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Weekly Update

Thursday 22nd July



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Dear Families and Friends

We made it to the Summer without any further bubbles bursting and lots to be thankful for.

You have been amazing. You have coped with the sudden lockdowns and the adaptations to remote learning, as well as the changes to the curriculum to manage this. The school has seen some tremendous results and successes and we certainly couldn't have done it without you. Thank you so much.

We now say goodbye to our year 4, who have shown the most amount of resilience and adaptability. We are so very proud of them going through this journey in what we hope will be an 'exceptional' year in history. We know they will continue to make us proud, and we say as always, that they will be

Forever Shefford Lower School Children.

We also say goodbye to some staff leavers, Mr Johnson, Miss Dunn, Mrs Fuller and Mrs Kelly. We wish them the very best for their next steps.

We welcome on board new staff in Ms Marks, Miss Doran, Mrs Gibbings, Mrs Mead, Miss Noble, Mrs Lawson and Mrs Brady. We know you will give them a huge big welcome as you come to know them.

As the holidays draw in, we wish all our families a safe break. Please do check out the 'ThinkUKnow' site for parents if your children like to game. There is a wealth of information and resources. It is called THINK you know, precisely because the IT changes so rapidly and there is so much that we don't know, but our children become exposed to. We recommend time with IT for children moving into the future, but always with safety in mind.

As we begin next year, our staff taking lateral flow tests will be doing so 3 days ahead of returning. We so hope that we can begin the year without incident. There will be no staggered starts to the school days, and normal times will resume. Parking is for staff only, and the yellow line restrictions remain in force.

Today we held a 'mega-bration' assembly and gave out our trophies. Our overall house winners from Fire were incredibly pleased with the result. We also had values champion trophies, sports endeavour, sports achievement and overall sports house winners. It is so good to be able to sum up success with our school motto, Believe~Achieve~Succeed. We tell our children if they live the values and our motto they will be the best Lion Learners like our school badge shows.

Teaching and office staff are in the building the week before for training, so please do not hesitate to contact us if you need to. We so look forward to seeing you all after a fantastic break.

Happy Summer Folks.

From

Mrs Finch

Values

The values from 28th of June are Happiness & Hope

"It's the moments that I just stopped to be that I have been the happiest." Sir Richard Branson Looking forward to the future. Understanding optimism and looking for the best as we move forward.

Reflecting on how to keep ourselves and other happy.





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.



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 with us this week



A huge well done to everyone for their efforts in PE and keeping active both inside and outside of school this year, even when you were stuck at home! Well done to everyone who has brought in sports achievements since you were able to return to your clubs. We have had so many certificates, medals and awards in the past few weeks. We hope you have an amazing summer and keep active as much as possible.

Miss Leary and Mr Tilbury.

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!





Reception

Peach — Hattie & Jasmin

Pear - Louis G

Plum— Dylan

Year 1

Chestnut— Aaron

Holly— Poppy S

Sycamore— Fabrizio & Mathew



Year 2

Maple— Benedict

Oak—Rosie

Willow— Denis



Year 3

Cedar— Demmy

Elm— Maisie

Hawthorn— Irina

Year 4

Ash— Daniel & Evelyn

Beech— Mikey

Hazel— Fizaan







Finer Diners

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



Reception

Lillie, Delilah, Victoria, Leon, Toby, Nancy, Mia, Annalise, Sam, Cara, Ellie, Dylan, David, Sid and Jenevieve





<u>Year 1</u>

Seb, Oscar, Bradley, Indie, Sienna, Amelia, Michelle, Esme and Ben

Year 2

Louie, Ethan, Jake, Albie, Cassian, Freddy, Caiden and Ella

Year 4

Fizaan and Nevaeh

THANK YOU

Blake, Tyler, Mason, Maisie, Charlie, Jackson, William, Jessica and Owen

PSA News

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 14th July @ 7.30pm via Zoom

Upcoming events

Bounce

A massive thank you to everyone who helped, sponsored and bounced on Tuesday. Monies are being counted and we will have a final figure for your next week.

