



Weekly Update

Friday 18th June



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Dear Families and Friends,

With the weather doing its thing, we are all crossing our fingers for our week of sports next week. It's been eventful in the news, with Roland Garros, and the start of the Euros. With England playing Scotland tonight, we reckon we have planned a super follow up.

As you know, we made this a bigger tournament, with the prediction that there would need to be compensating factors. With the restrictions still firmly in place, we sadly can't have parents in, but we know you will be cheering us on and encouraging the children to use their skills as well as their values. Our PE leader, Miss Leary, has been organising with our Sports Coach, Mr Tilbury. Children will be in house groups to compete a carousel of activities with a house winner of the day, and an overall house winner of the week. We encourage house coloured T-shirts and on this occasion children can arrive in their kits. We kick off with year one, and after year 4 take their turn on Thursday, our youngest pupils will have the Friday. In between this, teachers will be planning a range of sporting activities to make the week of sport truly eventful in each class, with our values ambassadors looking out for pupils showing patience, kindness, respect, tolerance, courage, generosity and excellence.

Transition day is the next thing on our mind. I chat with Mr Farmer at Robert Bloomfield about a number of things related to our two schools, and the close working relationship we have means that our children have as smooth a transition as possible. Whilst the shuffle up day is unlikely to go ahead, we will still see visits from RBA this side of Summer, and their dedicated year 5 day will go ahead in September as it did last year. Transition arrangements for vulnerable pupils are being arranged.

In our school, this means that we will be planning a carousel day for year 4, focussing on transition skills and learning. All other classes will transition to their new teachers as planned. We share classes with you just before shuffle up so that children can know where they are going, but not so far ahead, as our experience shows some children find this daunting.

We are fielding complaints regularly about parents who are not observing the one way system. We know people are fed up, but please help us. There isn't long to go until Summer. This path is part of Robert Bloomfield Academy, and as you know, they patrol this path and also talk to parents who do not follow the rules. Their health and safety advice is that this enables families to keep the 2 meter distance in front of them secure, and it is safest for our vulnerable families. Please do respect the difficult job school staff are doing to maintain safety. It is not uncorrelated that there have been a rise in local cases and absence this week, and we urge all our families to continue supporting the safety for the final few weeks.

The carpark is very busy, and we have insufficient spaces for the staff who come to work here daily. We also have 4 disabled places for the 12 eligible families that use our carpark. Unless you have a blue badge, you will not be given access to use the parking. Exceptional circumstances should be sent in writing to myself with supporting evidence. As we move to a primary, the parking at our site is one of the things we have raised to be part of the council priorities. We encourage you to also make your views known to the team dealing with 'Schools For The Future'.

The children learned lots during our 'World Oceans Day' and today Alfie proudly told me that 71% of the world is covered in water. So with that in mind, when Giovanni explained to me that we mustn't drop litter in the sea, we thought about the host of creatures that Imogen told me live there. A great day to think about climate change with the coinciding of the G7 Summit too. Well done children.

I have had a plethora of writing brought to me too this week. It's great to see the children understanding the process with first drafts and editing happening.

Have a great weekend, and enjoy cheering on your teams.

From Mrs Finch

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.

Year		Number of classes in each school year group								Total Classes
		Cherry Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	
Sept	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.

Values

The values from 7th of June are Simplicity & Freedom

"It's the simple things in life which are the most extraordinary" Paulo Coelho

Enjoying the simple things... around this time of year the flowers and trees are blossoming and we are outside more. Exploring the idea of mindfulness and taking time to relax and appreciate life

House Points and Attendance W/E 11.06.21

Well done to last week's house winners.



House Points

Earth—1294

Water—1216

Air—1155

Fire—1089



House Attendance & Punctuality

Fire—98.44

Air—98.08

Water—97.66

Earth—97.00



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:

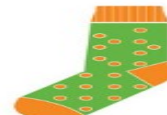
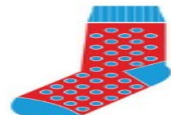
https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2ZZUJD59NIDQ7/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_1?encoding=UTF8&type=wishlist#



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.



Sock Donation Request

We have run out of spare socks to use in Early Years. If you have any spare we would very much appreciate a donation—especially with the wet weather we are experiencing. Please hand into your class teacher or into the school office.

Thank you for your help.



