



Weekly Update

Friday 24th September 2021



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Dear Friends and Families,

A record week for head teacher's awards this week! Well done children, I can't wait for next Monday's assembly. I've seen some beautiful writing about Roman slavery, and some astonishing maths about place value. I was especially pleased to be rewarding children who consistently exceed the expectations for reading at home—I know we have you to thank for that support.

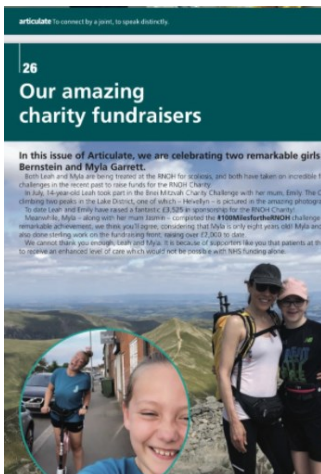
The children have been sending in some fantastic photos of reading in weird and wonderful places. Miss Sharma will share her display when it is complete. There's still time to send some in! Our library launch with Reading For Pleasure has been superb. Thank you to our staff who sorted and organised this. Our year 1 and 2 children came for the very first time ever.

Coming up in school next, we have Healthy Me Day, and I know that Mrs Pearson is organising the smoothie bike to come in, and a carousel of healthy activities. Mrs Pearson reminds us that oral health for teeth is a priority for young people at the moment. This is one of the many reasons we ask that pupils have water, not juice in their bottles. We would like to start a section in our newsletter with healthy lunch or dinner ideas. We will provide links, but best of all, would be grateful for ideas provided by you! Even better if it's something you have made with the children and feel like sharing a photo. Please forward to Haley Sparrow, our wonderful office manager.

Thank you to families who have volunteered to come into school this year. It is very much appreciated. Mrs Hudson is collecting names, so that we can provide a safeguarding induction training session shortly.

Next Thursday marks the beginning of 'Black History Month' and although acceptance and belonging is a key principle at Sheffield all year round, we will nonetheless use this time to shine a light on some of the issues during PSHCE and in assembly. We know we have your support in our wonderful Sheffield community, where unity is key.

Harvest festival is on the horizon again, and we are collecting food parcels. These will be durable items that do not perish please. Preen will collate the collections and ensure they reach families in need this year. Last year, Reverend Lorna beamed into our classroom screens, and that will be happening again this year.



Autumn is always a time of much loved celebrations, and include Halloween, Bon Fire Night, Diwali and Christmas. The community fire service have raised the issue of safety in advance of these events, and we are passing on the messages of 'safety first'. By keeping ourselves and others protected, we can enjoy our events and stay safe.

It's so good to see so many children riding their scooters and bikes. I always give housepoints to children who walk their scooters once they reach the walkway, instead of scooting that last part to school. It is crucial pupils dismount once at school. An accident this week involving broken bones was scooter related, and so it is fabulous to see so many pupils also wearing their helmets for scootering. Please be mindful to lock items, as the school is situated as part of a public right of way.

One of the other things we give house points for is excellent conduct in school. All adults passing children who demonstrate this will give out house points, and I'm proud to see the efforts from so many pupils.

A special congratulations to Mylah. As many of you know, she raised over £2000 for RNOH Hospital, and she is now featured in their Autumn magazine. We are very proud of you Mylah.

On a final note, you will be aware of the road closures in Sheffield and we hope this doesn't last beyond Friday. There may be some carry over into next week, so there may be more time required to manage journeys if you come from the Sam Whitbread end of town.

Have a great weekend.

From Mrs Finch



Values

The values of September are Unity & Belonging

"I can do things you cannot. You can do things I cannot. Together we can do great things."

Mother Teresa

Starting our new classes with a sense of togetherness and belonging. Belonging and working together in our school, as a new class, in our house groups. Developing our community by including everyone so everyone feels a sense of belonging.



House Points and Attendance W/E 17.09.21

House Points

Water—1404

Earth—1194

Fire—1136

Air—1129

House Attendance & Punctuality

Earth—98.67

Air—97.89

Fire—97.84

Water 97.29



We reopened our library on the 23rd September with a whole new layout. Each class popped in to look at our wide range of books, explored the different sections and talked about how to find books from the system.

In classes, we have been looking at books together to promote a love of reading. Miss Sharma has been collecting photos of children and staff for a display of "Look who we caught reading"

Thank you for everyone that has sent these in so far. It's not too late to send these in, please forward any pictures of your children reading in an unusual place to schooloffice@sheffield.cbeds.co.uk

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.*

*Child Protection Online Management System



Year fours have had a super time at St. Albans Cathedral today for the Roman Festival. This visit links in well with their current history focus of Roman Britian, as well as with visiting a place of worship for RE. Upon arrival, the children were welcomed to the Cathedral by a Roman soldier and then set off to experience a tour around the cathedral where they recall the historical story of St. Albans. They also have discovered what is involved in being an archaeologist and how this helps us to understand the past better. Finally, they will have experienced some Roman foods through a cooking activity.



Drama

WE NEED YOUR HELP

We are looking to collect some items as drama resources. If you have any of the following items, you no longer need we would appreciate your donating them to school. Items should be in reasonable condition and child safe. We are looking for objects that can be used as props for drama activities and are versatile. Things we are looking for are; hats for different purposes, capes, glasses with different shaped frames, swathes of material and other items that might be



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.