We are planning on lots of exciting events for the upcoming year – if you want to get involved then come along to our next meeting.

Would you like to join the PSA?

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





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.

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£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.





Call us on: 01234 340782 Book online: SSGservices.co.uk f ◎ | SSGactivities **♥** | SSG_Activities







If you're a primary school pupil why not have a go at our competition? You could win books for yourself and £100-worth of books for your school library!

Read a book this summer and send us your book review for a chance to win a bundle of books for you and your school

Have you read a book and want to tell everyone they should read it too? Well, now's your chance! Send us a review of your must-read book for a chance to win books for you and your school.

You can use one of the templates on our website, one from your school, or create your own. For full details about the competition, suggestions for what to include in your review, templates and terms and conditions, click here.

What could you win?

Two winners will win £25 worth of books for themselves, along with £100-worth of books for their school's library. The two winners and their class also get a video call with award-winning children's author M. G. Leonard who wrote 'Beetle Boy', the Adventures on Trains series and new book 'Twitch!'



Four runners up will win £15-worth of books each. All book prizes have been kindly donated by Scholastic who publish and sell award-winning children's books.

The winners' book reviews will be featured on the Schoolreaders website.

All entries need to be submitted by 5pm on Thursday 30th September 2021

This is a competition for pupils of primary school age in the UK. By entering the book review competition participants and their parent(s) or guardian(s) are deemed to have accepted and agreed to be bound by the terms and conditions. The child's name and age and an adult's contact details must be included with each entry. Please also include the ne and town of the entrant's primary school so we can contact them

Send entries by e-mail to competition@schoolreaders.org or post them to: Schoolreaders, Bedford Heights, Brickhill Drive, Bedford, MK41 7PH.

To find out more about volunteering as a Schoolreader visit www.schoolreaders.org



Camp 1: 27th - 29th July

Camp 2: 17th - 19th August

Camp 3: 31st Aug -2nd Sept

STOTFOLD

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

Email us to find out more!

Join us for our Summer Camps!

> 1 day: £20 2 day: £40 3 day: £50

10% discount for Siblings, NHS, and Military!

- Held at Pendleton Centre, Stotfold and **Shefford Sports Centre**

- 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:

Send us an email: www.midbedsfutsal.co.uk midbedsfutsal@gmail.com



Children's Holiday Activities 2021

We are offering 4 different activities both in the Mill and the Nature Reserve.

Most suitable for children £3.50 per child. Sessions from 5 to 11. must be pre-booked.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

We offer a morning and an afternoon session for each activity:

10.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon

1.30 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.

Skull Island Adventure

Wednesday 4th August



Be an explorer using mapping symbols. Find where the pirates have hidden their treasure!

Pond Dipping

Tuesday 10th August



Marvel at the fantastic life which lurks in and around the different ponds in the Nature Reserve

Kitchen Science

Wednesday 18th August



Experiment! Explore! Explode! Discover what can be done using everyday materials found in the kitchen.

Creative Ar

Tuesday 24th August



Be creative using objects found in the Nature Reserve to make 'Land Art'. Get messy using marbling inks to create unique patterns.

For further details please go to: www.stotfoldmill.com What's on? - Children's Activities



Cambs, Herts & Essex

*at certain venues only



WWW.MULTI-ACTIVE.CO.UK TEL:01462-351582



AGE: 4 YEARS HALF DAYS FROM 9:30AM 12:30PM

£9

17th 18th 19th

VENUE: LANGFORD FOOTBALL CLUB TO CONFORM YOUR PLACE PLEASE BOOK ONLINE AT WWW.FOUNDATION-SPORTS.COM ADDRESS: LANGFORD ROAD HENLOW

