



Weekly Update

Friday 1st October 2021



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Dear Families and Friends

It's been a month in school and we have already had such delightful times. The children are looking forward to assemblies and special occasions. At the moment, these are all in the school diary as face to face sessions, but we will be re-evaluating our intentions during October so that we can give definitive dates and times in line with advice for Covid safety. Next week, we are looking forward to Harvest. Mrs Hall and Mrs Pearson have joined up the Healthy Me day activities today with Harvest activities too. Please see the newsletter for details of what to donate.

We continue to ask that scooters and bikes are dismantled once using the path that runs up the side of Robert Bloomfield in order to avoid further accidents. Thank you for helping us to achieve this.

Music is being made a high priority at Shefford. The children have missed out considerably with this subject area over the past two years, and Mrs Metcalfe's 'Arts' team have compensated with a focus on Arts and Music throughout. Now, with the involvement of our new Music teacher, we have been making the most of the relaxed measures for this subject. Miss Mansell is prepping the choir for our weekly celebration assembly, and she has got every class voting each week for the music we will listen to in assemblies. This week, it is 'Proud' by Heather Small.

Mr Tilbury will be running his sports club this half term again, and our commitment to sport and outdoor education is, as many of you know, very high. There are a number of other sporting opportunities for all ages in our locality. We are pleased in this newsletter to be presenting them for your choice. Whilst we do try to keep the newsletter small, we are always keen to share community news, so please do send to us.

We welcome Mrs Dale-Malloy to our happy team this week, as we say a sad goodbye to Mrs Burrett. Mrs Burrett has worked relentlessly to ensure we have the library and IT resources in good order, ready for re-use after locking down this area of school. Thank you so much.

Tidy Ted has made his way to three classes this week already. He is on the look out for the tidiest cloakroom. The children love him and have been thrilled to 'win' him by keeping their cloakrooms safe and tidy. We do ask that children do not have rucksacks, this is not part of uniform in our policy and cause items to fall off pegs. These fallen items become trip hazards and sometimes become lost property.

We also ask that merchandising items for school use is avoided. Schools are obliged to ensure children are taught E-safety, which includes encouragement of age appropriate gaming. This is why in newsletters last year, we asked that Forest school clothing, bags and other equipment is not promoting games such as 'Fortnite' for example. Thank you for helping us to ensure our children are as safe as we can make them.

Parents' evenings are coming up, and we intend for these to have a face-to-face opportunity. We are also looking at ways of providing a hybrid option for virtual meetings, as we know we have some vulnerable families who may not yet be able to access us face to face. More on this in later news.

This week, Rosco was in school as usual, but in assemblies, he met lots of children - they learned how to be safe and kind around dogs with Mrs Hall; this includes in school, as well as when they are out in the community. The Dogs Trust Charity have some great resources that we shared with the children to support their understanding of being safe and kind with dogs they may meet. Rosco is our school mascot, and lives with Mrs Hall. He is not a therapy dog, so he has some rules for being in school that we must all follow. Mrs Parry, one of Rosco's handlers came and reminded about the rules we need to follow for him in school.

Our Museum and Art Gallery is shaping up nicely, and it was wonderful to give the PSA members a tour inside during their first meeting this week. We have a lovely Parents of Shefford Association, and they are always welcoming to new members. Please join up if you are interested.

We are currently recruiting new governors to the board. Community governors with helpful skills are strongly encouraged to make contact. Jo Elliott our Chair, is always communicating with this newsletter and will additionally be sending some further information to update parents about the "Schools for the future" project run by Central Beds Council. This is currently paused for 'recalibration' following fuel and construction constraints, with an update due in October.

Thank you for putting yourselves forward as volunteers. A date has been arranged for induction and a brief outline of the school's safeguarding procedures. We love having you in our school and hope that measures remain so that this can continue.

Have a wonderful weekend

From Mrs Finch



Values

The values of October are Respect & 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.



