



Weekly Update

Friday 26th March



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Dear Families & Friends

This has been an interesting, yet short term. We have thoroughly enjoyed having our school family back together, and seeing the children settle back into their classes.

As we move into Easter, we have been learning about the Easter story, and thinking about who Jesus was, and the impact he had as a leader. At Shefford, everyone is a leader, with or without a title.

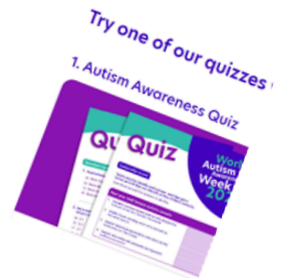
We all lead ourselves and our values, which as you all know is crucial to our daily successes and the happiness of our community here at school.

Mrs Anderson has collated the children's Values work from the last term, and has replenished our 'Rainbow' book, to share in our values assembly, and keep in our hall. Thank you for your contributions.

In school, leaders have been meeting with each other and members of Central Bedfordshire Local Authority to discuss the roadmap towards developing our school as a primary school in 2023. There is currently no new news. We have previously held meetings, and your consultation was presented back to the council last year. Our Governors have this in mind, and we have been budgeting to improve resources in recent meetings. Our Board of Governors do vital work in our school and if you have key skills to add value to this board, please do enquire after the vacant posts via the school office.

Currently, there is a consultation for the future provision of children with special educational needs and disabilities, available on the CBC website. Please have your say.

Next week, is World Autism Awareness Week. The National Autistic Society have an online quiz; you can try to see how aware you are.



When we return after Easter, we are not altering our stagger times or safety measures. It is still early days. However, we will be reviewing this with the leadership team at Robert Bloomfield in due course. You have been sharing your views with us over time, and we urge you to continue to do so. This assists us in our decisions. For now, I remind you to send one adult per child, to move quickly through the site without waiting, to observe the one way system, to wear face coverings and observe a high level of hand hygiene.

We will continue to operate our routine of lateral flow testing over Easter, to respond to the incubation period of Covid-19. We also request you test our Covid line on 07541 170024 if you have a positive case over Easter. This will be checked for ten days. Should there be a positive case, a ParentMail will be sent to the relevant class, not naming the individual, to ensure we have complied with the requirement to contact trace.

Our school PSA is a group of parents who support our school directly. They help foster a sense of community and motivation, and they raise important funds to keep the highlights of school life in the fore. If you would like to be involved, please do let them know. They are a very friendly crowd and welcome new members.

Mr Tilbury has a club operating in the first week of the holidays for each year group. If you did not get a place, but need child care, Dawn2Dusk are operating throughout the Easter break. Please enquire for places.

Reading is one of the main ways that children build their vocabulary. It is widely known that this supports critical thinking and social thinking, as well as all other subject areas. We will ensure your child has reading books sent home, and we will continue to send home digital logins to support access to reading. Children who read for pleasure are more likely to succeed in many aspects of life, including mental health, according to recent research. It is therefore vital that children learn to read well. We will begin to welcome back some volunteers to our school to listen to readers. If you have some regular time to spare, please do get in touch.

Teachers are preparing for consultation evenings, and we look forward to meeting with you. Reflecting on the past year, we note that the conversations with families have enabled us to know you better, and this has been a very good thing. Fostering those collaborative relationships has been crucial to the success we have seen with our children here at Shefford Lower School. Thank you for all that you have done here too. The children have certainly benefited from this partnership.

After Easter, we hope to reintroduce Forest School. We have been doing this in our own small forest area, but the learning opportunities in the larger forest is far better and more impactful for the children. Mr Tilbury is planning optimistically for this, and we will let you know more next term.

We are also thinking ahead to our sporting events. It is highly unlikely that we will have parents on site in groups. So Miss Leary, our PE leader is working with Mr Tilbury to develop a festival of sport for the Summer. We will have lots to share and will be using our TEAMS pages to support your involvement. If you have ideas, please do share them with Miss Leary and Mr Tilbury.