SG16 6AF

ABOUT US

ALL OUR COACHES ARE FA QUALIFIED, HOLD A FIRST AID , HAVEN BEEN D.B.S CHECKED AND HAVE ATTENDED A CHILD



@Foundation Sports Bedfordshire

CONTACT: 07882046372



Summer Holiday

Learn to Ride, Lose the Stabilisers

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

Wednesdays at Robert Bloomfield Academy

Wednesday 4th August 2-3pm Wednesday 11th August Wednesday 25th August 2-3pm

Thursdays at Stratton Upper School Eagle Farm Road, Biggleswade SG18 8JB

Thursday 29th July 10-11am 11am-12pm 10-11am 11am-12pm Thursday 26th August Thursday 2nd September 10-11am 11am-12pm

Sundays at Redborne Upper School

Flitwick Road, Ampthill MK45 2NU Sunday 25th July 1-2pm

2-3pm 2-3pm Sunday 1st August 1-2pm Sunday 22nd August 1-2pm



Bike recycling event

Thursday 12 August, 8.00am – 4.00pm. Saxon Pool and Leisure Centre car park, Saxon Drive, Biggleswade, SG18 8SU.

Donated bikes change lives - some have helped the long-term unemployed get back into work and others have provided a source of transport and independence for children in care.

> For further details email TravelChoices@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk











NEW for 2021/22 Season **Under 9 Girls Squad**



Have you thought of trying football out this season?

Play for your school team but do not have a weekend team?

Shefford Saints are currently looking to start a girls team in the Under 9 age group in September.

If your daughter is 8 or 9 years old and she is interested.

Please contact Shefford Saints

Club Secretary on lassesheffordsaints@gmail.com

for more details

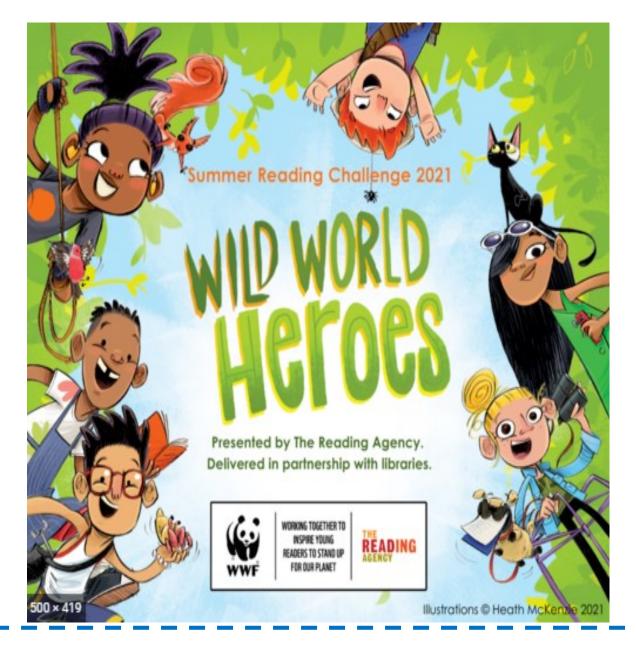
Training day: Monday

Training time: 18:00 - 19:00

Training venue: Shefford Sports Club, Hitchin Rd, Shefford SG17 5JD

Details: Initially the squad will be training only to build the basis of a squad, during the season they will play friendly matches ahead of joining a league the following season. The squad would play under the Shefford Saints banner and be part of the Community status Club.



