIR—Abhinaya, Emmanuel and Devon, EARTH—Harry, Iris & Lily-Joyce, FIRE—Faith, Ashley & Jackson, WATER—Freddie, Grace & Tristan.

Parliament are Layla, Ben, Howie, Eleanor, Jasmine, Sam, Thea, Cayden, Aaron, Isla, Layton, Eva, Jake, Lola, Immie, Ollie, Imogen, Taylor, Denis, Arianna, Sid, Ekam, Leo and Maya

The children learn valuable lessons through the voting system, not just about our democracy, but also about managing feelings of joy or disappointment.

Each class has house representatives as values ambassadors, and Mr Wakefield has been regenerating the values garden with the help of our super site managers, Mr Nittolo and Mr Thorogood. We continue this month with Unity and Belonging before we move on to Respect and Responsibility.

Values in school reflect also the Ethical Framework which Sheffield Lower School is committed to. This means we model those values to the children all of the time, expecting the best from ourselves, because we expect the best from them.

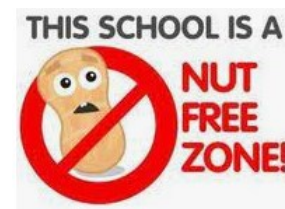
This week I had parents asking me about the traffic situation in Bloomfield Drive. Mr Farmer from Robert Bloomfield and I both canvass Central Beds Council often about the safety of our roads, and we are users of those roads with our own families. We agree that more needs to be done to support safe journeying, and we are pleased our councillors take this seriously too. We understand we are due to have the double yellow lines marked where they have been proposed, and that increased traffic enforcement will be in the area. Please park responsibly, or use the park and stride options available. Our school has two very established breakfast/after school clubs also.

I remind parents of the hazards within the building when we have rucksacks. These are not part of uniform, and our July newsletter provided descriptions of the types of bags with long handles which can be hung safely on our pegs. This avoids trip hazards, but also numerous items of lost property.

Don't forget, next week is 'Reading for Pleasure' day. Children learn from the adults around them, and when you read, it is shown in secure research that your child is more likely to become a reader. We all know how this aids learning and thinking and children earn housepoints daily for good reading habits.

The PSA will be meeting later in the month. I urge as many of you as wish to, to come along and see what the PSA is like. They are a group of friendly and supportive parents who help us achieve all that we do in school.

Have a great weekend — Mrs Finch



Values

The values of September are Unity & Belonging

"I can do things you cannot. You can do things I cannot. Together we can do great things."

Mother Teresa

Starting our new classes with a sense of togetherness and belonging. Belonging and working together in our school, as a new class, in our house groups. Developing our community by including everyone so everyone feels a sense of belonging.



House Captains



Vice Captains



Prefects



School Parliament Members 2021-2022



Mythbusters

Myth: *"It's none of the school's business if I let my child play games with a 12 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. Older users may contact your child with the intention of harming them*

*Child Protection Online Management System

Thank you everyone who donated today and wore there Jeans for Genes

Shefford Lower Raised a fantastic

£ 398.48

**WEAR
JEANS
CHANGE
LIVES.**



Drama

WE NEED YOUR HELP

We are looking to collect some items as drama resources. If you have any of the following items, you no longer need we would appreciate your donating them to school. Items should be in reasonable condition and child safe. We are looking for objects that can be used as props for drama activities and are versatile. Things we are looking for are; hats for different purposes, capes, glasses with different shaped frames, swathes of material



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#](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.

Shefford Lower School

Uniform

Parents are asked to send their children to school clean, tidy and appropriately dressed. The school uniform comprises of:

Boys: Grey trousers or shorts, white polo-shirt and red jumper or sweatshirt. Black school shoes (not trainers); plain black, white or grey socks.

Girls: Grey skirt/pinafore dress or trousers, white polo-shirt, red jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan. Girls may wear plain black shorts under a skirt or dress. Black school shoes (not trainers); plain black, white or grey socks or tights.

Red and white checked dresses may be worn in the summer months with black cycling shorts underneath.

PE: Boys and girls wear black shorts and house t-shirts for PE with black plimsolls. Jogging bottoms, sweatshirts and trainers will be needed for outdoor activities.

House colours:

Your child will be allocated a house group by the school office upon admission. Each house is designated a colour, which your child will wear for PE and sporting events.

Earth House - Green

Air House - White

Fire House - Red

Water House - Blue

Black, white or coloured trainers are only allowed for outdoor PE and are not acceptable for daily school wear.

PE kit must be kept in a named draw-string bag and in school at all times.

