



SITE AGENT

30 FLEXIBLE HOURS PER WEEK, 52 WEEKS OF THE YEAR

**NJC Level 3C, SCP 6-9 - £15,971 - £16,948 actual
(£18,562 - £18,933 FTE)**

At Sheffield Lower School we are seeking to appoint a hard-working, committed and enthusiastic Site Agent. Successful candidates will be supporting the Site Manager in providing efficient services and processes that allow the whole school to operate in a clean, safe and healthy environment.

Key tasks will include security of premises, assisting in general maintenance, health and safety checks, tests and record keeping, portage, cleaning and supervision of cleaning staff. Experience of working in a similar environment is desirable.

We are looking for someone who is flexible with their working pattern being prepared to work split shifts or on a rotational basis of mornings/afternoons usually between the hours of 6.30am to 6.00pm ensuring the school is unlocked and locked each day by the site team. On occasions there may be a requirement to lock up after lettings later in the evening.

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.

Closing Date: Tuesday, 7th December 2021 at 9.00am

Interview Date: Friday, 10th December 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



Weekly Update

Friday 19th November 2021



Please email schooloffice@sheffield.cbeds.co.uk if you require support in accessing this newsletter in an alternative format.

Dear Families & Friends,

We were very proud that so many of our pupils arrived to the memorial presentation on Sunday. They were there as brownies, cubs, beavers, cadets, majorettes and more. I was especially impressed with Rory, who proudly wore his dad's medals as he laid our wreath with Eden.

This week we have been thrilled to see the work happening in classrooms for Anti-bullying week. The 'one kind word' philosophy being shared by the NSPCC feeds wonderfully into our school rules of Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Helpful. As a values school, we expect our children to model the values they are taught and we focus each month on a new one. This month is TOLERANCE & FRIENDSHIP and the children have been working on these in each class.

In our school we take great pride in the breadth of our curriculum, and the expansion of clubs since covid restrictions have allowed them to happen again. Recorders, ocarinas and African drumming are a few of our music club offers. We have sports, dance, gym, choir, art, PE, Ukelele Spanish Happy Yogi, Mindfit to name a few. The children have such varied interests and more recently we have been talking about Passion Projects. It is crucial that children are enabled to follow their areas of interest in their learning as well as the core curriculum. We launched our projects alongside a national competition with Biggleswade and Sandy Lions called ROAR21. This week was the prize giving, and we were delighted to award so many commendations. Best overall entry was the 'Stop Deforestation group' Devon C, Connie B, Arianna M and Niamh R. The Best Model went to the 'Anti-Racism Robot by Faith M, Maisie FS, Harrison L, Sid R. The best advert with jingle when to the group with the 'Talk to the Animals Machine', Freddie W, Emmanuel L, Jack C and Reece H.



Home learning is part of the two way information we share about children's learning. We share with you the areas of focus and the quality of the learning log projects that come back are astonishing. This week I have been flooded with teachers sending children for 'head teacher awards'. You can see below the standard of work being brought in. Thank you so much for the support you are giving with daily reading, spellings and maths facts, as well as the wonderful work that comes in through the learning logs.



As you receive this newsletter, our board of governors will be in school finding out how we are moving towards our development priorities. We continue to have a focus on school attendance, as this is crucial to educational outcomes. Our focus on phonics, writing and maths is strongly met through our whole school approach and the collaboration with home. Please do not hesitate to share any queries or contributions you may have. No question is ever too small.



You will undoubtedly have seen the communication from CBC about the age range changes due for our group of schools. We will keep you posted with any further developments.

On a different note, we ask that you share our recruitment advertising as widely as possible. This helps us to reach the best possible field to support your children in school.

Have a wonderful weekend.



Values

The values of November will be Friendship & Tolerance

"A day without a friend is like a pot without a single drop of honey left inside it." Winnie the Pooh by A.A Milne.
Tolerance is understanding, rather than 'putting up with'. Exploring building supportive and trusting networks and knowing who to talk to. This will also be explored in Anti-bullying month

House Points and Attendance W/E

05.11.21

House Points

Fire—863

Air—834

Earth—719

Water 680

House Attendance & Punctuality Winner

Water



Arriving to school on time

When pupils arrive late, they miss out on essential instructions given at the beginning of the lesson.

