



Weekly Update

Friday 20th May 2022



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Dear Families and Friends.

This week we have continued our work on cooperation and sharing. The children have been encouraged to think how we work together to ensure our school is a good school. We all want to be proud of our school, and begin each week with our motto Believe ~Achieve~Succeed. We learned how all the things we do in school to flourish, rely on everyone doing the same. It has been a delight to see how this value teaching has impacted our school and the respectful conduct that has increased.

In particular, our children have been mindful about how they move around school, not disturbing other classes. This has been especially important in SATS week and we have enjoyed many happy faces earning house points for their consistent efforts.

A big thank you to our site staff, Mr Thorogood, Miss Barnby and Mrs Barnby, and also to Mr Wakefield. Our newly stained pergola is looking lovely in our values garden. The children talk about having a quiet place to think and be calm at playtimes. Our values garden is the area outside designated for no running and no ball games, where children can sit and play more calmly. Our PSA are also supporting this by using their current funds to purchase some new benches to be used as friendship benches. This was after a survey from the children about their emotional health in school. The PSA will also be buying some traverse poles and activity tables which our house captains voted for. This is because the children wanted some tables for under the canopy areas for games, and some equipment that could be used near the field area.

Over the last couple of weeks, early years have joined us in celebration, using house points to progress our leader board. They have taken to this superbly, and I have very much enjoyed seeing their work which earns head teacher awards—worth 5 house points. This week, after losing their dinosaur, a whole class earned head teacher merit stickers—worth 2 house points. Well done!

Tidy Ted has also continued to do his rounds. He finds it very difficult these days to choose, as so many of our classes have improved their cloakroom organisation. We have had support from you too. By buying drawstring bags, and not sending rucksacks, you have helped to keep our cloakrooms safer. Thank you so much.

Healthy lunches are something we promote in every newsletter. We must also promote water for drinking in class during the day. There are several reasons for not allowing juice, the first is the way the body responds when drinking water enables better hydration. Also, juice is not good for teeth health, especially from a bottle. Lastly, small spillages of juice in class can be very sticky!

We have had a few requests for holiday as it is that time of year. The DfE took away the discretionary right of head teachers and replaced this with very strict criteria. If unauthorised holidays are taken, then a fixed penalty notice applies. This is £60 per child per parent. The reason for this is because children have 13 weeks of school holiday a year, and attendance is one of the most evidence factors for successful school outcomes.

Our school Art Gallery and Museum is opening to the public soon. SAVE THE DATE—JUNE 23rd ARTS EVENT. We open after school until 5pm for curator tours of our exhibits. Mrs Smith, Mrs Metcalfe and Miss Mansell have put together a range of art events to showcase following the 'Take One Picture' work we will be doing across the school with the national gallery from the week before. There will also be a dance performance with Mrs Pearson. Miss Mansell and Mrs Lawson have been practising with the choir, who have some wonderful songs to share in their repertoire. We can't wait to show you all, and the PSA will be there to serve drinks and introduce themselves too. We look forward to seeing you.

Have a great weekend. From Mrs Finch



Values

The values of May will be Cooperation & Sharing

"We are a team, one person struggles we all struggle. One person triumphs we all triumph." Barcelona FC

Team work, playing a part whether large or small, encouraging each other to be included and feel valued. Sharing games, sharing equipment, sharing feelings, sharing friends. Understanding what might make others reluctant to share or cooperate and helping each other overcome these barriers.

House Points

Water—1550

Air—1266

Earth—1171

Fire—1164

House Points and Attendance

W/E 06/05/22

Well done to last week's house winners.



House Attendance & Punctuality

Winner

Fire

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 fine for them to have the occasional day off for a treat."

Buster: Attendance is a legal requirement for parents. Schools must report on all unauthorised absences. Parents may be subjected to a fixed penalty notice. This is £60 per parent per child. A record is kept on *CPOMS.

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

Shefford Museum and Gallery is growing fast at Shefford Lower School. It features copies of some the most famous paintings in the world and authentic historical and natural history artefacts. We would like to share a different exhibit each week in the news letter. This week's featured exhibit is



Roman Bracelet

Roman

Circa 2nd -4th century AD

A stunning quality roman restrung Lapis lazuli (lapis for short) is a deep-blue metamorphic rock used as a semi-precious stone that has been prized since antiquity for its intense color. This is a beaded bracelet of chunky form.



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.

