



Weekly Update

Friday 21st May



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Dear Families and Friends,

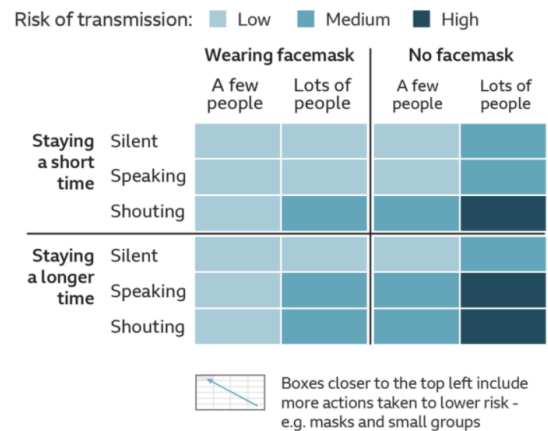
On June 21st, we will be holding an open event for families who have children coming to Cherry Class, and then for families in Reception. We are aware that without visits to our school over the past year, you have not had the opportunity to view where your children learn. We will be staggering the entries to these events, and restricting to one adult per child at present. This is an opportunity to meet with the Early Years staff and also see how the environment is enabled for learning. There will be opportunities to talk with school governors, myself and parent committee members too. We will use the outside area to facilitate this.

With the weather so cold, talking about Summer uniform does seem a bit peculiar, but we hope for some sunshine on the way. So I would remind you to please name your children's belongings, as they do take off items such as jumpers and sunhats and leave them around. Without names clearly legible, it is not always easy to locate which class to take them back to. If your child is swimming, please name every item you possibly can! I also remind parents that we do not allow ruck sacks. These do not hang on the pegs and cause a hazard in the cloakrooms which would be dangerous in an evacuation. Please use a drawstring kitbag for school, and a book bag which fits in child's tray for their books and reading diaries.

The week of sports will begin in June, and we have retained the original plan of keeping this as a school only event, without spectators this year, as it would not be possible to distance 90 sets of parents sufficiently safely. We will be sharing sporting challenges and achievements with families for each of those days.

Thank you for continuing to adhere to the restrictions in place for keeping everyone as safe as possible. We had hoped with the announcement of eased restrictions nationally, this would be relaxed, but with the matters in Bedford still challenging we remain as we are. Please do support us by entering via Bloomfield Drive, and exiting via School Lane, including home times. Using the chart from the BBC, it is clear that we do not need to enforce masks until you reach the school.

Meeting outside



This week we had a visit from our School Improvement Advisor from the local authority, Mr Simon Crosby. His role is to meet with staff and children, and to scrutinise areas of our school in order to focus our priorities. It was wonderful to hear that our ambition for the children is evident in our lesson planning and future vision. The discussions with children also showed how articulately Shefford Lower School pupils could discuss their learning. As a result of the visit, we will continue to have a focus on the areas that have clearly worked for our children. A curriculum grounded in reading and exciting opportunities, and a focus on a broad subjects which are interconnected; but most of all, very happy children.

We have had a request from some of our school neighbours to ask families not to block driveways and homes in Ampthill Drive. Please do remember that Morrisons offer a 'Park & Stride'. The school carpark is already over-congested, and we cannot support requests for use which aren't accompanied by a blue badge.

We are delighted to share that we have been successful with a recent bid to establish an outside learning area on our grounds. We are asking for quotes from local traders to support our community first. Please do get in touch with Mrs Ross if you are interested in quoting to provide this.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Pamela Finch

Values

The values from May 4th — May 28th are **Thoughtfulness & Patience**

“Be a rainbow in somebody else’s cloud” Maya Angelou.

Thinking of others and putting their thoughts before our own. Thinking of the needs of others & giving time and space to support them. Enduring hardships and difficulties to achieve your goals.

House Points and Attendance W/E 14.05.21

Well done to last week’s house winners.