HARVEST FESTIVAL

Harvest Festival

Thursday 7th October

**Please send your child's Harvest
gifts into their classroom.**

**Tins & Packets
from 30th September
to 7th October
Fresh Food
on the day 7th October**

**All donations will be gratefully received by
Preen Community Foodbank**

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
Poppy—Swimming



Air House
Kayleigh—Swimming
Eva—Football



Water House

Lexi—Majorettes

Paige—Swimming

Annabelle—Gymnastics

Miles—Football

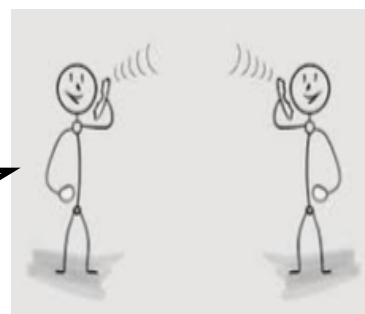
Dylan—Football



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

Imani M,
Jack M
Albie

Year 1

Charlie W,
Jenevieve P,
Eva H

Year 2

Sebastian C-G
Oliver N,
Cayden H



Year 3

Daniel T
Amelie S,
Bethan L

Year 4

Faith M,
Tristan D,
Phoebe L



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

Reception

Jack, Jude, Rory, Teddy, Imogen, Nancy, Joshua, Jake, Aidan & Louisa

Year 1

Eleanor, Louie, Freddy, Toby, Annalise, Ben, Layla, Ava, Jackson, Nancy & Anella

Year 2

Jessica & Jennifer

Year 3

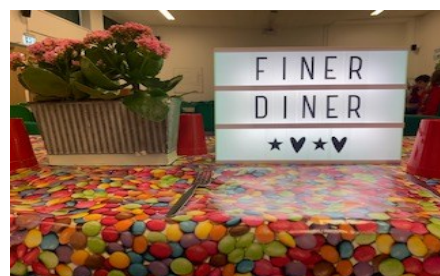
Mason, Shiron, Emmie & Imogen

Year 4







Jacob, Millie, Amelia, Matthew & Amber

THANK YOU

EXCUSE ME



Clubs offered this term

Autumn Term 1 2021	 KS1 and KS2 Clubs 
	<p>Dance Club 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.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY – AFTER SCHOOL – KS1</p>
	<p>Science Club Join Miss Hass for Science Club where you will have fun exploring, investigating and observing through different practical experiments.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY – AFTER SCHOOL – KS2</p>
	<p>Choir Club Join Miss Mansell for Choir Club to learn a range of songs and singing technique to perform at various school and local events.</p> <p>THURSDAY – AFTER SCHOOL - KS2</p>
	<p>Healthy Living Club Join Mrs Jenkins and Miss Miller for Healthy Living Club, where you will have fun exploring different ways to stay fit and healthy. Find out how to keep you whole body and mind healthy by trying out new exercises and creating your own healthy snacks.</p> <p>THURSDAY – AFTER SCHOOL – KS1</p>



P.E Club
Monday—Year 1
Tuesday—Year 2
Wednesday—Year 3
Thursday—Year 4

Happy Little Yogi @ Shefford Lower School



- After school class
- Every Thursday afternoon with Becca
- Starting Sept 16th for 6 weeks
- A fun, playful, innovative programme
- For all age groups
- Website: www.happylittleyogi.com

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Improves focus, memory, self esteem and confidence, reduces anxiety and stress, promotes a healthy body image, brings awareness to being mindful and at peace with oneself. Improves posture, flexibility, strength, balance, coordination and motor skills.

Book your Childs space: <https://www.happylittleyogi.com/classes/after-school-clubs>

Activate Windows

Happy Little Yogi will be running an after school club starting on the 16th September.

We are only offering this to children in Year 3 at the moment to remain in our year group bubbles.

If you are interested please contact Happy Little Yogi directly

PSA News

To: All parents of Shefford Lower



You are invited



to: our first committee meeting of the
2021-2022 academic year

on: **Wednesday 29th September.**

with: tea, cake and biscuits.



RSVP : To the school office with your
name, your child's name and class.

PS We would love to have a
representative from every class so
please get in touch to find out more.

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- 40p** goes to our school
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- 4p** goes to VAT

The Maths... 100 tickets sold a week means
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Buy A Ticket

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older

Community News

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

Parenting Puzzle

Do you have a child aged 3-5 years? We would like to invite you to our Parent Puzzle programme



During the 10-week programme we will look at different topics including:

- Understanding why children behave the way they do.
- Recognising the feelings behind behaviour (ours and theirs).
- Improving relationships and emotional well-being within families.
 - Exploring different approaches to discipline.

VENUE;

Shefford Children's Centre, School Lane, Shefford, SG17 5XA.

Dates:

Thursdays for 10 week course.

Starts 30th September, ends 9th December (no session 28th Oct).

Time :

9.30 to 11.30am

Booking:

Call 03003008112 to confirm your place.



Bike to School Week 2021

27 September – 1 October



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Chat-Health

Pop-ins

SUMMERTIME BOOK REVIEW COMPETITION 2021

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.

When by?

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



Important information:

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 name 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.

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Shefford Lower School

Diary Dates

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

Autumn Term 2021

27th September—1st October	Bike to School Week
4th October	Healthy Me Day
<u>7th October</u>	<u>Harvest Festival</u>
12th October	Year 3's Celtic Harmony Trip
19th and 21st October	Consultation Evenings TBC
20th October	Individual School Photos
25th—29th October	Half Term
1st November	Inset Day
<u>4th November</u>	<u>Diwali Day</u>
<u>9th and 10th November</u>	<u>Year 1's Shuttleworth Trip</u>
<u>12th November</u>	<u>Children in Need Fundraiser</u>
<u>15th—19th November</u>	<u>Anti Bullying Week</u>

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.