Finally, as Lent comes to an end, we consider the time at Easter that we will have. There is an opportunity to meet in gardens after 29th March, with a few of the same people. We hope you are able to enjoy these easing of restrictions and look forward to seeing our children again in April.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Finch

House Points and Attendance

Well done to the winning houses, and last week for house points and attendance!

W/C 15/03/21



House Points

Water—724

Earth—706

Fire—640

Air—625



House Attendance

Air—97.80

Water—96.96

Fire—96.84

Earth—96.56



Values

The values from March 16th —April 3rd are **Trust and Honesty**

True to self, being trustworthy, what we look for in others we place our trust, differentiating between lying and holding back full truth as equally dishonest.

Year 3 Egyptian Day

On Wednesday 14th April Portals to the Past will be coming in to hold an Egyptian Day for Year 3. The children can come in to school dressed up (please see ParentMail for costume ideas) and will be taking part in activities where they will learn about ancient Egypt!



Year 4 Bikeability



The Year 4 children who registered via ParentMail will be taking part in the Level 1 Bikeability course on Friday 16th April. This will be taking place on the school ball court and will teach the children how to control and master their bikes.

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.

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 15/03/20



Reception

Peach — Lilly A

Pear — Cara H

Plum — Sid B

Year 1

Chestnut — Daisy F

Holly — Evie Morris

Sycamore — Joshua A



Year 2

Maple — Louis C

Oak — Mark J

Willow — Shiron A

Year 3

Cedar — Laurence H

Elm — Faith M

Hawthorn — Emelia N

Year 4

Ash — Lucy E

Beech — Lacey D

Hazel — Trystan D



Finer Diners

Congratulations to the children below who have sat at the 'Finer Diner' table this week for displaying good manners and values at lunchtime:

Reception

Joe D
Zoe M
Arthur G-L
Maisie H
Anuradha S
Annabelle W
Sam N

Year 1

Jennifer B
Emily D
Oliver H
Oscar G
Effie B
Michelle O-M
Quinnon G

EXCUSE ME



THANK YOU

Year 2

Jake M
Lilly B-S
Lola D
Leeia-Mai W
Summer C
Imogen M
Emily B
Bethan L

Year 4

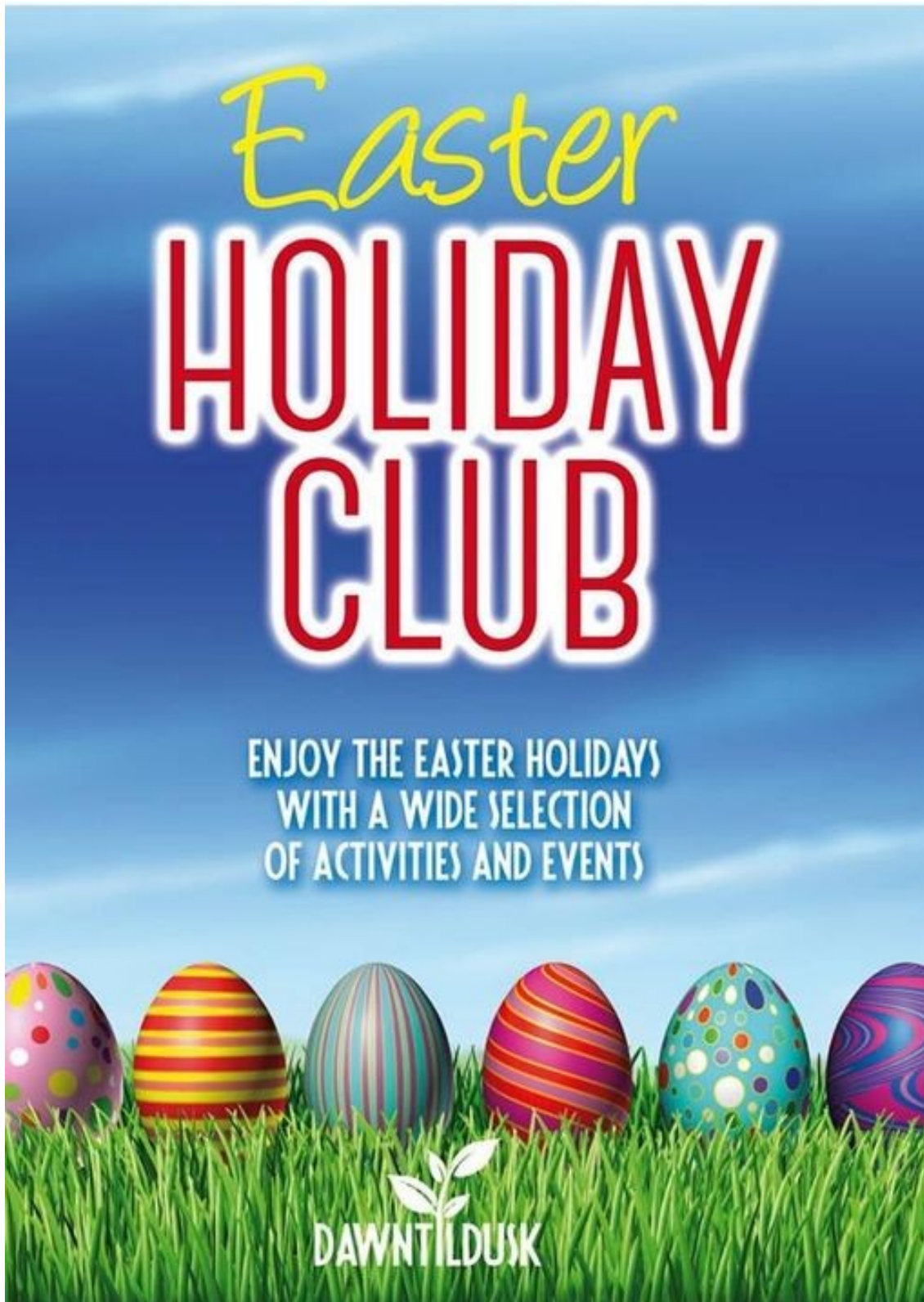
Bethany J

Year 3

Edward L
Iris K
Arianna M

We are please to be offering a holiday club 8am until 4pm
during the Easter holidays.

For availability please contact Dawn until Dusk Head office on 01234 930505





**If your child has:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in, sense of
smell or taste**

**This could be a sign of
coronavirus**

Book a test

**If your child has:
a runny nose, is sneezing or
feeling unwell
But they don't have:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in,
sense of smell or taste**

**These are
not normally symptoms of
coronavirus**

**Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial
111 or see your GP**

parent safety measures

Walk the one way

The one way system prevents the risk of contamination from passers by, and also helps to maintain the social distancing.

Keep the distance

Covid spreads less easily if people aren't close to each other. We have marked out lines to stay behind, and a safety box at the door to keep clear. Please stay outside of the box when talking to teachers.

One adult per drop off or collection

With 500 families, keeping numbers down will help to keep you safe, reduce the infection rate and help to keep our school empty. Please do not arrive on site in twos, or threes, or with friends.

Fewer adults on site

at the same time

Our staggered timings reduce the numbers of adults on site at any one time. We know they don't fit everyone, particularly if you have several drop-offs, so please talk to us if you have exceptional challenges. We have classes using different doors, and we also request adults move on after their designated time to help us keep congestion down. We are available by phone or email to answer queries and support you.

Sanitise and hand wash

Kill the virus in its tracks by using soap or hand sanitiser, and support your child to understand the benefits of hand hygiene

Masks

If you enter the reception foyer, you will be in an enclosed space with other users. We advise you wear a mask. In all situations, please do not discard masks on the school grounds. Use bins or take them home to dispose of. We recommend contacting the office by phone or email in most circumstances.

**Thank you
for your support**



Community News

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

How Can I Help My Child?

Access to phones, social media and the internet means that young people can communicate with others without those caring for them knowing and this can make it difficult when we want to keep them safe.