House
Points

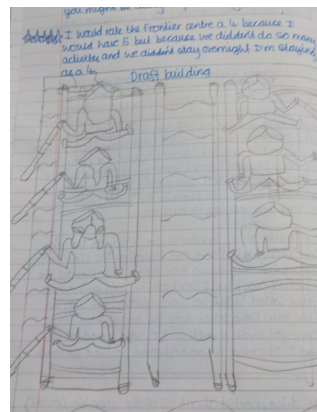
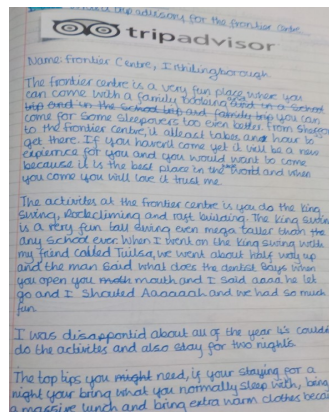
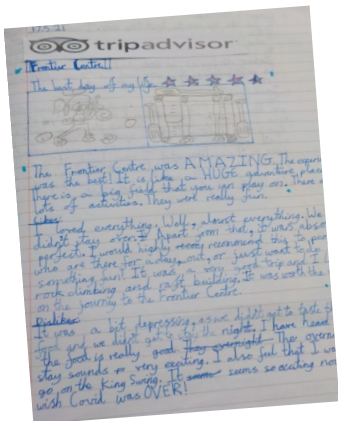
Earth—1341
Fire—803
Air—653
Water—512

House
Attendance
& Punctuality

Fire—97.31
Water—96.41
Earth—94.17
Air—93.75



Frontier Centre Reviews



The year 4's were able to take part in the annual Frontier Trip last week, where they had a fun filled day of raft building, wall climbing and a go on the mighty King Swing. The children then wrote their own Trip Advisor reviews leaving excellent feedback with an overall 5 stars.

Amazon Wish List



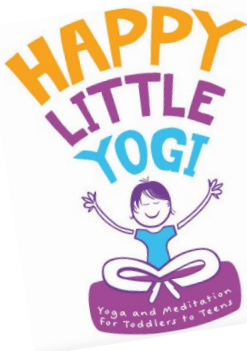
Just a reminder about our Wish List on Amazon! It contains carefully selected books and resources which we know will greatly benefit your children with their learning this year. If you wish to purchase a book for our school, please use the link below to find the full list:

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.



Happy Little Yogi will be running a 6 week club after school from 10th June—15th July.

Initially this will be for children within the year 3 bubble—here is the link if you would like to book a limited space on this 6 week course.

<https://www.happylittleyogi.com/classes/after-school-clubs>

A Parentmail with a booking form will also be sent out shortly to families in year 3. This will be limited to 12 children per session.



Over the school year we seem to have accumulated quite a collection of Lost Property. The school office try to locate their owners with named items but unfortunately there is still quite a bit of clothing we are unable to match up.

On Tuesday and Thursday of next week we will be putting this out on tables on the school field during school pick up, weather permitting. Please follow the one way system and collect any items you have been missing.

Items that remain will be donated to charity or placed in our Nearly New Sale

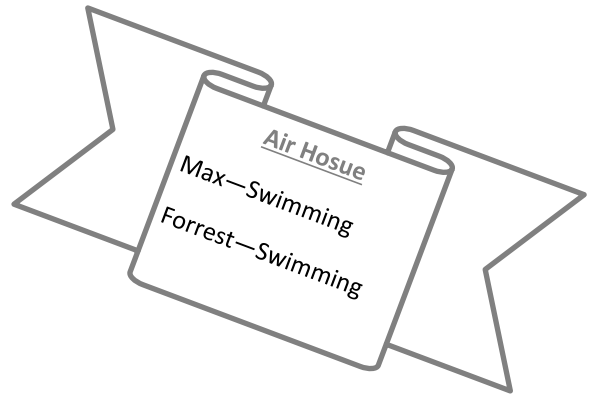
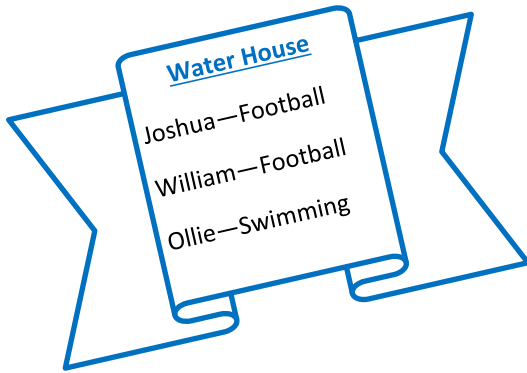


