



## Weekly Update

Friday 25th June



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

Dear Families and Friends,

Thank you for all your help this week. The difficult announcement to send home year one and selected children was impactful in school and undoubtedly in your homes. Without a doubt, the need to follow our one way system, especially with the highly spreadable variant, and the need to wear masks is something we are continuing to request. You will see us adhering to this when we do the walking bus too.

I understand that there has been help offered between friends and neighbours to bring in siblings, so that the DfE requirement of parents to bring children in, is met. This is what I love most about the community of this school. The eagerness to help, support and offer kind words and deeds. We have worked to bring in immediate planning and start up live learning. Packs for learners are going home and free school meals are organised. I thank our staff too, including those new to TEAMS today, and those helping with the new walking bus. Your kind messages to our staff members and those you have passed on to our poorly staff member are very welcomed.

With 'Shuffle Up' day on Friday, we are all keen to have our children back, and to ensure they get to visit their new classes. Please note the pause to swimming on that day. We will be informing each class of their follow on class on Thursday 1st July. You will receive a parentmail also. Children will move up in their classes, and not mix. Adults will distance from each other.

Year 4 will not be able to shuffle up to Robert Bloomfield. We are therefore planning to use our Rowan area, hall and canopy areas to provide a carousel of activities. Fortunately, staff from Robert Bloomfield will be permitted to visit us, and this is very much welcomed.

Leavers events provide children with the moving on closure that helps them to settle into the next faze of their learning journey. We are delighted that year 4 are working on their production, which they will be sharing via TEAMS. This is a day time event usually, but this year, there will be a further evening showing, which is one of the advantages of TEAMS. Year 4 are organising their disco event, and have picnics and fun planned for the final days.

Sports days were incredible this year, and children gave superb efforts. Lots of house points were awarded and Miss Leary announced in todays Sports Assembly that Fire House were the overall winners. It's a well done to them, and a well done to all who took part and encouraged others to try their best. We will be organising a further sporting tournament for y2 before the year is ended. This is due to there being disruption yesterday and some children missing out when we confirmed the case of Covid.

As we come to the end of a challenging school year, we look to the results of the year we have had and there has been so much that has made us proud. Children, families and staff have shown such resilience and dedication to the children. This is coming through in the results we are seeing and the ability of the children to respond to longer focus in the classroom, compared with returning from lockdown in March. The programme of support we have put in place and the strong recovery for supporting learning stamina and mental health in school will continue into September. We are in the process of devising our priority planning for 2021—2022. Alongside this, we will road map priorities for our move to Primary. The work of the parent forum is crucial to this, and if you are interested in representing your child's class ahead of September, please get in touch. We wish to have a broad overview of parent need and views, as well as to communicate as much as we can as well as we can. Thank you to our group so far who have helped reassure me of the priorities we have ring-fenced ahead of the Summer.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy weekend.

From Mrs Finch

# Schools For The Future

## Going primary

## 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								Total Classes
		Cherry Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	
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.

## Values

The values from 7th of June are Simplicity & Freedom

*"It's the simple things in life which are the most extraordinary" Paulo Coelho*

Enjoying the simple things... around this time of year the flowers and trees are blossoming and we are outside more. Exploring the idea of mindfulness and taking time to relax and appreciate life

### House Points and Attendance W/E 18.06.21

Well done to last week's house winners.



#### House Points

Fire—1270

Air—1200

Water—1075

Earth—869



#### House Attendance & Punctuality

Fire 98.41

Water—97.22

Earth—97.21

Air—96.72



### 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:

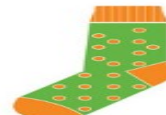
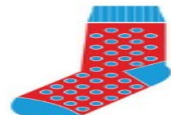
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This list is updated by staff throughout the year and can be accessed by anyone. We've made it really easy to donate a book to the school:

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.