This can significantly reduce achievement, regardless of academic ability. Your child may also feel awkward arriving to the classroom when everyone else is settled. Furthermore, when one pupil arrives late, it disrupts the entire class and the teacher—everyone's education is compromised.

5 minutes late a day = 3 DAYS OF SCHOOL LOST A YEAR

10 minutes late a day = 6.5 DAYS OF SCHOOL LOST A YEAR

15 minutes late a day = 10 DAYS OF SCHOOL LOST A YEAR

20 minutes late a day = 13 DAYS OF SCHOOL LOST A YEAR

30 minutes late a day = 19 DAYS OF SCHOOL LOST A YEAR

Mrs Ross will be posting weekly challenges for children to complete.

Answers will be welcome by Mrs Ross throughout the week.

Good luck.

Last weeks answer was A Penguin



Who am I?

- I was born in 1866
- I grew up with many pets
- I became an expert in the study of fungi
- I wrote more than 30 books for children
- I became a respected breeder of sheep
- I left my land to the National Trust



Poppy Appeal

Thank you very much for helping with the Poppy appeal. We raised an amazing **£288.55** from all the merchandise the children brought at school.

Safeguarding Information

At Shefford Lower School we take our responsibilities to promote safeguarding the welfare of all children seriously. The designated persons for safeguarding children is the Headteacher who can be contacted via the school office on 01462 629123

Please find useful information updated weekly

Mythbusters

Myth: "It's up to me if I let my child wear a t-shirt with Fortnite on it for Forest School."

Buster: The school has an obligation to prevent influences that may be harmful to children. At Shefford Lower School, we would record this on *CPOMS because the game 'Fortnite' is rated as a 12 certificate, and children should not have access to it.

*Child Protection Online Management System

If you are concerned about a child outside of school you can phone 999 in an emergency or 101 to make a report.

The NSPCC operated an urgent helpline on 0808800500



Roar 21 Competition Winners

Best Jungle/Advert—Freddie, Emmanuel, Jack & Reece who designed a "Talk to the Animals" machine

Best Model—Faith, Maisie, Harrison & Sid who designed an "Anti Racism Robot"

Best overall entry—Devon, Connie, Arianna, Niamh who designed a product to stop deforestation. This will be put forward to the National competition in December.

Other teams who won certificates of commendation included, the Trash gone in a Flash from Beech, the Rubbish Robot from Hazel, the Litter Picker from Elm, the Voice Activated Hover Board from Elm, the Terrific Teleporter from Cedar, the Sea Recycler from Hawthorn, the Happy Hamster Holiday Solution from Cedar, the Electric Reading Book from Beech, Play a Game of your own from Elm.



CAN YOU PLAY A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT?

If so we need your help!

Please contact Miss Mansell if you can join us for the Carols on the Playground on the 17th December



CHRISTMAS

A healthy school needs to encourage the children and provide parents to keep healthy and improve their performance.

Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 14th December

Choose from
Roast Turkey with Chipolata Sausage
Festive Vegetable Parcel (v)

Served with
Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Peas,
Brussel Sprouts & Gravy

Followed by
Festive Chocolate Cake
or
Ice Cream

ALLIANCE IN PARTNERSHIP

ORDER FORM

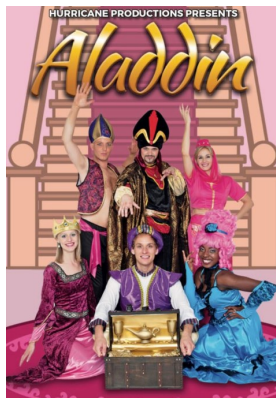
Can you please make your meal choice and place the slip along with payment (if applicable) in an envelope. Please ensure your child's name and class are on the envelope. All Christmas Lunch orders must be returned to the school office by Tuesday 30th November.