Shefford Sporting Successes W/C 17th May

We celebrate children's sporting successes from home as well as those in school. As clubs begin to start up again, 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



This week the children have been having a go at a bean bag throw challenge. These are the children who made the most improvement over the week

Chestnut—Bobby and Daisy, Holly—Alyssa and Oscar and Sycamore—Ava and Ben
Maple—Lucas and Paige, Oak—Leeia and Mark and Willow—Kayleigh and Freddie
Cedar—Blake and Lily-Joyce, Elm—Emmanuel and Georgie and Hawthorn—Heidi and Leo

Ash—Noah, Beech Harrison and Phoebe and Hazel—Laila and James

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 10/05/21



Reception

Peach — Caitlyn L

Pear — Logan M

Plum — Martha M



Year 1

Chestnut — Jemima C

Holly — Olivia N

Sycamore — Keira H



Year 2

Maple — Izzy C

Oak — Poppy R

Willow — Joseph F



Year 3

Cedar — Joel B

Elm — Emmanuel L

Hawthorn — Poppy L



Year 4

Ash — Harper M

Beech — Harry M

Hazel — Leyla C



Finer Diners

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



Reception

Nancy P, Heidi D-M, Elizabeth J,
Willow C, Frankie C, Jessica H,
Jasmine G, Katie E, Layla A and
Joe D

EXCUSE ME

Year 1

Eliza C, Reuben W, Robyn W,
Fabrizio C, Charlie C, Reagan B,
Poppy D, Evie M, Poppy S,
Adam B, Ayaz G, Joshua S Sophie B
and Seb C-G

THANK YOU

Year 2

Poppy K, Amber B, Noah R, Myla M,
Denis J, Jake M, Rosie M, Lola D,
Ethan W, Lilly B-S, Jake O, Daniel T,
Alexandra D and Scarlett C

Year 4

Kimberly H and Noah R

Year 3

Kairo P-S, Joel B, Frankie P,
Devon C, Freddie W,
Georgie S, Reece H, and
Grace C



Sheffield Lower School

Half Term Holiday Club

For children who attend Sheffield Lower in Years 1- 4



KS1 - Tuesday 1st June 9.00am—3.30pm

7 spaces remaining

KS2—Wednesday 2nd June 9.00am—3.30pm

12 spaces remaining

Numbers are limited to 20 children per day and places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

£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.

Are you able to make this?



An outside teaching space for **Shefford Lower School?**



We value outside learning, ensuring children flourish. We want to build a structure on our grounds to support the learning experiences at Shefford Lower School.

It is important to us to support businesses in the local community, so if you are a tradesperson in Central Bedfordshire, please get in touch with your quote to provide us with a fantastic outside learning structure.

01462 629123

schooloffice@shefford.cbeds.co.uk

PSA News

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 17th June @ 7.30pm** via Zoom

Would you like to join the PSA?

One of the main benefits that people gain from being involved in the PSA is the feeling of contribution to their child's school life and also the social aspect of meeting other parents.

During our meetings we discuss ideas for future fundraising and community events for the benefit of the children at Shefford Lower School.

Does this sound like something you want to be a part of?

Please contact us through the school office or via our Facebook page to find out more about the PSA.

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](https://www.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.



HALF TERM FOOTBALL CAMP

Creativity, Confidence, Control, & Courage

JUNE 1st, 2nd, & 3rd

Including indoor & outdoor activities

We're now offering a payment plan to help you spread the cost.

Get in touch to find out more!

Join us for our half-term camp!

1 day: £20

2 day: £40

3 day: £50

- Held at **Pendleton Centre, Stotfold.**

- Camp drop off **10am**, pick up **3pm**.

- Available for players between the **ages of 5-15.**

- Delivered by **UEFA B & FA licensed coaches.**

Limited spaces available!

Book Today:

Head to our **website:**
www.midbedsfutsal.co.uk

Send us an **email:**
midbedsfutsal@gmail.com



Our Holiday Camps near you...