Other bags are not allowed due to limited cloakroom space, book bags will need to fit in the child's class tray.

Ruck sacks in particular do not allow coats to be pegged over the top, and these then fall off and become a safety hazard.

Sweatshirts, cardigans, book bags, PE bags and summer hats displaying the school logo are available to purchase online. Some stock, including recycled uniform is available from the school office.



For your convenience, uniform can be ordered online. Please visit Price & Buckland www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/shefford. You will then be required to set up an account.



Sheffield 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

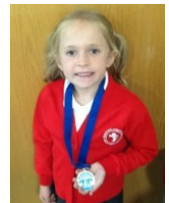
Fire House

Reece—Swimming
Dougie—Motorcross
Raith—Football
Isla—Football



Earth House

Jesse—Football
Emily—Running
Poppy—Running



Air House

Gabriel—Football
Sophie—Swimming & Football



Water House

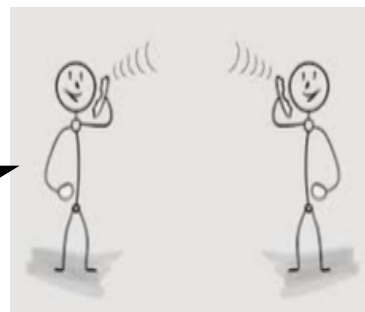
Bobby—Swimming
Charles—Swimming
Grace—Taekwon-do



Weekly Good News Calls

Teachers will be making 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



Reception

**Kovah G-G, Toby H,
Clara M, Jack C,
Jamie C, Teddy N**

Year 1

**Jack C, Jamie C,
Samuel N, Layla A,
Ezmee G,
Logan M**

Year 2

**Robyn W, Max
P, Olivia R**



Year 3

**Poppy R,
Dougie C,
Shiron**

Year 4

**Beth G,
Theo K,
Jacob S**



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

THANK YOU

Reception

Elsie, Robin, Harriet, Eleanor, Teddy, Beattie, Noah, Kovah & Clara

Year 1

Delilah, Niven, Emelia & Charlie

Year 2

Layton & Lana

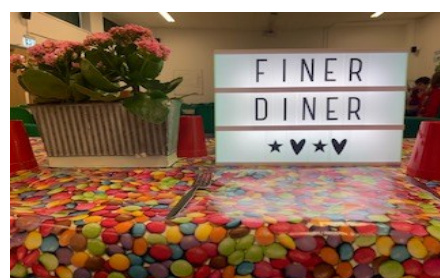
Year 3

Freddie, Kayleigh, Jensen, Remy







Year 4

Freddie, Hannah, Jessica, Louis, Kelsey, Owen, Jamie & Beth

EXCUSE ME



Clubs offered this term

Autumn Term 1 2021	 KS1 and KS2 Clubs 
	<p>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.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY – AFTER SCHOOL – KS1</p>
	<p>Science Club Join Miss Hass for Science Club where you will have fun exploring, investigating and observing through different practical experiments.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY – AFTER SCHOOL – KS2</p>
	<p>Choir Club Join Miss Mansell for Choir Club to learn a range of songs and singing technique to perform at various school and local events.</p> <p>THURSDAY – AFTER SCHOOL - KS2</p>
	<p>Healthy Living Club Join Mrs Jenkins and Miss Miller for Healthy Living Club, where you will have fun exploring different ways to stay fit and healthy. Find out how to keep you whole body and mind healthy by trying out new exercises and creating your own healthy snacks.</p> <p>THURSDAY – AFTER SCHOOL – KS1</p>



P.E Club
Monday—Year 1
Tuesday—Year 2
Wednesday—Year 3
Thursday—Year 4

Happy Little Yogi @ Shefford Lower School



- After school class
- Every Thursday afternoon with Becca
- Starting Sept 16th for 6 weeks
- A fun, playful, innovative programme
- For all age groups
- Website: www.happylittleyogi.com

The benefits of Yoga & Meditation for your child:

Improves focus, memory, self esteem and confidence, reduces anxiety and stress, promotes a healthy body image, brings awareness to being mindful and at peace with oneself. Improves posture, flexibility, strength, balance, coordination and motor skills.

Book your Childs space: <https://www.happylittleyogi.com/classes/after-school-clubs>

Activate Windows

Happy Little Yogi will be running an after school club starting on the 16th September.

We are only offering this to children in Year 3 at the moment to remain in our year group bubbles.

If you are interested please contact Happy Little Yogi directly

PSA News

To: All parents of Shefford Lower



You are invited



to: our first committee meeting of the
2021-2022 academic year

on: **Wednesday 29th September.**

with: tea, cake and biscuits.