Child Name _____ Year/Class _____

Roast Turkey ☐ Festive Vegetable Parcel ☐ Full Meal £2.00 ☐
Vegetarian Parcel ☐ Ice Cream ☐ Universal Infant Free School Meal ☐ Free School Meal ☐

Christmas Dinner Order Forms will be in your child's book bag this week. Please can you hand this back to class completed by **30th November**. Universal Free School meals will still need to complete this by the date.

The Panto is coming to Shefford Lower School



Aladdin & friends will be coming to school for a special Christmas treat for all years to watch a performance over 29th & 30th November.

We are asking for a £2 donation to cover some of the cost. This can be paid via Parentmail or handing into class by 26th November.



Thank you to everyone who donated today. We raised a fantastic **£310.00**

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

schooloffice@shefford.cbeds.co.uk



Thank you for your kind donations so far. We have added some more items to our Amazon wish list that will greatly benefit your children with their learning this year. If you would like to purchase a book for our school please click [here](#)



Please let the office know if you need assistance or adjustments for any disability.

Blue badge holders can access the staff car park.

Weekly Good News Calls

Here are the children whose parents and carers have received a phone call home this week to let them know how well their child has been working and showing their school values. Keep up the good work Shefford Lower.

Reception Plum—Oscar & Charlotte, Pear— Aiden, Peach—Millie

Year 1 Sycamore—Anuradha, Chestnut—Theo, Holly—Blake

Year 2 Willow—Bobby, Maple—Vinnie, Oak—Effie

Year 3 Hawthorn—Imogen, Elm—Jacey-Mae, Cedar—Isla

Year 4 Hazel —Evie, Ash—Freddie, Beech—Poppy



Shefford Sporting Successes

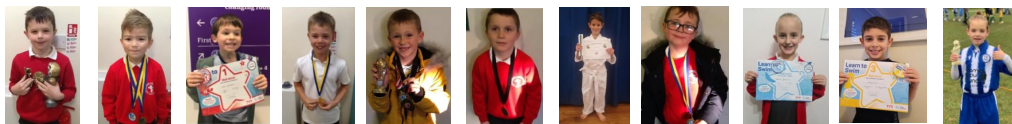
We celebrate children's sporting successes from home as well as those in school. Please send us photos of your child's certificates and/or medals which will be displayed on our PE celebration board and celebrated in assembly. Well done to these children who have shared their sporting success this week.

Air Eliza—Swimming, Joe—Swimming, Max—Football

Water Archie—Football, Rugby & Basketball, William—Football, Bobby—Football

Earth Oliver—Football, Ethan—Football, Cassian—Taekwondo

Fire Amber—Swimming, George—Swimming, Blake—Football



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

EXCUSE ME

THANK YOU

Reception Lee, Adam, Ivy, Ava, Albie & Eddie

Year 1 Miles, Howie, Eleanor, Layla, Connie, Ben, Sophie, Nancy, Mia & Lilly

Year 2 Jacob, Daisy, Edward, Jack, Isla & Jesse

Year 3 Lily, Rosie, Jake, Denis, Jacey-Mae, Imogen & Louis

Year 4 Isla, Millie, Alice, Cameron, Grace, Willow & Charlie



PSA News

Upcoming events

Christmas raffle – Everyone should now have received their raffle tickets. There is a wide range of fabulous prizes on offer this year. Tickets are only £1 per book. If you wish to purchase more tickets please contact the school office.

All monies and stubs need to be returned to school by Monday 29th November.

Christmas lights switch on - We will have a stall at the switch on this year and it would be fantastic to have you support if you attend the event.



Recent events

A massive **thank you** to **Cainhoe Wood Golf Club** for allowing us to have a stall at their recent firework event & the PSA members that ran the stall. **A massive £346 was raised!**

Thank you for all of your support.

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

DINO BANK

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

£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.



Was your child born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018?
They will start school in September 2022, so you need to apply for a school place by 15 January 2022.

