



## Weekly Update

**Friday 22nd October 2021**



Please email [schooloffice@shefford.cbeds.co.uk](mailto:schooloffice@shefford.cbeds.co.uk) if you require support in accessing this newsletter in an alternative format.

Dear Families and Friends,

Thank you for your support with consultation evenings. We felt very supported in our measures for Covid safety and hope that this has ensured most people can make it through half term without the need to isolate. With rising numbers, we are aware that this was becoming an increasing concern.

We have been reviewing some of the activities we had planned for next half term. It had been our hope to return to normality, but measures for safety and to maintain our school environment will be in place. We will be returning to virtual assemblies for Monday celebration in school, and we will be considering whether we can invite families in for Christmas shows. Due to the rehearsals and preparation needed, we will have to make this decision as soon as we return from half term, so this is beginning to look less likely. Final decisions early in November. We will be putting on shows, and want the children to experience live performing. We have taken an early decision therefore, that we will not resort to class virtual shows. Our end of term carol performance will be outside, and we will therefore be planning this as normal, with refreshments from the PSA for you to enjoy whilst you are here.

A reminder if your child was born between 1st September 2017 to 31st August 2018, you will be thinking about applying for a school place. A nursery place in our Cherry Class does not automatically provide Central Bedfordshire Admissions with your school place for Shefford Lower School. Please do ensure you enrol with them online so that you are not disappointed.

We have a few things happening next half term, starting with the Curriculum evening. This is your opportunity to find out how we approach subjects through the curriculum such as Maths, Phonics, E-Safety and much more. Our pupil leaders are invited to share their roles too. We celebrate Diwali, and also learn about Bonfire Night before we move into Children In Need, which is a charity we will be supporting.

You might also know that we have the 100th anniversary for Armistice Day. Shefford Lower School will be represented by our Pupil Parliament to lay a wreath on the anniversary and we take part in the march on the Sunday. The town council have been encouraging family members of those named on the memorial to join them for this special anniversary.

Our Eco Council will also be joining the council to raise their 'Green Flag' at a ceremony at Bellcote Meadow Millennium Green. We will be testing out the QR trail quiz whilst we are there.

Have a great half term

From

Mrs Finch



## Values

After half term, the values of November will be Friendship & Tolerance

Please discuss this at home over the break and allow children to bring their ideas back to school. We will make time to share different perspectives and consider what this means for each other.

### House Points and Attendance W/E

01.10.21

#### House Points

**Fire—962**  
**Water—845**  
**Earth—760**  
**Air—753**

#### House Attendance & Punctuality Winner

**Fire**

We are hoping to collect plant donations for the values garden. Please bring them to Mr Wakefield via the school office.



### 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



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](#)



## 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

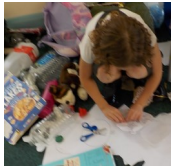
**Myth:** "It doesn't matter if my child is 5 minutes late."

**Buster:** There is a legal duty for parents to ensure children are at school each day, on time. Learning begins immediately and frequent lateness can account for several days of learning lost over a school year. Late children distract from the learning of others who arrive at school on time. Schools have a legal duty to record lateness and absence. At Shefford Lower School this is recorded on \*CPOMS.

\*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



### The Lions ROAR programme October / November 2021

The Lion's ROAR education programme encourages children to 'think big and dream big', while developing a 'world changing idea' for their teams invention. The teams have to come up with an idea, create a presentation, produce marketing and present to the panel (in November). Our local Lion's club has funded the entry of all our children in years 3 and 4 to enter ROAR 2021, which is being run by the award-winning education company, 8 Billion Ideas, throughout the Autumn term. ROAR is an inspirational and fun learning experience, enabling your children to discover how to use their imagination in exciting new ways, learning how to work in teams, developing their communication and presentation skills and boosting their self-confidence and self-esteem. We will hold an internal awards ceremony with certificates and medals in mid November. The school's winning team will represent the school at the National Awards Day on December 8<sup>th</sup>, which can be watched on zoom by all children and parents. The Awards Day link will be sent out nearer to this date. We would like to thank the Biggleswade Lions for giving our children this opportunity.



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](mailto:schooloffice@shefford.cbeds.co.uk)



## Lost property

### HELP!

We have over 70 items of un-named lost property that has been gathered since the beginning of term. Lots of named items have been returned to their owners.

Please can we remind you to clearly name your child's clothing with their name and class. Items that are not claimed by the end of term will be donated to the nearly new sale.

