



## Weekly Update

**Friday 27th November**

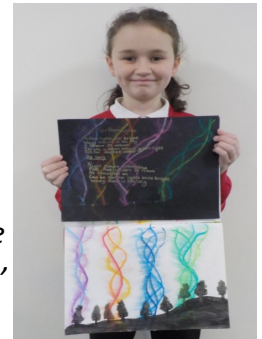


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*Dear Friends and Families,*

*What a week it has been! So many head teacher awards, and a record for me to read out on Monday in assembly.*

*This week our children have been bringing me lots of examples of their poetry, and some of the artwork to accompany it. One of my favourite examples was Lucy's 'Northern Lights' in her sketch book.*



*Thank you to families sending in donations to help pay for the Ark Farm visit of our Living Nativity. This will help. Our Christmas is about to get underway. Today I chatted with Mrs Rayner. Although she has not been in school due to the music restrictions, we have told her all about what we are up to musically in lessons. She also works as a nurse in a home for young people with severe disabilities in Hitchin. We will be making a WHOLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CAKE and sending it to them to decorate. Many of those young people are very vulnerable and haven't been allowed visitors since we first locked down in March.*

*At Sheffield Lower we remain very lucky to have kept our bubbles open so far, and no positive cases in school. We feel safer with most people adhering to the measures in place. Where we have written to those not complying, our next step is to report. I have been outside on many available occasions and am seeing how well people are ensuring there is space in front of them, and keeping the distance. We will be repainting the markings, although this will rely on weather, in the meantime we thank you for your diligence here. Do try not to arrive unduly early, as we stagger the times to reduce the numbers in one space. Of particular issue are the areas under the canopies. We also request that there is one adult per child, and it is a come & go at the door. No doubt, there is weariness about the measures in place, but we await better times and do all that we can in the meanwhile.*

*Thank you to those parents who have supported the school's Amazon wishlist. Many of you ask about gift giving at Christmas, and ask about providing a gift to the class. This wishlist has books related to the topics for all of our different year groups. Miss Sharma has mapped it to the curriculum and it will be updated; details are on page 3. Reading is the most important factor of a child's academic development, as it teaches the narratives used to think critically, problem solve and rationalise, as well as to access the written materials across all other subject areas. We give our children a house point every night that they read at home, and we know they get quite competitive about this too.*

*Do remember we like to celebrate your child's achievements at home too, so please continue to send those in and have your child put them in the silver tray in the hall to be read out in assembly.*

*Have a good weekend.*

*From Mrs Finch*

## Values

The values from 16th November— 18th December are **Peace and Understanding**

*"All we are saying, is give peace a chance."* John Lennon

Understanding what peace is, and how we can bring peace about— conciliation, finding resolutions and solving problems together. Understanding the other perspective and point of view. Learning to understand the needs of others.

## Ark Farm—Living Nativity



We are very excited to be having our visit from Ark Farm next week, on Thursday 3rd December, for our living nativity. The school aims to cover the cost of this day however we invite parents to make a voluntary contribution between £1 or £2 to assist with this lovely experience. If you would like to contribute please send money in to school in a sealed envelope.

## BookTrust Writing Competition

Please see the information attached to this ParentMail regarding BookTrust's writing competition about stories of joy and hope. Prizes include books for the school library!



## House Points and Attendance

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



### House Points

Fire—769

Water—738

Earth—650

Air—614



### House Attendance

Earth—98.63

Water—98.31

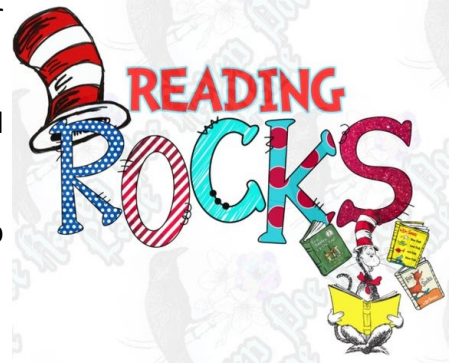
Fire - 97.94

Air—96.38



### Useful websites and tips for reading with your child:

- Create a Reading Nook— Whether it's as simple as a chair and a lamp or something with elaborate décor, make an inviting space for reading in your home.
- Add A-Z Magnets—Teach children how to make words and read them out loud by using magnetic letters on the fridge.
- Use Sight Words—Place sight words around the house to keep reading and learning as a part of your everyday routine.



