



Weekly Update

Friday 25th March 2022

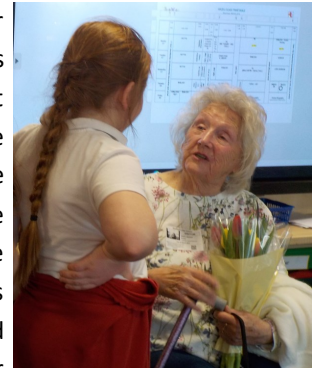


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Dear Families and Friends,

It is wonderful that spring is here, and we are seeing warmer weather. Being able to use our field space is always a real boon to playtimes. We are seeing uniform changes and items being brought into school. Please remember to be sun safe and ensure feet are safe with closed toe shoes too. [Please click this link for our uniform policy](#) for your awareness.

Year 4 had the pleasure of a very special visitor in school this week, and it really helped to bring their WWII learning to life. Beryl (AKA Nanny B) actually celebrates her 88th birthday today and was 8 years old when her house was bombed. She spoke to the children about being in the Anderson shelter at the time with her family when her dad went back into the house to listen to the 9pm news on the wireless. The house was bombed when he was inside and he was thrown across the room by the blast. Her dad did survive but spent 6 months recovering from a broken leg. Beryl was dug out of the Anderson shelter by wardens and sent to the neighbour's Anderson shelter to stay. Beryl also spoke about rationing at the time and her family were given 50grams of sweets to last a month. If she was chosen at school for being good, she would receive half a pound of butter - her mum was thrilled when she brought it home. Mrs Carter did wonder how Hazel Class would feel if this were their reward!



This week, our whole school e-visited Hillwood school in Sri Lanka. For those of you who are new to our school, this is our twinned school across the globe. The children prepared questions in advance and shared their answers using TEAMS. This was arranged as part of a special assembly with the children there staying later to help manage the time differences. We were able to show them how we have learned our values in different languages and learned from them about the weather and seasons. Our values focus for one more week is still 'Courage & Determination'. We have since received special cards which we will be sharing in Monday's Celebration assembly.

Our SIA (School Improvement Partner) visited us on Tuesday too. As part of the Local Authority, he is tasked to analyse the school performance and we have been pleased to share the results in school and the progress measures. We continue to have a focus area on attendance and of course on reading. Both have seen continued improvements and are life changing areas of a child's school journey which we are very proud of here. We were also able to showcase the developments with music this year too. Going forwards, we have the live assemblies in the hall and can't wait to showcase the choir and instrumentalists.

In exciting news, Miss Leary is soon to be married. I am sure you will all join me in celebrating the soon to be Mrs Farnan and help us to remember her name change!

As summer approaches, head teachers receive increasing requests for holidays and exceptional leave. Our policy provides the criteria which is given by the DfE. The exceptional leave guidance is incredibly strict and rarely applies. Please do ensure you have viewed this (attached to parentmail) before requesting leave outside of the school's 13 week holiday periods. May, in particular, is a month where the school ensure pupils are present for SATs and this has been reinstated this year, along with other statutory assessments from the government in June such as the Year One Phonics, and the Year Four Multiplication Test. In school, we make these tests as low key as possible, whilst ensuring the children are practised too. It is always our aim to remove any stress barriers, and help the children to showcase their best understanding.

Next week, we see year 4 take to the residential again. This has not been possible in previous years, and we know that our pupils grow so much by being part of this. We can't wait to see how much fun they will have.

Have a wonderfully sunny weekend, from Mrs Finch



Values

The values of March will be Courage & Determination

"What would life be if we had no courage to attempt anything?" Vincent Van Gogh.

Courage when you least feel like trying. Not giving up.. Knowing it is worth it, if not immediately, then in the long run. Courage when you are a lone voice in a crowd, when peer pressure is high.

House Points and Attendance

W/E 18/03/22

House Points

Air—1198
Water—988
Earth—771
Fire—666



House Attendance & Punctuality Winner

Fire

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 – Bedtimes are upto me

Buster - Ensuring children have good sleep hygiene in order to thrive is part of safeguarding. Schools are obliged to monitor and record instances on CPOMs. We can support you if you need help with this aspect of care. Our family worker can work with you and help you to establish good routines.

If you are concerned about a child outside of school you can phone 999 in an emergency or 101 to make a report.

[Follow the link](#)

The NSPCC operated an urgent helpline on 0808800500

Lunchbox tips

Drink swaps

A quarter of the sugar kids have every day comes from sugary drinks – help them cut back by making these easy swaps, and remember to keep juice drinks to mealtimes only to help prevent tooth decay.



Swap from

- ✗ Cola and other fizzy drinks
- ✗ Juice drinks
- ✗ Milkshakes
- ✗ Whole milk



Swap to

- ✓ Water
- ✓ Sugar-free drinks
- ✓ No-added-sugar drinks
- ✓ Lower-fat milks



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](#)



Cake Sales



We reintroduced the cake sales today to raise money for charities chosen by the children each month. We started with Year 2 who voted to raise funds for the Red Cross in support of the Ukraine Crisis Appeal.