Clubs available to book next half term. Please complete the online booking form on your Parentmail app



## Shefford Lower School Holiday Club

For children who attend Shefford Lower in Years 1-4



### October Half Term

**Monday 25th October No Spaces**

**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.

### KS1 and KS2 Clubs

Autumn Term 2 2021	
	<b>Dance Club</b> Join Mrs Pearson for Dance Club where you will perform a range of different dances using a variety of moves and techniques to explore different songs.  WEDNESDAY – AFTER SCHOOL – KS2
	<b>Gymnastics Club</b> Join Miss Sharma and Miss Leary for Gymnastics Club where you will have fun exploring both floor and apparatus to learn and perform a range of different movements and skills.  TUESDAY – AFTER SCHOOL – KS1
	<b>Choir Club</b> Join Miss Mansell and Mrs Lawson for Choir Club to learn a range of songs and singing technique to perform at various school and local events.  THURSDAY – AFTER SCHOOL – KS2
	<b>Art Club</b> Join Mrs Kumar and Mrs Smith for Art Club to show your creative side whilst exploring a range of different styles and artists.  THURSDAY – LUNCHTIME – KS1
	<b>Recorder Club</b> Join Mrs Lawson every week at recorder club. Children will learn the wind instrument, begin to read music and develop their overall music knowledge. A great instrument for beginners with great opportunity to progress.  MONDAY – BREAKTIMES – Year 1 & 3 THURSDAY – BREAKTIMES – Year 2 & 4
	<b>P.E. Club</b> Join Mr Tibbory every week at P. E club. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday—Year 1</li> <li>Tuesday—Year 2</li> <li>Wednesday—Year 3</li> <li>Thursday—Year 4</li> </ul>

### 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.

<b><u>Reception</u></b>	<b>Pear—Alfie Plum— Reagan, Renae, Charlie &amp; Essie , Peach— Jean</b>
<b><u>Year 1</u></b>	<b>Chestnut— Freddie Holly— Evelyn Sycamore— Sam</b>
<b><u>Year 2</u></b>	<b>Maple—Fabrizio Oak— Chloe</b>
<b><u>Year 3</u></b>	<b>Cedar— Jake Hawthorn— Remy Elm— Sen</b>
<b><u>Year 4</u></b>	<b>Ash— Victoria Hazel— Niamh</b>



### 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 House Sienna—Dance, Forrest—Football, Sophie—Swimming, Ava—Dance, Niamh—Gymnastics & Kaiden—Football

Water House, Louis—Swimming, Grace—Dance, Paige—Dance & Amelia—Dance,

Earth House, Jemima—Swimming, Masen—Taekwondo & Football, Katie—Swimming & Rory—Rugby

Fire House, Amber—Dance & Beth—Gymnastics

Elizabeth—Taekwondo



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



<b><u>Reception</u></b>	<b>Olly, Lee, Millie, Samantha, Amelia, Imogen, Joshua, Harry, Oliver, Amelia, Ivy, Beatie, Allis &amp; Lacey</b>
<b><u>Year 1</u></b>	<b>Freddie, Jake, Evelyn, Sam &amp; Annabel</b>
<b><u>Year 2</u></b>	<b>Jennfier</b>
<b><u>Year 3</u></b>	<b>Ruben &amp; Amelie</b>
<b><u>Year 4</u></b>	<b>Millie, Isla, Evie &amp; Leo</b>



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

Blue badge holders can access the staff car park.





## PSA News

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 18 November**

### How to support the PSA

There are lots of ways to support the PSA throughout the year.

If you know of any other fundraising initiatives then please contact the office to let us know.

Help us raise **FREE**  
funds for

**Sheffield Lower School PSA**

every time you **shop online**

Just search for us on [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://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.**



**great prospects**

**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](http://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](mailto:admissions@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk) 0300 300 8037

**A great place to live and work.**

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

**JACK COLLISON SOCCER SCHOOL**  
 FORMER WEST HAM AND WALES INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALLER

**\*\*\*NEW\*\*\***

ONE-TIME **50% BRING-A-NEW-FRIEND DISCOUNT** (BOTH CHILDREN)

IMPROVED **20% LOYALTY DISCOUNT**

STANDARD **10% SIBLING DISCOUNT**

**OCTOBER CAMP!**  
 FOOTBALL GAMES, COMPETITIONS, PRIZES AND FUN FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 5-13  
 25<sup>TH</sup> - 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 10AM-3PM, RBA SHEFFORD, SG175BU  
 1,2,3 AND 4 DAY TICKETS AVAILABLE  
 BOOK ONLINE NOW!