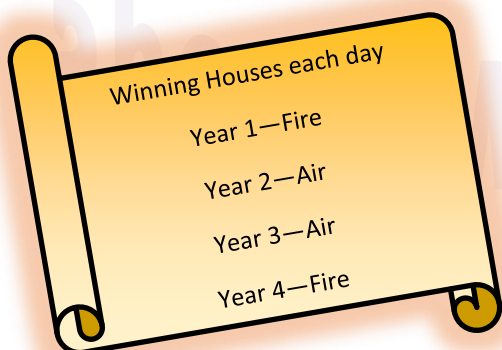
### Sock Donation Request

**We have run out of spare socks to use in Early Years. If you have any spare we would very much appreciate a donation. Please hand into your class teacher or into the school office.**

**Thank you for your help.**



# Sports Week Results



A BIG thank you to the Year 4's who helped to run some events and keep track of the scores!

## **Sports Day Running Races Results**

### **Year 1 Boys**

Kiarno 1st  
Aaron 2nd  
Seb 3rd

### **Year 1 Girls**

Zoe  
Eva  
Sophie

### **Year 2 Boys**

Archie 1st  
Giovanni 2nd  
Noah 3rd

### **Year 2 Girls**

Poppy  
Bethan  
Lola

### **Year 3 Boys**

Deniz 1st  
Freddie 2nd  
Frankie 3rd

### **Year 3 Girls**

Kiera  
Rose  
Charlotte

### **Year 4 Boys**

Ryan 1st  
Charlie 2nd  
Noah 3rd

### **Year 4 Girls**

Renae  
Paige  
Sophie

**This week the children have been having a go at a figure of 8 challenge. These are the children who made the most improvement over the week**

Maple—Dougie & Eloise and Oak—Tommy & Rosie

Cedar—Deniz & Kiera, Elm—Hannah & Harrison and Hawthorn—Ashley & Ella

Ash—Evelyn & Noah, Beech—Alfie & Lacey and Hazel—Reuben & Grace

## 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 14/06/21



### Reception

**Peach** — Layla A

**Pear** — Sam N

**Plum** — Abigail B

### Year 1

**Chestnut** — Esmee

**Holly** — Olivia R

**Sycamore** — Lacey-Mae &  
Michelle



### Year 2

**Maple** — Giovanni A

**Oak** — Oscar D

**Willow** — Mylah M



### Year 3

**Cedar** — Maisy R

**Elm** — Lexi

**Hawthorn** — Grace

### Year 4

**Ash** — Henry T

**Beech** — Lacey D

**Hazel** — James G



## 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:

EXCUSE ME



### Reception

Teddy, Eleanor, Morgan, Joseph,  
Caitlyn, Toby, Isha, Kara, Mia,  
Hayden, Frankie, Grace and Martha

### Year 1

Poppy and Jack

THANK YOU

### Year 2

Layla, Amber, Crystal, Isabelle,  
Myla, Cassian, Sen, Shiron



### Year 4

Jayden and Ruby

### Year 3

Freya, Willow, Joel, Tyler, Tristan, Jamie,  
Millie, Isla, Miles, Grace, Max and Heidi



# Sheffield Lower School

## Summer Holiday Club

*For children who attend Sheffield Lower in Years 1- 4*



**Monday 26th to Friday 30th**

**9.00am—3.30pm**

**£18.00 per day**

**£12.00 per sibling**

# **BOOK NOW !**

Booking forms are available on ParentMail. Please contact the [schooloffice@sheffield.cbeds.co.uk](mailto:schooloffice@sheffield.cbeds.co.uk) if you require a paper copy.



# PSA News

## Upcoming events

Sponsored Bounce – Tuesday 6 July

We are so thrilled that the incredibly popular sponsored bounce is back! We hope your children are as excited as we are. Letters and sponsor forms should have been received this week and are due to be back by Friday 2 July at the latest. Please take time to check the Gift Aid form if you are able as it enables the PSA to receive an extra 25%!

A massive thank you to Dawn to Dusk who are kindly providing the bouncy castle and helping to set everything up on the day.

## 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

Help us raise **FREE** funds for

**Shefford 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

 <p><b>£1 per ticket</b></p> <p>That's right, unlike many other lotteries, our lottery tickets are only £1 per week.</p>	 <p><b>Help us do more</b></p> <p>For every ticket you play, 76% goes to our school and prizes.</p> 	 <p><b>£25,000 grand prize</b></p> <p>Match all 6 numbers and you win the JACKPOT!</p>
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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.**



### SHEFFORD PRINCE AND PRINCESSES



**Invite you to join them at the  
crowning of the 2021/22  
Prince and Princesses.**

Are you age 5-13 years?  
Do you live in Shefford or attend Shefford Lower School or Robert  
Bloomfield Academy?  
Do you want to be the Shefford Prince or Princess?  
Email in your application form to enter.