Apply online at www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

You can also complete a paper application form which is available from your local school or by contacting School Admissions. ☎ 0300 300 8037

A great place to live and work.

If your child is due to start lower school or transfer to middle school you need to apply for your school place by the 15th January

Please follow the link for application guidance

[Application Guidance](#)



Our Sporty Scholars Camp is the place to be!

Enjoying Sports Coaching, Christmas Crafts, Curling, Go Karts & Christmas Disco!

LOCATIONS
Milton Keynes: Wilton Primary School
Fitzwilliam: Templefield Lower School
Dec 20th - 23rd & 27th - 30th
Adults: £12 Price from only £17.50
We Accept Children's Vouchers

SPORTY SCHOLARS

BOOK NOW: www.sportyscholars.com Tel: 07877 86 11 12

[Booking Link](#)



Christmas FOOTBALL CAMP

Join us for our fun Christmas Football Camp
December 21st - 23rd 2021
Pendleton Sports Centre
Stotfold

10% discount for siblings, NHS Police and Military Personnel

Held at Pendleton Sports Centre, Stotfold
Camp drop off 10am, pick up 3pm
Available to players between the ages of 4-15 years
Delivered by UEFA B and FA Licenced Coaches

Book Today:
Head over to: www.midbedsfutsal.co.uk
Send us an email: midbedsfutsal@gmail.com

[Booking Link for Mid Beds Futsal](#)



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[Discount code link](#)



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Enrol today
www.inspiringmusic.co.uk/

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Christmas Fun Day
Sunday 5th December 2021
10.00am - 2.00pm
£4.50 per child & adults go free
Price includes a visit to see Santa, a gift, a hot drink, and a craft.

Santa is coming to Silsoe!


For more information please click here

[For more information please click here](#)



Parenting Insight

Coping with the Christmas Holidays



Guidance on stress management and managing worries over the Christmas period

Opportunity to ask questions, gain information, advice, and guidance from The Bedfordshire Wellbeing Service

Bedfordshire Wellbeing Service
Making a positive difference through Talking Therapies

**Thursday 2nd December 2021
4.30-5.30pm**

Free to attend via Microsoft Teams

Register for your place via the Eventbrite link below
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/169601287015>

Resources will be sent out after each session

Organised by the CBC North Localities Early Help Teams:
For more information, please contact
North Early Help northearyhelp@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk



Professional Insight

Gain information, advice, and guidance on a different subject each month

SEND
Information on SEND services
Guest speakers from Home-Start, SENDIASS and SNAPP
**Monday 8th November 2021
4-5pm**
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/168103493073>

Coping with Christmas holidays
Guest Speaker:
Bedfordshire Wellbeing Service
**Monday 29th November 2021
4-5pm**
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/169601642077>

Find ways to guide the children and young people that you support

Free to attend via Microsoft Teams

Guest presenter 4:00pm

Opportunity to ask the presenter questions

Resources will be sent out after each session

Organised by the CBC North Localities Early Help Teams:
For more information, please contact
Ivel Valley Community Partner - Kerry Nielow kerry.nielow@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk
West Mid Beds Community Partner - Natalie Good natalie.good@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

Shefford Lower School

Diary Dates

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

Autumn Term 2021

<u>29th & 30th November</u>	<u>Panto—Aladdin</u>
10th December	PSA Present Day
14th December	Christmas Dinner Day
15th December	EYFS Christmas Party and Santa
16th December	KS1 (AM) and KS2 (PM) Christmas Party and Santa
17th December	Carols on the playground and End of Term

Spring Term 2022

4th January 2022	SPRING TERM Begins—Children Return
13th January	Year 2 St Albans Material Trail
1st February	Chinese New Year
8th and 10 February	Parents Consultation Evening
11th February	Year 4 Bikeability
14th—18th February	Half Term
W/C 21st February	Year 3 Swimming lessons begin for 6 weeks
16th March	Year 1 Woburn Trip
30th March—1st April	Year 4 Residential Trip
6th June 2022	Extra Bank Holiday to mark The Queen's Platinum

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

[Term Dates Links](#)