Shefford Sporting Successes W/C 14th June

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

Water House

Charlie—Cedar—Football
Deniz—Cedar—Football
Livvie—Cedar—Gymnastics

Air Hosue

Frankie—Cedar—Football
Elliott—Hazel—Football



This week the children have been having a go at a wall ball challenge. These are the children who made the most improvement over the week

Chestunu—Sophie & Bobby, Holly—Bethany, Sycamore—Charlie & Kelly

Maple—Daisy & Scarlett, Oak—Archie & Lara, Willow—Noah & Isla

Cedar—Niamh & Kiera, Elm—Sid & Lexi, Hawthorn—Cameron & Heidi

Ash—Theo & Evelyn, Beech—Joshua & Katherine, Hazel—Reubyn & Poppy

Next week, we will be having a Sports Week in school, with the children taking part in Sports Day within their year groups. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 restrictions, we will not be able to have any spectators for this. Each year group will complete their sports day on a different afternoon over the week as follows and can come in sports kit, including house coloured t-shirts, on this day:

- Monday - Year 1
- Tuesday - Year 3
- Wednesday - Year 2
- Thursday—Year 4
- Friday—Early Years

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 07/06/21



Reception

Peach — Jayda B

Pear — Remi D

Plum — Sid B

Year 1

Chestnut — Luca

Holly — Evie M

Sycamore — Vinnie



Year 2

Maple — Finley P

Oak — Lilly B-S

Willow — Noah



Year 3

Cedar — Tristan D

Elm — Victoria J

Hawthorn — Charlotte



Year 4

Ash — Ava N

Beech — Sophie R

Hazel — Ewan C



Finer Diners

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

Reception

Esme, Hattie, Eva, Jackson, Teddy, Annabelle, Charlie, Thomas, Miles, Remi, Kara, Leon, David, Lizzie, Louis, Freddie, Delilah, Leo, Amelia, Sam, Robyn, Victoria, Heidi, Annalise, Lumen, Sophie and Evelyn



EXCUSE ME

Year 1

Jesse, Seb, Lana, Scarlett, Adam, Grace, Evie, Edward, Oscar, Ben, Caiden, Joshua, Ava, Reagan, Reuben, Jacob, Amelia, Jack, Oliver, Olivia, Freddie, Esme, Daisy, Charlie, Sienna, Mathew and Bradley

Year 2

Paige, Ethan, Poppy, Lola, Charlie, Jake, Edie, Rachael, Noah, Sidney, Tommy, Poppy, Lara, Bethan, Edie, Shiron, Rory and Crystal

THANK YOU

Year 4

Kirstie, Daniel, Jude, Jorja, Reuben and Leyla

Year 3

Beth, Amber, Freddie, Jacob, Sisilia, Grace, Kelsey, Devon, Amber, Niamh, Jackson, Olivia, Jacob, Charlotte, Evie and Max





Sheffield Lower School

Summer Holiday Club

For children who attend Sheffield Lower in Years 1- 4



Monday 26th to Friday 30th

9.00am—3.30pm

£18.00 per day

£12.00 per sibling

BOOK NOW !

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



TEACHER OF MUSIC
2 days per week
Unqualified Teacher Scale (£18,169 - £28,735) MPR (£25,714 - £36,961)
UPR (£28,690 - £41,604) FTE
From September 2021

Shefford Lower School is a thriving, friendly, 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 have a long tradition of providing excellent opportunities for our children to enjoy and discover the benefits of music through learning instruments, being a member of the choir and other exciting activities. We are looking for a part-time teacher to work one or two days a week to deliver aspects of the music curriculum across our school and to continue prioritising music as a special part of learning. Some of the activities may be run before or after school and arranging after school concerts two or three times a year will be expected.

Applicants will either have qualified teacher status or have a track record of being able to deliver exciting, inspirational musical lessons and opportunities to groups of students. All applicants will need to be team players who have a passion to make learning fun and exciting and be prepared to work hard and be willing to embrace new initiatives and different ways of working. With the school moving to a primary in 2023, it will be important for you to know and understand what is required in the music curriculum in both Key Stage 1 and 2 to be ready for Key Stage 3 music.

We operate within a Framework for Ethical Leadership as a pathway school. Staff will be expected to embrace these principles which are available on our website.

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

Closing Date: Wednesday 23rd June 2021 at 9.00 am

Interview Date: Thursday 1st July 2021

Interested applicants should complete an application form which is available on the school's website:
www.sheffordlowerschool.co.uk

Visits to the school are welcomed – please contact Paula Hudson on 01462 629123.



4 x VACANCIES – September 2021

TEACHING ASSISTANT

**1 x full time position and 3 x part time positions hours to be confirmed
Inclusion Support**

**NJC Level 2A, SCP 3 -4 (£18,065 - £18,426 FTE)
£9.36 - £9.55 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 four vacancies for Inclusion Teaching Assistants to support children with Education Health and Care Plans. An NVQ Level 2 qualification in childcare is required, 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: 21st June 2021 - 9.00am

Interview Date: 23rd June 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

Community News

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



*We must teach our children
To smell the earth
To taste the rain
To touch the wind
To see things grow
To hear sun rise and night fall
To care*

Course Programme
Easter & Summer 2021

Activities

Summer Courses

Monday 9th August- 1 day course
Activities include:

- Sport/den building
- Pond dipping
- Art

Course 1: *Surviving in the Wild*

Activities include:

- Obstacle Courses
- Orienteering
- Adventure challenges
- Bushcraft

Course 2: *Stories of Nature*

Activities include:

- Botany
- Performing Arts
- Storytelling
- Creative Writing

Visit our website for more information about all the courses



- Places cost £15 for each two day course.
- If you sign up for two courses, the price is discounted to £25 total.
- £10 for 1 day course Monday 9th August
- Free places for those on free school meals or pupil premium.