RSVP : To the school office with your
name, your child's name and class.

PS We would love to have a
representative from every class so
please get in touch to find out more.

Community News

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

Parenting Puzzle

Do you have a child aged 3-5 years? We would like to invite you to our Parent Puzzle programme



During the 10-week programme we will look at different topics including:

- Understanding why children behave the way they do.
- Recognising the feelings behind behaviour (ours and theirs).
- Improving relationships and emotional well-being within families.
 - Exploring different approaches to discipline.

VENUE;

Shefford Children's Centre, School Lane, Shefford, SG17 5XA.

Dates:

Thursdays for 10 week course.

Starts 30th September, ends 9th December (no session 28th Oct).

Time :

9.30 to 11.30am

Booking:

Call 03003008112 to confirm your place.



Bike to School Week 2021

27 September – 1 October



Rapunzel

Following on from the huge success of Aladdin, BEST performing arts are inviting you to take part in this year's pantomime:

Rapunzel

Please find all the information that you would require for the Rapunzel rehearsals. Please fill in the form on page 2 and bring along to the first rehearsal on Monday 20th September.

Date: Monday 20th September 2019 4-6pm

Location: SWA-Meet in reception

Show dates: 7th to 10th December 2021

A rehearsal schedule will be issued on the first rehearsal. Rehearsals will mostly be on a Monday afterschool, with Thursdays being added closer to the time. There will be a rehearsal the weekend before the show.

Any questions please email: hmeadows@bestacademies.org.uk

Please complete and bring to the first rehearsal on Monday 20th September

Name..... Year Group

School

Email address (please note this is how important messages are given out so please put one that you check regularly)

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Emergency contact name: Relationship to student

Emergency contact number

Does your child have any medical conditions which we should be aware of?

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Does your child take medication daily Yes/No If yes, please list details below

.....

Does your child have any allergies?

.....

Signed

Date



DEVELOPMENT THROUGH DRAMA

One of the greatest life skills we can give our children is the ability to communicate confidently.

ROLEPLAY is vital to a child's development and increases social interaction, problem solving and communication skills. Through imaginative plays, we explore emotions and feelings which helps to boost **WELL-BEING** and **SELF-AWARENESS**.

WE GUARANTEE YOUR CHILD WILL DEVELOP EXCELLENT SOCIAL SKILLS THEY WILL NEED IN EVERYDAY LIFE.

- SPEAK & MOVE CONFIDENTLY
- ANSWER IN FULL SENTENCES
- FEEL GOOD IN THEMSELVES
- IMPROVE CONFIDENCE & ENTHUSIASM
- INCREASE SELF-ESTEEM
- ACT IN PLAYS
- WORK IN GROUP SITUATIONS
- MEET NEW FRIENDS
- DISCUSS SOCIAL ISSUES
- IMPROVE LISTENING SKILLS
- ENCOURAGE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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Wednesday
 9-10 Years, 6-7pm (Indoors)
Fridays
 4-6 Years, 6-6.45pm (Muga)
 6-8 Years 6-7pm (Indoors)

Henlow Church of England
 Academy
Wednesday
 10-12 Years, 6.30-7.30pm
 (Indoors)

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- Popular

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Football Development Centre Etonbury Academy – SG16 6XS by 4 Corner Coaching



Individual skills



UEFA coaches



Team play

**High Quality Football Coaching by very experienced coaches
 who supplement your own club sessions.**

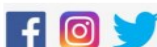
Developing - **Technical skills** – **Physical skills** – **Psychological skills** – **Social skills**

Start Back Date - Wednesday 15th September 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





Vintage



Working Weekend

25th & 26th September 2021

Vintage & Classic Tractors
Working Demonstrations
Commercial Vehicles
Vintage Vehicles
Beer Tent



Haynes Church End MK45 3QR
Just off the A6 South of Bedford



Gates Open
10.00 - 17.00

Admission Prices:
Adults - £5
Under 16's free



www.ovtc.org.uk

Enquiries call Edward : 07971 052170

Shefford Lower School

Diary Dates

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

Autumn Term 2021

24th September	Year 4's St Albans Cathedral Roman Festival Trip
<u>27th September—1st October</u>	<u>Bike to School Week</u>
4th October	Healthy Me Day
12th October	Year 3's Celtic Harmony Trip
19th and 21st October	Consultation Evenings TBC
20th October	Individual School Photos
25th—29th October	Half Term
1st November	Inset Day

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

[Term Dates Links](#)

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 school-office@shefford.cbeds.co.uk.