House Points and Attendance W/E 24.09.21



House Points

Water—805

Fire—706

Air—633

Earth—627

House Attendance & Punctuality

Earth—95.19

Fire—94.34

Air—92.97

Water—92.36



Rosco's Assembly



This week we have had an assembly about Rosco our school dog and how to be safe around dogs. Mrs Hall reminded the children how to be safe and be kind around dogs. Including times when they are in school, as well as when they are out in the community. The Dogs Trust Charity have some great resources that we shared with the children to support their understanding of being safe and kind with dogs they may meet. Rosco even appeared with Mrs Parry so that the children could see Rosco and be reminded about the rules we need to follow for him in school.

Safeguarding Information

At Shefford Lower School we take our responsibilities to promote safeguarding the welfare of all children seriously.

Please find useful information updated weekly

Mythbusters

Myth: "I haven't got time to help my child with homework."

Buster: OFSTED expect schools to set and monitor homework that is age appropriate. All schools keep a record of frequent instances that impact on a child's development alongside their peers.

Mythbusters

Myth: "It doesn't matter if I haven't got time to read with child."

Buster: OFSTED expect schools to set and monitor homework that is age appropriate. All schools keep a record of frequent instances that impact on a child's development alongside their peers. Reading is fundamental to a child's development.

Act Early



If you're worried that someone you know is being radicalised, visit actearly.uk

ACT ACTION COUNTERS TERRORISM

<http://www.actearly.uk/>

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.



If you would like to donate an item, please see the list below given to us by the Preen Reuse Centre of most needed items. Other items will also be gratefully received.

- Tinned/Longlife items
- Biscuits and crackers
- Chunky soups
- Cooking sauces
- Tinned meat and fish
- Tinned fruit and vegetables
- Custard and rice pudding
- Noodles and rice
- Children's cereals
- Sugar and coffee
- Ketchup, mayonnaise and gravy

Fresh Items

- Onions
- Potatoes
- Carrots



PSA Christmas Card Project

Your child will be coming home with the artwork they have created for a Christmas card, together with an artwork form.

The PSA have arranged for you to have the opportunity of purchasing a variety of products including Christmas cards, gift tags, wrapping paper, mugs etc. with your child's artwork printed onto it. Every single purchase helps raise funds for the PSA which all go directly back to school.

You will be able to order the personalised products from Cauliflower Cards at <https://xmas.cauliflowergroup.co.uk>.

Please ensure that the completed form together with the artwork is returned to your child's class by **Friday the 8th of October** to ensure delivery before Christmas.

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

Earth House

Evie—Twirling

Daisy—Running



Air House

Sophie—Swimming

Daisy—Swimming



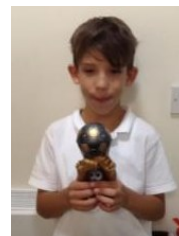
Water House

Deniz—Football

Freya—Swimming

Archie—Rugby

Ollie—Swimming



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

**Lacey E, Louisa O,
Marley B,
Mia L**

Year 1

**Katie E,
Ben T,
Elodie D**

Year 2

**Evie M,
Keira H**



Year 3

**Jensen V,
Scarlett N,
Kayleigh F**

Year 4

**Devon C,
Maisie F,
Zion T**



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

Reception

Mia, Rory & Kovah

Year 1

Thomas, Eleanor, Esme, Sid, Jenevieve & Lilly

Year 2

Michelle, Layton, Freddie, Chloe, Jesse & William

Year 3

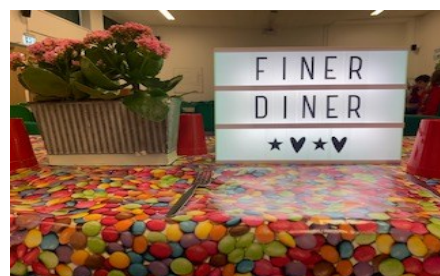
Mia, George, James, Edie & Imogen

Year 4

Faith, Ben, Owen, Theo, Arianna, Masen

THANK YOU

EXCUSE ME





Sheffield Lower School

Holiday Club

For children who attend Sheffield Lower in Years 1-4



October Half Term

Monday 25th October 9.00am—3.30pm

OR

Tuesday 26th October 9.00am—3.30pm

Numbers are limited to 30 children per day on a first come first served basis.