Country Days is an educational charity providing outdoor learning in a beautiful 6 acre nature reserve for young people aged 7-11 in Bedfordshire.



Visit our website for more information about our sponsors. We are so grateful for their ongoing support.

Registered Charity Number 1181833



Summer Courses 2021

Monday 9th August- 1 day course

Course 1:

Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th August

Course 2:

Thursday 12th & Friday 13th August

Get in touch to book a place for your young explorer

By post:

PO Box 1591, Bedford MK42 5DT

By email:

info@countrydays.net

By telephone:

07599336532 / 07938267057

Visit our website:

www.countrydays.net



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SHEFFORD PRINCE AND PRINCESSES



Invite you to join them at the
crowning of the 2021/22
Prince and Princesses.

Are you age 5-13 years?
Do you live in Sheffield or attend Sheffield Lower School or Robert
Bloomfield Academy?
Do you want to be the Sheffield Prince or Princess?
Email in your application form to enter.

The crowning ceremony will be held following
the judging of contestants which starts at 2pm
on Saturday 10th July.

The event will be held on the lawns behind
St. Michael and All Angels Church Sheffield
in conjunction with the 'Welcome Back to
Sheffield' afternoon.

For further information, queries or application forms please contact
Sarah Potter 07929113728/ itsallbizarre@hotmail.co.uk

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Family support Drop in

We provide a friendly service to families with children 0-12 years

No need to book a place, turn up on the day or call us for more information

Behaviour support

Child Development

Feeding support

Info on activities

Confidential support

Vitamins & Doidy cups

Speech and language

Fresh food products

Benefit and debt advice

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
0300 300 8112



Children Centres

Children centres provide high quality services to children, 0-12 years, and their families, in order to give every child, the best start in life.

- We offer:
- One to one family support
 - Relationship and conflict support
 - Advice on parenting and child development
 - Free safety in the home checks
 - Information and advice on childcare and funded places
 - Support from a speech and language therapist
 - Support for children with additional needs
 - Early education and school readiness
 - Vitamins and doidy cups available

Useful contacts

National Breastfeeding helpline number
0300 100 0212 Open 09.30 - 21.30

SPA Health Visiting and school nurse team
0300 555 0606 Monday - Friday 8am to 5.30pm

Parent line Text messaging service for parenting support
Text 07507331456

National Domestic Abuse
0808 2000 247 24hrs a day helpline

Shefford and Stotfold Children's centre

0300 300 8112

School Lane
Shefford
SG17 5XA



Rook Tree Lane
Stotfold
SG5 4DL



Shefford and Stotfold
Children's centre

0-12's family service

V2 April 2021



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 22 years 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 0758889226

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



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 3 years. 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 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 29 weeks or more. Topics on- what to expect as a new parent, birth, feeding, safe sleeping babies brain development and equipment you might need.

11th, 18th, 25th June and 2nd July 2-3pm

16th, 23rd, 30th July and 6th August 2-3pm

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

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Go to Set

LITTLE EXPLORERS - BUGGY WALK

Meet us at Bellcote Meadow Shefford, 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 (Millennium Green)

Every Wednesday 10.30-11.30

Located at the bottom of Purcell Way,

Shefford SG17 5RY

Car park available



Please follow government guidelines for social distancing. Stay safe. Supervise your children at all times. Shefford and Stotfold Children's centre 0300 300 8112

Den building Scavenger Hunt Bug Hunts Leaf crowns

Friendly environment Meet new people Share experiences

Bookstart For children with additional needs or disabilities



We would like to invite you and your child to join us for three weeks of stories and rhymes
On Thursday 20th May, 27th May and 3rd June
10am - 11am at Stotfold Children's centre
Call or Facebook message to book a place



Bookstart starts children on their reading journey as early as possible

Free Bookstart pack

Children will just love to listen to your voice, have time together and explore new books



Shefford and Stotfold Children's centre, Rook Tree Lane, Stotfold SG5 4DL 0300 300 8112

Shefford Lower School

Diary Dates

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

Summer Term 2021	
9th June—14 July (Wednesdays)	Year 3 Swimming—Elm and Cedar
11th June—16th July (Fridays)	Year 3 Swimming—Hawthorn
21st - 25th June	Sports Week
21st June	Cherry Class Open Evening
24th June	Reception Hearing Screening
25th June	Virtual Parent Focus Group
28th June	Reception Classes Open Evening
2nd July	Transition (Move Up) Day
6th July	PSA—Sponsored Bounce
22nd July	Last day of Term
<u>26th—30th July</u>	<u>Summer Holiday Club (booking forms via Parentmail)</u>
6th September	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 two-tier 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 be communicated within the Shefford community this term.