Venue: Henlow Academy

Dates: Tues 1st - Fri 4th June 2021

Times: 08.00 - 16.00

Price: £80 - 4 day block booking (£20 per day)

Ages: Juniors (5-8 years) & Seniors (9-12 years)

Additional Info:

We will be continuing to work with a 'bubble' system to keep your child & our staff safe, following current guidance.

Taking every precaution

Our Activity Professionals have been undergoing additional training in order to provide the best care to the children under their supervision, specifically the Transcend Level 2 Award in Infection Prevention, Mitigation and Management.

They will need

- A packed lunch
- Plenty of water
- Suitable clothing for the weather
- Loads of energy!

Premier Education Promise: In the event these courses are cancelled, we will issue a full refund within 7 days.



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JUNE HALF TERM CAMP

1st-3rd JUNE

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Robert Bloomfield Academy, Shefford, SG17 5BU
10am - 3pm

Open to all boys and girls ages 5-14.
1, 2 or 3 day tickets available

Book online at www.jackcollisonsoccerschool.com



We are Ofsted registered and Football Association affiliated club



'NEW' URBAN FOOTGOLE @ THE HUB

ALSO OPEN FOR HALF TERM ON FRIDAY 4th JUNE 2-4pm

BRAND NEW TO SHEFFORD NOW OPEN!

Challenge yourself to a fun mix of football and golf around our BRAND NEW 9 hole course, hitting targets and navigating obstacles along the way.

Fun for all the family.

Sundays @ Shefford Sports Club
1-3pm

£5 per person

Booking Essential @ www.thefootballhubltd.co.uk



Free

Get
biking this
summer

Learn to Ride Lose the Stabilisers

**Tuesday 1st June at Stratton
Upper School**

Eagle Farm Road, Biggleswade SG18 8JB
10-11am
11am-12pm

Get kids riding in a safe, off-road environment, supported by local Sustrans schools officer Alister Barclay. Choose a one-hour time slot, then contact alister.barclay@sustrans.org.uk, 07917 084663 for further details and to sign up.



FREE and subsidised school milk

Register your child today!

Cool Milk
www.coolmilk.com

Is your child entitled to FREE milk?


Every child under the age of five is entitled to FREE school milk.

Every child over the age of five is entitled to milk at a subsidised price of around £14 per term.


 Register your child online for FREE school milk today.

 Register online now and you can pay straight away!

Register your child for school milk today.

 Go online and quickly register your child for school milk at www.coolmilk.com

Sign them up in a few clicks...

 Need help? Contact our Customer Service team on 0800 321 3248 or via email at registrations@coolmilk.com

The UK government continues to support school milk. Milk for under-5s is fully funded by DHSC via the Nursery Milk Scheme. Milk for over-5s is subsidised by Defra via the School Milk Scheme. Company registration no. 3603430 England

Cool Milk
www.coolmilk.com



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

Find us on Facebook **Shefford and Stotfold Children's Centre S** 0300 300 8112 **great prospect**

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 **facebook** Rook Tree Lane Stotfold SG5 4DL



Shefford and Stotfold Children's centre
0-12's family service



Children's Centre News

Please find information of a up to time-table for drop in sessions for families with children aged 0-12 years

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 07585889226

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 27th 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

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.



Bellcote Meadow (Millennium Green)
Every Wednesday 10.30-11.30
Located at the bottom of Purcell Way, Shefford SG17 5RY
Car park available

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

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
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	
31st May—4th June	Half Term
1st June	KS1 Holiday Club—booking forms on Parentmail
2nd June	KS2 Holiday Club—booking forms on Parentmail
7th June	Children return
<i>9th June—14 July (Wednesdays)</i>	<i>Year 3 Swimming—Elm and Cedar</i>
<i>11th June—16th July (Fridays)</i>	<i>Year 3 Swimming—Hawthorn</i>
21st - 25th June	Sports Week
21st June	Cherry Class Open Evening
24th June	Reception Hearing Screening
<i>25th June</i>	<i>Virtual Parent Focus Group</i>
28th June	Reception Classes Open Evening
2nd July	Transition (Move Up) Day
22nd July	Last day of Term

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.