<u>Reception</u>	Plum—Lacey & Albie, Peach—Jamie, Pear—Ava
<u>Year 1</u>	Holly—Lizzie, Sycamore—Jasmine, Chestnut—Leon
<u>Year 2</u>	Oak—Freddiy & Olivia, Willow Beau, Maple—Indiana
<u>Year 3</u>	Elm—Edie, Cedar—Lewie, Hawthorn—Layla
<u>Year 4</u>	Hazel—Ellise, Ash—Reece, Beech—Grace



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

<u>Reception</u>	Robin, Millie, Libby, Darcy, Barnaby, Jean, Harriet, Bonnie, Nancy,, Elsie, Kovah, Charlie, Toby, Charlotte, Noah & Callum
<u>Year 1</u>	Eva, Isha, Freddie, Louis, Connie, Niven, Grace, Esme, Annalise, Lumen, Mia, Abigail
<u>Year 2</u>	Ben, Elisa, Freddie, Ayaz, Lyra, Chloe, William, Sarah, Sophie
<u>Year 4</u>	Ekam, Honey, Sisilia, Edward, Maisy Tyler



EXCUSE ME



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.

Water House	Oliver—Swimming, Charlie—Swimming, Esmae—Charity Run
Fire House	Edward—Swimming, Owen—Swimming, Anella—Swimming, George—Swimming, Macie—Swimming, Martha—Swimming
Earth House	Poppy—Swimming, Reagan—Football
Air House	Emmanuel—Football, Fabrizio—Football, Kenzie—Taekwondo, Layla—Swimming



On Thursday we Mr Tilbury took 19 children to a Kwik Cricket Festival in Henlow. This was our first competitive sporting festival in 2 years! We are very proud to announce that one of the teams won the festival and have gone through to the Redbourne finals.





Shefford Lower School

Half Term Holiday Club

For children who attend Shefford Lower in Years 1- 4



Monday 30th May 9.00am - 3.30pm

Tuesday 31st May 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.



Donations Please

**The PSA will be attending the Shefford Jubilee Fete at the STMA on Sunday
5th June 2022**

The stall will be a traditional Tombola game and Glitter Tattoos.

We would like it if you could help us with the prizes?

We have decided to do a “Bottle Themed Tombola” and would be very grateful of any bottle prizes you could donate.

Raffle tickets on the day will be 50p each or 3 for £1.

All money raised will go directly to the PSA

**Please can all donations be dropped off at your children's classrooms on
Thursday 26th May.**

Donated prizes could include:

- *Bubble Bath**
- *Bottles of Juice**
- *Bottles of Alcohol or non-alcoholic**
- *Bottles of washing detergent**

We challenge you to be creative as possible.... As long as it's a Bottle of something...

As always, we thank you for your continued support

Your PSA Team

Community News

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



JACK COLLISON
SOCCER SCHOOL
FORMER WEST HAM AND WALES INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALLER

MAY HALF TERM CAMP!

FOOTBALL, COMPETITIONS, FUN AND PRIZES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 5-15!
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MAY/JUNE HOLIDAY FOOTBALL CAMPS

Date: 30th, 31st May and 1st June
Venue: Pendleton Sports Centre, Stotfold
Days: Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
Age: 4-16 Years
Cost: £25-£60
Extra 10% if booked before 17th May (can also be used with other codes)
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Shefford Summer fete @ the STM @ Bigswell
June 5th 2022
Craft and local product Stalls
Food trucks
family games and rides
and much much more

NEW FOR 2022
horse & wilderness day

As your child attends Shefford Lower School please use the code JCSSSCHOOL10 at the checkout to get 10% off the booking price, no

HALF TERM SOCCER CAMP

£20 PER DAY
9:30AM - 3:30PM

AGE: 5 TO 14 YEARS
AGE: 4 YEARS HALF DAYS FROM 9:30AM 12:30PM
£12 DATE
MAY 30TH LANGFORD FOOTBALL CLUB
MAY 31ST RAYNSFORD SCHOOL
JUNE 1ST RAYNSFORD SCHOOL
VENUE: Raynsford Church of England Academy
TO CONFORM YOUR PLACE PLEASE BOOK ONLINE AT
WWW.FOUNDATION-SPORTS.COM
ADDRESS: Park Ln, Henlow SG16 6AT

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JOIN IN THE FUN AT OUR
May Camp

AGES 3 - 14

Benji Football, Cricket, Dance / Gymnastics, Go Karts, Nerf, Zorbing, & More

30th May - 3rd June
(extended bookings ending on Bank Holiday)

Barbury: Cherry Fields Primary School, MK: Kettle Hill
Bedford: Great Ouse Primary Academy, MK: Loughton Manor First School
Brackley: The Rishdons Primary School, MK: Tickford Park Primary School
Farnham: Templefield Lower School, MK: Wilton Primary School
London: Richmond

SPORTS SCHOLARS
BOOK NOW: www.sportscholars.com . Tel: 07511 19 43 19

Frightened
by somebody who you are in a relationship with?

Worried
about abuse at home?