Thank you to everyone who donated cakes for us to sell after school and to everyone who brought a delicious treat.



Money raised today was an amazing

£311.25



For future Cake Sales please find more information in the school diary dates section of the newsletter.



Shefford Museum and Gallery is growing fast at Shefford Lower School. It features copies of some the most famous paintings in the world and authentic historical and natural history artefacts. We would like to share a different exhibit each week in the news letter. This week's featured exhibit is

Badgers

Badgers are found in North America, Ireland, Great Britain and most of Europe.

Badgers are nocturnal mammals.

A male badger is called a boar, the female is called a sow and the young are called cubs.

Badgers were eaten in Britain during World War II.

Badgers have stocky bodies with short legs that are suitable for digging. They dig burrows underground called a sett. Their sett are often a maze of tunnels and chambers for sleeping around 6 badgers, setts are kept very clean.



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.

<u>Reception</u>	Pear—Laurence, Plum—Georgia, Peach—Albie
<u>Year 1</u>	Sycamore—Teddy, Holly—Ben, Chestnut—Chloe
<u>Year 2</u>	Maple—Fabrizio, Oak—Harry, Willow—Kiarno
<u>Year 3</u>	Hawthorn—Eloise, Elm—Crystal, Cedar—Daniel
<u>Year 4</u>	Hazel—Livvie, Ash—Georgie, Beech—Mary



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	Max—Swimming, Forrest—Swimming, Devon—Dance, Scarlett—Swimming Freddie—Swimming & Elisa—Swimming
Fire House	Raith—Tennis & Rose—Tampolining
Water House	Rachel—Hockey
Earth House	Poppy—Hockey & Max—Basketball



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

THANK YOU

<u>Reception</u>	Ronnie, Elsie, Ben, Elsie, Albie, Charlotte, Oscar
<u>Year 1</u>	Eleanor, Logan, Miles, Leo, Ellie, Annabelle W, Annabelle B
<u>Year 2</u>	Kelly, Ben, Felicity, Oliver, Lana, Jessica
<u>Year 3</u>	Mark, Isabella, Emily, Denis, Lucas, Dougie
<u>Year 4</u>	Louie, Ekam, Riley, Kelsey, Demmy, Charlie, Matthew



WANTED - NEW GOVERNORS

What are we looking for?

Our school Governing Body is made up of Governors from all walks of life and many come to us through a variety of routes and with a range of different backgrounds, skills, and experiences, but they are all volunteers who work together for the benefit of the school and are the link between the school and the community it serves.

We want you –

We are currently looking for new Governors and would be delighted to hear from anyone who has:

1. An interest in the performance of the school.
 2. A desire to contribute to and represent the community.
 3. An open and enquiring mind
 4. The ability to look at issues objectively
 5. The confidence to ask questions and join in debate.
 6. A willingness to listen and make informed judgements
 7. The ability to work well with others
- Time to spare



Everyone has something to offer, and we want people from as many backgrounds and with as wide a range of interests as possible.

What can we offer?

- A chance to develop skills in strategic management
- The opportunity to work with our team of governors and staff in improving our School
- A sense of achievement in making a difference to our School
- The pleasure of helping students reach their potential

What is the Governing Body's Role?

The Governing Body of our school plays a key role in: • setting targets for raising standards of educational achievement.

1. Monitoring progress towards meeting these targets.
2. Supporting and challenging the performance of the headteacher
3. Deciding policy and future development plans

As well as attending meetings governors are also asked to look at specific areas of the school's work in more detail. To help support governors, everyone has access to further training to help build on existing skills or to develop new ones.

Please look out on the school Parent Mail for further information or hand you details to the school office. The chair of Governors, Jo Elliott will then be in contact.

schooloffice@shefford.cbeds.co.uk



Sheffield Lower School

Easter Holiday Club

For children who attend Sheffield Lower in Years 1- 4



Monday 4th April 9.00am - 3.30pm

Tuesday 5th April 9.00am - 3.30pm

Wednesday 6th April 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.

Community News

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

at Stondon Village Hall
Offer a free trial (Excluding Clubbercise)
IDTA ACCREDITED

Join us for our
Fun Football Camp
April 30th - 7th & 12th-14th 2022
Pendleton Sports Centre-Stockport

Held at Pendleton Sports Centre, Stockport
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.midbedfutsal.co.uk
Send us an email: midbedfutsal@gmail.com

Adult Clubbercise classes running at Ardway Village Hall
FUN DAYS during half terms and school holidays

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mid Bedfutsal 9:30 - 10:30am	Mid Bedfutsal 9:30 - 10:30am	Mid Bedfutsal 9:30 - 10:30am	Mid Bedfutsal 9:30 - 10:30am

For more information contact: midbedfutsal@gmail.com or [01454 512345](tel:01454 512345)

[Click for more information](#)

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10% discount for siblings, NHS, Police and Military Personnel

In Partnership With

Wellness, MBF, BWF, and other partners.

[Click for more information](#)

JOIN IN THE FUN AT OUR
Easter Camp
Ages 3-14

Tennis, Cricket, Go Karts, Nerf, Football, and other activities.