**The crowning ceremony will be held following  
the judging of contestants which starts at 2pm  
on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July.**

**The event will be held on the lawns behind  
St. Michael and All Angels Church Shefford  
in conjunction with the 'Welcome Back to  
Shefford' afternoon.**

For further information, queries or application forms please contact  
Sarah Potter 07929113728/ [itsallbizarre@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:itsallbizarre@hotmail.co.uk)

### Shefford Prince and Princess 2021

Application form for the Prince and Princess event (Ages 5-13)  
To be held in Shefford Town Centre on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2021 in conjunction  
with the 'Welcome Back To Shefford' afternoon.

Name.....  
Address.....  
Postcode.....  
Date of Birth...../...../.....Age.....  
School.....  
Interests/Hobbies.....  
Parents Name.....  
E-mail.....  
Telephone Number.....  
Mobile Number.....

**\*PLEASE NOTE: All Applicants must live in Shefford or attend one of  
the schools in SHEFFORD. Incomplete forms will not be entered.  
Completed forms need to be emailed to the address below.**

Any further queries / questions please contact:  
Sarah Potter 07929113728 [itsallbizarre@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:itsallbizarre@hotmail.co.uk)

CLOSING DATE: Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Event to be held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July in Shefford Town Centre behind  
St Michael and All Angels Church as part of the 'Welcome Back to  
Shefford' afternoon.

Please meet at the Prince and Princess Marquee by 2pm for judging.

This event is supported by Shefford Town Council and Shefford  
Firework Committee

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By email:  
[info@countrydays.net](mailto:info@countrydays.net)

By telephone:  
07599336532 / 07938267057

Visit our website:  
[www.countrydays.net](http://www.countrydays.net)

*We must teach our children  
To smell the earth  
To taste the rain  
To touch the wind  
To see things grow  
To hear sun rise and night fall  
To care*

Course Programme  
Easter & Summer 2021

The Leys Nature Reserve, Pavenham  
Road, Felmersham Beds MK43 7EX

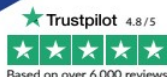
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## Holiday camps near you

Venue: Henlow Academy, SG16 6AN

Dates: week 1 - 26th - 30th July // week 2 - 2nd - 6th Aug // week 3 - 9th - 13th Aug // week 4 - 16th - 20th Aug // week 5 - 23rd - 27th Aug

Times: 08:00 - 16:00

Price: £100 for a (5 day) week long booking

Ages: 5 - 12 years old

Additional info: We will be working with our 'bubble' system during these times.

Please bring  
- A packed lunch  
- Plenty of water  
- Suitable clothing  
for weather  
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### Premier Education promise

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these courses are  
cancelled, we will  
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within 7 days.

### Taking every precaution

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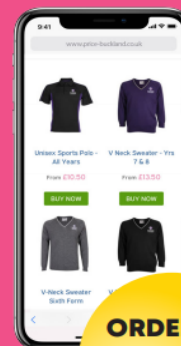
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# Family support Drop in

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



Shefford and Stotfold Children's Centre S  
0300 300 8112



## 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



Rook Tree Lane  
Stotfold  
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Shefford and Stotfold  
Children's centre

0-12's family service



V2 April 2021

## 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.

Suitable for babies and toddlers



**Bellcote Meadow (Millennium Green)**

Every Wednesday 10.30-11.30

Located at the bottom of Purcell Way,  
Shefford SG17 5RY  
Car park available



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

Den building Scavenger Hunt Bug Hunts Leaf crowns

Friendly environment Meet new people Share experiences

## 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 0758589226

## 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 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

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## 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

Free Bookstart pack

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	
9th June—14 July (Wednesdays)	Year 3 Swimming—Elm and Cedar
11th June—16th July (Fridays)	Year 3 Swimming—Hawthorn
28th June	Reception Classes Open Evening
2nd July	Transition (Move Up) Day
6th July	PSA—Sponsored Bounce
7th July	World Countries Day
22nd July	Last day of Term
26th—30th July	Summer Holiday Club (booking forms via Parentmail)
6th September	Children return to school

### 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.