Am I in an **unhealthy relationship?**

Young people experience **abuse** too

For help and information about unhealthy relationships you can contact one of these services

- National Domestic Abuse Helpline 0800 2000 247
 - CHUMS 01525 863924
info@chums.uk.com
 - NSPCC 0800 800 5000
help@nspcc.org.uk
 - Sorted Bedfordshire 01582 674442
info@sortedbedfordshire.org.uk
 - Childline 0800 1111
 - The Mix 0800 808 4994
 - Young Minds
 - The Hideout
 - Embrace 0345 609 9960
info@embracevoc.org.uk
 - Kooth Counselling Service
- @bedsdv

Moving to become a primary as part of Central Bedfordshire's Schools For The Future project.

<https://www.schoolsforthefuture.co.uk/>

To find Shefford Lower's Academic Calendar for 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 please refer to our website

[Term Dates Link](#)

Please note this will be different to the Central Bedfordshire term dates



Ivel Valley Parent Bulletin Ivel Valley Local Bulletin



We are seeking feedback from children, young people, parents, carers and professionals to inform Central Bedfordshire's Children and Young People's Plan for 2022-

Children and young people survey <https://centralbedfordshire.welcomesyourfeedback.net/CYPK>

Parents and carers survey <https://centralbedfordshire.welcomesyourfeedback.net/>

The closing date is **Friday 27th May**. For more information, please contact Zeenat Hanif or Sibs Shah via cstt@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

Managing Challenging Behaviour, Yvonne Newbold MBE - Carers In Bedfordshire 26 May @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

We are delighted to offer this online talk from Yvonne Newbold, MBE.

Yvonne is a mother and author and founder of The SEND VCB Project (Violent Childhood Behaviour in children with Additional Needs) and will give her insights into Managing Challenging Behaviour.

Sign me up for the [Managing Challenging Behaviour](#) talk. You will be emailed the Zoom link to join.

Carers in Bedfordshire is a charity and relies on donations, if you would like to make more activities like this possible for other carers now and in the future, you can do so on this [JustGiving page](#)

<https://carersinbeds.org.uk/events/managing-challenging-behaviour-yvonne-newbold-mbe/>

For further information please contact:

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CARING DADS

Helping fathers value their children

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What is caring dads?

Through 17 sessions fathers will...

- Develop skills to cope in healthy ways with frustrating situations.
- Understand how different fathering strategies and choices effect children.
- Increase their awareness of controlling abusive and neglectful attitudes and behaviours.
- Be provided with strategies to strengthen the father child relationship.

The Caring Dads group program runs one evening a week for 17 weeks. This group offers:

- A unique opportunity for men to connect as fathers.
- A combination of active group discussions and homework.

Eligibility is determined during a required screening interview.

There is no fee for this program.

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Do Do you sometimes feel so angry at your child that you feel like blowing up?

A Are you concerned that your relationship with your child is not as close as you hoped it would be?

D Do you sometimes wonder how well you know your child?

S Sometimes you are concerned about the level of discipline that you seem to need to keep your child in line?

Facts about fathering

- Fathers can and want to be a positive influence in the lives of their children
- Positively involved fathers enhance their children's academic personal and social development

Unfortunately fathers can also have a negative impact on their children. This occurs when fathers:

- Do not understand the feelings and needs of their children
- Harshly discipline their children
- Argue frequently with their children's mothers
- Use abusive and controlling behaviour

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Diary Dates

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

2022 Upcoming Dates

25th May	Year 4 Cake Sale—raising money for MacMillan
26th May	Growing and Changing Sessions Year 4
30th May—6th June	Half Term
30th May—31st May	Mr Tilbury's Holiday Club—Please complete Parentmail form to book a place
7th June	Children Return
7th June	Red, White and Blue themed Mufti Day - Jubilee celebrations
10th June	Commonwealth Countries Day - no need to dress up
14th June	Year 4 Faith Tour
20th June	Cherry Class Open Evening—Pre-booking required
20th—24th June	Road Safety Week
23rd June	Art Exhibition & Museum Open Evening
24th June	Year 1 Cake Sale—raising money for RSPCA
27th June	Reception Class Open Evening—Pre-booking required
30th June	Year 3 Sing Up Concert—Information sent out via Parentmail
1st July	Shuffle up day
5th July	Early Years Sports Afternoon—more information to follow
6th July	Year 1 and 2 Sports Afternoon—more information to follow
7th July	Year 3 and 4 Sports Afternoon—more information to follow
12th July	End of year music concert
13th July	Year 3 Cake Sale—raising money for Smiles
19th July	Year 4 leavers performance—Dress rehearsal
20th July	Year 4 leavers performance
22nd July	Last Day of Term
25th—29th July	Mr Tilbury's Holiday Club—Parentmail form will be available after May Half Term
5th September	2022/2023 School Year Begins

Drop off times—08.45—09.00am

Collection times—3.20pm

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