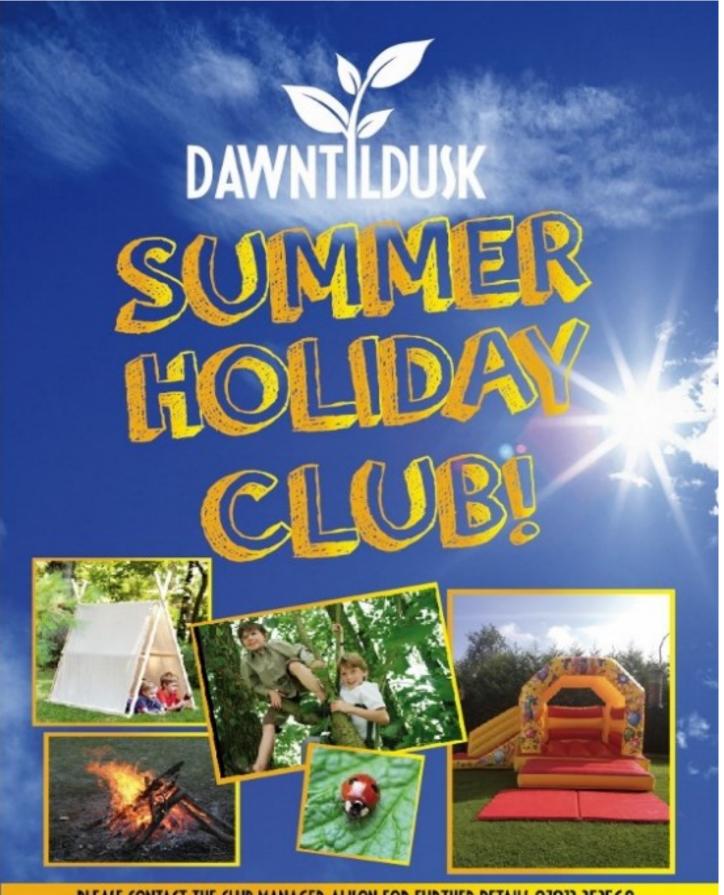


The Health HUB is a single contact number and email address for our 0-19 school nursing and health visiting teams across Bedfordshire and Luton

Since the launch on 1 June 2021 we are averaging around 250 calls per day, and 200 emails per day. Our call centre is manned by four call handlers everyday who take your calls, with our busiest time of the day between 9am and 11am for the phone line.

If you have any suggestions or feedback about that Health HUB that you would like to share with us – please email us: ccs.childrenscommunityhealthhub@nhs.net





PLEASE CONTACT THE CLUB MANAGER ALISON FOR FURTHER DETAILS 07913 352568

WWW.KIDSDAWNTILDUSK.CO.UK



Family support Drop in

We provide a friendly service to families with children 0-12years

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 cup s

Speech and language

Fresh food products

Benefit and

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



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

Patterns of behaviour, Healthy Movers and Wednesday 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th June 10-1 Young parents

A social session for parents under 22years 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

Children's Centre News

Please find information and an up to date timetable for drop in sessions for families with children aged 0—12 years

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 3years. 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 29weeks 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

Activat Go to Set

At Stotfold Children's centre Call to book or for more details

Schools For The Future 50118 Pinary

FAQ—How will the change happen?

We will move from a three form entry school into a two form entry school. For a while we have more classes, and so there will be temporary space provided by Central Bedfordshire Council.

Year	Number of classes in each school year group										
			Cherry								Total
			Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Classes
	Sept	2022	unchanged	3	3	3	3	3			15
		2023	unchanged	2	3	3	3	3	3		17
		2024	unchanged	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	19
		2025	unchanged	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	18
		2026	unchanged	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	17
		2027	unchanged	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	16
		2028	unchanged	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	15
		2029	unchanged	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	14

Children will stay with us once they join us, and the change to a two form entry will be gradual. For a while we will have extra classes, which the council describe as 'bulge years'. Funding is provided to buy resources and furniture.

Shefford Lower School Diary Dates

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

End of Summer Term 2021						
26th—30th July	Summer Holiday Club—Pre booked					
Autumn Term 2021						
1st—3rd September	Inset Days					
6th September	Years 1 to 4 Children return to school					
10th September	Reception Children return to school					
13th September	Cherry Children return to school					

Governor's News

Dear Families and Friends,

As the year draws to a close, I wold like to say a big thank you to the Shefford Lower School community. It has been another challenging year where the children have had to be resilient and adapted to change. This could not have been achieved without the positive relationships and dedicated staff, families, and community around them.

I wish you all a safe and restful summer.

Kind Regards

Jo Elliott

Chair of Governors