[JC Booking Form](#)

**October Half Term FOOTBALL CAMP**

Join us for our October Half Term Football Camp  
 October 26th - 28th 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 Licensed Coaches  
**Book Today:**  
 Head over to: [www.midbedsfutsal.co.uk](http://www.midbedsfutsal.co.uk)  
 Send us an email: [midbedsfutsal@gmail.com](mailto:midbedsfutsal@gmail.com)

[MBF Booking Form](#)

**Happy Little Yogi**  
**Our Theme - Winter Is Coming**

October Half Term 2021  
 Yoga/Meditation/Arts & Crafts  
 Wednesday Oct 27th

Book a full day or a half day  
 Full Day (9.30am - 12.30pm) - £28  
 1/2 Day (9.30am - 12.30pm) - £20

[Happy Little Yogi Booking](#)

**THE HIVE SHEFFORD**

The dream behind this Hive, is to bring a safe, secure, and fun facility to our town...  
 A great place for our community's children to enjoy indoor activities.  
 We have created a space for their imagination... and they never want to leave!  
 And deliver a reward for hours, days, weekends, and more.  
 Enjoy a Coffee & a slice of delicious homemade cake, or relax and indulge on a delicious lunch in the Hive's Hot Cafe!

Indoor Activities & Soft Play Centre  
 Age Range - Crawlers to 10 year olds  
 Baby & Toddler Soft Play Area  
 Special Events & for Admissions Please  
 Facilities Homemade Food  
 Classic Children's Birthday Parties  
 Private Hire Available

FREE WIFI  
 Baby Changing Facilities  
 Highchairs Available  
 Knowledgeable Support  
 Inclusive Spaces for Special Needs  
 Clubs, Class or Group bookings

For full details, and more information please visit our website:  
[www.thehivebedford.co.uk](http://www.thehivebedford.co.uk) Or email: [info@thehivebedford.co.uk](mailto:info@thehivebedford.co.uk)

THE HIVE SHEFFORD  
 85 Old Bridge Way  
 Shefford Industrial Estate  
 Shefford  
 SG17 5BU

[The Hive Website](#)

**NHS**

**Children's Community Health HUB**

**Your one stop contact point**

**0300 555 0606**  
[cca.bedsandlutonchildrenshealthhub@nhs.net](http://cca.bedsandlutonchildrenshealthhub@nhs.net)

Open 9am-5pm every weekday (excluding BH)

New contact number and email address for the Beds and Luton 0-19 services, including:

- Health Visiting
- School Nursing

New contact number for:

- Luton Community Paediatric services (Edwin Lobo Centre)
- Beds and Luton Looked after Children's services

**Health HUB - a single contact point, making it easier for you to get in touch with us.**



Luton Children & Adults Community Health Services

Bedfordshire Community Health Services

**STREET TAG**

**PRIMARY SCHOOLS LEADERBOARD**

**JOIN THE SCHOOL TEAM**  
 \*\*\*Collect virtual tags  
 \*\*\*Walk, Run, Cycle or Scooter  
 \*\*\*Accumulate points and steps towards your school team

**NEW**

LOTS OF PRIZES TO BE WON

PARENT CAN ADD 2 CHILDREN ONTO THEIR PHONE.

**TO FIND OUT MORE**  
 Enquire at the School reception for QR code



Available on the App Store | GET IT ON Google Play

Shefford Lower  
 Street Tag QR Code

**Blues Foundation** **Autism BEDFORDSHIRE**

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BLUES FOUNDATION & BLUES COMMUNITY

**MULTI-SPORTS**

**6 WEEK COURSE**

**£20** FOR THE 6 WEEKS

THURSDAYS 4:45-5:45PM  
 SPORTS HALL @ CASTLE NEWNHAM SCHOOL  
 POLHILL AVENUE, BEDFORD MK41 9DT

STARTING 4TH NOVEMBER 2021  
 FOR AUTISTIC YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 10-17 YEARS

YOU MUST BE A MEMBER OF AUTISM BEDFORDSHIRE TO ACCESS THIS SERVICE

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO BOOK A PLACE PLEASE CALL 01234 214871, OR EMAIL [ENQUIRIES@AUTISMBEDS.ORG](mailto:ENQUIRIES@AUTISMBEDS.ORG)

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# Shefford Lower School

## Diary Dates

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

### Autumn Term 2021

25th—29th October	Half Term
1st November	Inset Day
4nd November	Curriculum Evening
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
2nd December	EYFS Christmas Concert PM to the school
3rd December	EYFS Christmas Concert PM to the school
6th December	Year 4 Christmas Concert to the school
7th December	Year 2 Christmas Concert to the school
8th December	Year 1 Christmas Concert to the school
9th December	Year 3 Christmas Concert to the school
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
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](#)