An online workshop for parents and carers

Facilitated through Zoom by Vicki and Rhiannon from the Marie Collins Foundation



Marie Collins Foundation (MCF)

MCF is dedicated to supporting victims of online child sexual abuse and exploitation. The foundation advocates for children who have suffered from online abuse so that they are able to recover and live safe and fulfilling lives. It has grown to become a dedicated team of specialists who support those harmed online through direct work with children and their families and advising professionals and governments at local, national and international level.

In this workshop you will have the opportunity to explore, in a safe environment,

- what **online harm** is
- ways you can **effectively help** and support your children
- understand **why and how** children can become victims, and
- how your response can be **vital** in enabling your child to recover.

To apply for a place please click on the dates below and complete the form

12th April 2021 10.00am - 11.30am

19th May 2021 1.00pm - 2.30pm

17th June 2021 7.00pm - 8.30pm

We will have a record of your contact details from your course registration and will only use this information for the provision and evaluation of your workshop. Should you wish to have your data deleted please contact admin@mariecollinsfoundation.org.uk.



HALF TERM 1:1 SESSION NOW AVAILABLE

MBF IS BACK

Get yourself ready to return to football.
Book your 45min 1:1 slot with a FA affiliated Licensed coach.

Location: Shefford Sports Club
Dates: 29th, 30th, 31st March and 1st April
Times: 10:00-14:00 (45min slots)
Cost: £18 *(Discount for 3 bookings or more)

***NHS 10% off all Services.**



VISIT WWW.MIDBEDSFUTSAL.CO.UK OR
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*Cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer or discount.



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Individual skills



UEFA coaches



Team play

High Quality Football Coaching by very experienced coaches who supplement your own club sessions.

Developing - **Technical skills** – **Physical skills** – **Psychological skills** – **Social skills**

Start Back Date - Wednesday 14th April 2021

£4 per session - 13 week block of Development



Times/ages: 5-6pm = 5 - 9 years & 5-6pm = 10 - 14 years

**UEFA B coaches – Youth Award Level 3 - Enhanced DBS - Safeguarding
 BFAS (Basic First Aid for Sport)**

**Contact: Natasha – 07957980492 – natasha@4cornercoaching.co.uk
 www.4cornercoaching.co.uk**



JACK COLLISON
 SOCCER SCHOOL
EASTER FUN DAY
 9TH APRIL 10AM UNTIL 3PM



JACK COLLISON
 FORMER WEST HAM AND WALES INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALLER

Enjoy an Easter feast of football with our UEFA qualified coaches at Jack Collison Soccer school. Our fun day will include coaching, games and an opportunity to try your luck on our inflatable dart board. With prizes on offer throughout the day, every child will also receive a certificate and easter treat.

SHEFFORD STMA, SHEFFORD, SG17 5JA

FOR AVAILABILITY AND TO BOOK YOUR TIME SLOT, VISIT
[HTTP://WWW.JACKCOLLISONSOCBERSCHOOL.COM](http://www.jackcollisonsoccerschool.com)

OPEN TO ALL GIRLS AND BOYS AGED 5-14 - ALL OUR COACHES ARE DBS CHECKED AND ENGLAND FA QUALIFIED

CREATIVE BUZZ

A FREE PROGRAMME OF FUN ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN IN CENTRAL BEDS

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OR EMAIL: INFO@FULLHOUSE.ORG.UK

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Central Bedfordshire



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Role: Freelance (self-employed)

Hourly Rate: £12

Cycle Training Programme: Bikeability

Training and Support: We provide full, free training and ongoing support including nationally recognised qualifications.

For more information, please contact Sean:

jobs@outspokentraining.co.uk

01223 473820

outspokentraining.co.uk/vacancies

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Diary Dates

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

Spring Term 2021	
26th March	Last Day of Term
29th March	Year 1 Easter Holiday Club
30th March	Year 2 Easter Holiday Club
31st March	Year 3 & 4 Easter Holiday Club
12th April	Inset Day
13th April	Children Return to School
14th April	Year 3 Egyptian Day
16th April	Year 4 Bikeability
28th April	Class Photos
19th April—30th April	The Big Pedal
2nd July	Transition (Move Up) Day