£18.00 per day

£12.00 per sibling

BOOK NOW !

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

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 @ admissions@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk ☎ 0300 300 8037

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How Can I Help My Child?

Access to phones, social media and the internet means that young people can communicate with others without those caring for them knowing and this can make it difficult when we want to keep them safe.

A free online workshop for parents and carers

Facilitated through Zoom by Lawrence, Penny and Rhiannon from the Marie Collins Foundation



The Marie Collins Foundation (MCF) is dedicated to supporting victims of online child sexual abuse and exploitation. The foundation advocates for children who have suffered from online abuse so that they are able to recover and live safe and fulfilling lives. It has grown to become a dedicated team of specialists who support those harmed online through direct work with children and their families and advising professionals and governments at local, national and international level.

In this workshop you will have the opportunity to explore, in a safe environment:

- what **online harm** is
- ways you can **effectively help** and support your children
- understand **why and how** children can become victims, and
- how your response can be **vital** in enabling your child to recover.

To apply for a free place, please click on the dates below and complete the form

Tuesday, 5th October 2021 - 10am to 11.30am
Tuesday, 18th November 2021 - 10am to 11.30am

If you have any questions in respect of this course, or difficulties booking on to it, please contact MCFevents@mariecollinsfoundation.org.uk

Please follow the link for application guidance
[Application Guidance](#)



Parentline

A confidential text messaging advice and support line for Bedfordshire parents and carers of children aged 0-19.

Text: 07507 331456

Parenting advice and support Sleep Continence

Immunisations Mental health Minor illness

Speech Behaviour Temper tantrums

Infant feeding Diet & exercise

Child development Parenting

and much, much more....

We might tell someone if we were concerned about your safety but we would usually speak to you first. Your messages are stored and can be seen by other healthcare staff who follow the same confidentiality rules. We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate message back to confirm we've received your text. If you need help before you hear back from us contact your GP, nearest walk in centre or dial 111. Our text number does not receive voice calls or MMS picture messages. We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only (which does not include messages sent from landlines, international mobile numbers and some number masking mobile apps). To find out what we do with your information, please internet search "NHS CCS privacy notice" or see this link [bit.ly/nhsprivacynotice](#). Prevent the health professional from sending messages to you, text STOP to our number. Messages are charged at your usual rates.

Bedfordshire adult and children's community health services are provided in partnership by East London NHS Foundation Trust (ELFT) and Cambridgeshire Community Services (CCS) NHS Trust





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The children really enjoy their classes and can often be heard singing the songs in the corridors and the playground!

Gemma Donnelly, Head Teacher, Braywick Court School, Maidenhead

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October
Half-Term

Multi-activity Holiday Camps for your children!

Each session is delivered by our fully qualified Activity Professionals, who make sure that every child has tonnes of fun, stays safe, and goes home with another happy memory!





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Half Term

OCTOBER

HOLIDAY CLUB!




DAWNUNTIL DUSK

BEFORE, AFTER SCHOOL & HOLIDAY CLUB

holidayclub@kidsdawnuntildusk.co.uk

Our fantastic holiday clubs are back again..

October half term - Monday 25th October - Friday 29th October plus Teacher Training Day Monday 1st November.

At Lakeview Pre-School, Wixams and Shortstown Primary School, Shortstown.

Book early to avoid disappointment and catch our early bird offer.

Shefford Lower School

Diary Dates

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

Autumn Term 2021

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| 4th October | Healthy Me Day |
| 7th October | Harvest Festival |
| 12th October | Year 3's Celtic Harmony Trip |
| 19th and 21st October | Consultation Evenings TBC |
| 20th October | Individual School Photos |
| <u>22nd October</u> | <u>PSA Mufti Day (£1 Donation)</u> |
| 25th—29th October | Half Term |
| 1st November | Inset Day |
| <u>4th November</u> | <u>Curriculum Evening</u> |
| 4th November | Diwali Day |
| 9th and 10th November | Year 1's Shuttleworth Trip |
| 12th November | Children in Need Fundraiser |
| 15th—19th November | Anti Bullying Week |

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.