Week One: 4th-8th April Week Two: 11th-14th Week Three: 19th-22nd

Banbury / Bedford / Brackley / Filwick / Milton Keynes

9-3:30pm / 10-5:30pm / 8-4pm / 8-5:30pm / 10-2pm from £18 per day

Activities: Specialising in Tennis, Cricket, and Football plus an introduction to a wide range of other sports and activities like... (see website for full list of activities)

Throughout the day children can choose their own activities depending on what is feeling adventurous, or maybe on the creative side

Food and drink (not included) to suit you and your budget

BOOK NOW: www.sportyscholars.com Tel 07811184810

[Click for more information](#)

5-star Holiday Camps

To put a spring in their step this Easter.

With action-packed sessions available throughout the school holidays, our camps are a fantastic place for children to meet new friends, have lots of fun, and create wonderful memories.

BOOK NOW AT: premier-education.com/holiday-camps

Follow us on social: @PremEducationUK

Get 20% off when you refer a friend

[Click for more information](#)

STMA PRESENTS
Easter Indoor Picnic

We're excited to bring you our Indoor Picnic once again.

There will be a live vocalist, Cara Bo performing children's themed songs that the entire family can sing along to, as well as a show by The Family Entertainer.

Bring your family & friends, as well as your picnic basket, and join us for an afternoon of fun.

Drinks will be available at the bar.

Saturday April 16th 12-4pm

Own supply of alcohol & beverages is not permitted on site

Sheffield Summer Fete @ the STMA
#Bigswell
June 5th 2022

Craft and local product stalls
Food trucks
family games and rides
and much much more

JACK COLLISON SOCCER SCHOOL

FORMER WEST HAM AND WALES INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALLER

EASTER HALF TERM CAMP!

FOOTBALL, COMPETITIONS, FUN AND PRIZES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 5-13!

MONDAY 11TH - THURSDAY 14TH APRIL, 10:00-15:00
ROBERT BLOOMFIELD ACADEMY, SG175BU
1,2,3 AND 4 DAY TICKETS AVAILABLE
*** ONLY 60 SPACES AVAILABLE ***
BOOK ONLINE NOW!

[To book a space please click this link](#)

Children's Community Health HUB

Your one stop contact point

0300 555 0606
ask.bedsandlutonchildrenshealthhubs.org.uk

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 Loblo 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.

Children & Adults Community Health Services

COLOUR DASH LUTON FAMILY FUN 5K

SUNDAY 17 JULY
keech.org.uk/colouredash

News Central

[Ivel Valley Parent Bulletin](#)
[Ivel Valley Early Help Bulletin](#)



**ARE YOU IN AN UNHEALTHY
RELATIONSHIP?
DOES THIS SOUND FAMILIAR?**

**Central
Bedfordshire**

I'm told what to wear
When I am physically hurt, it's my fault
Intimate contact is never my choice
I'm older and feel I am being exploited by my family
I'm being stalked on social media
I'm being stopped seeing my friends
I'm isolated
I don't have control of my own money
They threaten to out me to my family
They stop you achieving
My Children are threatened
I feel scared when I am at home



**More information about local support
services can be found on the
Bedfordshire Domestic Abuse
Partnership website bedsdv.org.uk**

**BEDFORDSHIRE
DOMESTIC
ABUSE
PARTNERSHIP**

**IT DOESN'T HURT
TO ASK FOR HELP!**

Shefford Lower School

Diary Dates

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

2022 Upcoming Dates

W/C 21st February	Year 3 Swimming lessons begin for 6 weeks
21st March—1st April	Big Walk and Wheel to school days—We want to encourage more families to travel to school actively, to help create healthier and happier communities
28th March	Year 4's 1940s Activity Workshop
30th March—1st April	Year 4 Residential Trip
1st April	Last day of Spring Term
19th April	SUMMER TERM Begins—Children Return
20th & 21st April	National Child Measurement Programme—Reception children.—The School nurse team will be in school for the NCMP—information sent out via Parentmail
27th April	Whole Class Photos
<u>29th April</u>	<u>Early Years Cake Sale—raising money for GOSH</u>
<u>25th May</u>	<u>Year 4 Cake Sale—raising money for MacMillan</u>
<u>30th May—3rd June</u>	<u>Half Term</u>
6th June 2022	Extra Bank Holiday to mark The Queen's Platinum
14th June	Year 4 Faith Tour
<u>24th June</u>	<u>Year 1 Cake Sale—raising money for RSPCA</u>
<u>30th June</u>	<u>Year 3 Sing Up Concert</u>
<u>13th July</u>	<u>Year 3 Cake Sale—raising money for Smiles</u>
22nd July	Last Day of Term
5th September	2022/2023 School Year Begins

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

Moving to become a primary as part of Central Bedfordshire's Schools For The Future project.

<https://www.schoolsforthefuture.co.uk/>

To find Shefford Lower's Academic Calendar for 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 please refer to our website

[Term Dates Link](#)

Please note this will be different to the Central Bedfordshire term dates