### Amazon Wish List

We are very excited to announce that we have created a Wish List on Amazon which 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#](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 16/11/20



### Reception

**Peach** — Vinny C

**Pear** — Elodie D

**Plum** — Louie K



### Year 1

**Chestnut** — Jennifer B

**Holly** — Olivia R

**Sycamore** — Esme T



### Year 2

**Maple** — Benedict A

**Oak** — Archie S

**Willow** — Ella R & Rory M

### Year 3

**Cedar** — Matthew L

**Elm** — Shae S

**Hawthorn** — Riley K

### Year 4

**Ash** — Henry P

**Beech** — Alfie F

**Hazel** — Alfie P



## PSA News

A massive thank you to everyone who attended our meeting on Wednesday. It is always nice to see everyone.

Do you know the main benefits that people get from being involved in the PSA is the feeling of contributing to their child's education and also the social aspect of meeting other parents.

During our meetings we discuss ideas for future fundraising and community events for the benefit of the children at Shefford Lower School and also how we can help support the school with their needs.

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 a bit more about the PSA.

We would love to welcome more new people to the group – we have already welcomed 2 new members this term and have 4 more eager to join after Christmas but the more the merrier.

### Reminder - Christmas hamper raffle

Please can you remember to send ticket stubs and money in an envelope into school by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December so that the draw can take place the following week.

If you would like more tickets then please email the school office and they will distribute to your child. If you do not wish to purchase tickets then please return to your class teacher so they can be resold to others.

Photos of the hampers have been shared on our Facebook page so make sure you take a look at the fabulous prizes on offer – there are 6 hampers to be won!

### Your School Lottery & Easyfundraising

Thank you so much for your continued support with both of these ongoing fundraising projects that we are a part of.

If you are not already signed up then please check out our Facebook page over the weekend for more details.

A big thank you to everyone for your continued support of our PSA



**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.***



### It's story time

Free virtual session sharing stories  
together for all the family  
All ages welcome

Thursday's 2pm -2.20pm

On Microsoft teams

Call 0300 300 8112 to book



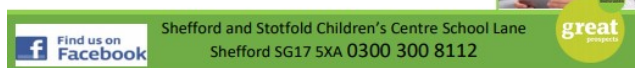
Babies and children love the sound of your  
voice have fun together singing songs

Free virtual session for all ages

Monday 10-10.30am

On Microsoft teams

Call 0300 300 8112 to book





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# BEREAVEMENT

DAYTIME SESSION

EVENING SESSION

WEDNESDAY 2ND  
DECEMBER 2020

WEDNESDAY 16TH  
DECEMBER 2020

10.00AM - 11.30AM    6.00PM - 7.30PM

FOR FULL DETAILS CLICK ON THE FOLLOWING LINKS

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## LOW MOOD, SELF-HARM & SUICIDE

DAYTIME SESSION

EVENING SESSION

WEDNESDAY 13  
JANUARY 2021

WEDNESDAY 27TH  
JANUARY 2021

10.00 AM - 11.30 AM    6.00 PM - 7.30 PM

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# CHRISTMAS FOOTBALL CAMP

*Creativity, Confidence, Control & Courage*



**Day 1:**  
**December 21st**  
**10am - 3pm**



**Day 2:**  
**December 22nd**  
**10am - 3pm**

Join us for our Christmas 'Drop & Shop' football camp. Break up the Christmas half term with 2 days of football delivered by UEFA B & FA licensed coaches.

*2 Day Camp £35 / 1 Day Camp £20  
Limited places available.*

## Information:

- Held at **Pendleton Sport Centre, Stotfold**
- Drop off **10am**, pick up **3pm**
- Available for players between the **ages of 4-15**

## Offers & Discounts:

- **10%** NHS discount
- **5%** Sibling discount
- Full refund in the event of cancellation due to pandemic

## Book Today:

Head to our **website**:  
[www.midbedsfutsal.co.uk](http://www.midbedsfutsal.co.uk)

Send us an **email**:  
[midbedsfutsal@gmail.co.uk](mailto:midbedsfutsal@gmail.co.uk)



# Diary Dates

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

Autumn Term 2020	
3rd December	Ark Farm—Living Nativity
14th December	Christingle 50th Anniversary
15th December	Christmas Dinner
16th December	EYFS Parties with Santa AM
17th December	KS1 Parties with Santa AM
17th December	KS2 Parties with Santa PM
18th December	Christmas Carols End of Term