



Weekly Update

Friday 28th January 2022



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Dear Families & Friends,

We have had a wonderful week, despite the rising numbers of cases being confirmed for our pupils and staff. Firstly, I would like to reassure you that our measures in place exceed the expectations for the school, and will remain in place until review on 9th February. This is the date provided to us by the **Public Health team**, who are supporting schools in Central Bedfordshire with localised outbreaks. Our **remote learning** offer is available to pupils isolating with covid who are able to participate still and we are keeping class bubbles as tight as possible. Assemblies remain virtual and we continue to wear masks in all shared areas in school.

We have polled our staff and parents with regards to **parents consultation evenings**. Therefore, having listened to your views, we are able to offer a hybrid of virtual, face to face or phonecalls. We insist that families requesting face to face meetings come wearing **face coverings**, unless medically exempt. **One adult is invited to attend for each family**. We realise this is a compromise, but made with the safety and wellbeing of the school community in mind. We do not wish for families to have to isolate over the half term, and our measures in place reflect this intention to keep you and us safe. Thank you for supporting us, as this has meant a great deal to everyone here.

Our Eco-council have been working hard with Miss Hass, our Science leader, with a project to put bird boxes in our outside area. Our forest area and learning is vital to our wellbeing, our environment and also to our education. Recently they have been thinking about the litter and peelings on our school site. As you are aware, **snacks should be fresh fruit or veg** without wrappers already. So the next step for us is to start composting the cores and peelings. Thank you to our council for organising this in school.

Many of you will have become aware of the plight of '**Gorgeous George**' either through the recent radio coverage or local word of mouth. George is a pupil in Central Bedfordshire who is currently in LA. He went to receive treatment for a tumour, and then took a worse turn. He was therefore unable to access his treatment trial, and the cost of his ICU bed in LA is £21,000 a day. The family are desperate to raise the money so that he can be well enough to return home. The fundraising link page is on page 3 of this letter. In school we have decided to support the cause. Usually Shefford Lower holds cake



sales in each class, with each class choosing a charity. We have been unable to do this during the pandemic, and wish to get behind this deserving fundraising. We will therefore hold an additional

mufti for £1 donations on 11th February. **Mrs Pearson is organising a sponsored danceathon** for the whole school to participate. This will be at 2:22pm for 22minutes on the 22.2.22. We will send home details of this next week. Not only will this support the cause for this little boy, but will enhance our healthy lifestyles education in school in an enjoyable way that our whole school community can share.



Our PSA are amazing, and they have raised funds to support the children's enjoyment of school throughout the pandemic. One of the children's favourite events was the pantomime, and one of their favourite experiences in school is when they get to learn in the outside classroom with sensory equipment, or in the immersive room. Thank you to everyone who helps. We hope you all feel as though you can be involved. They will be meeting again next week, and we urge you to join them in this valuable work as part of our school family.

We are reminding all families to **use the footpaths** when walking up School Lane. It is only paved on one side, and this is the side to demonstrate safety to our children, whilst ensuring the road is clear for traffic to pass safely. Scooters should be dismounted at Bloomfield Drive and walked up the path to our school. Thank you for supporting the safety of our pupils.

We recently shared the communication from the **Local Authority with regards to our school becoming a primary school** in the future. We work with the council to secure the best outcomes possible, and although the wait for recalibration of funding is frustrating, we understand why it is necessary to ensure all schools are treated fairly and change age range in a timely sequence. Please do keep up with the most recent developments by using the Schools for the Future link in our pages.

Have a wonderful weekend. Mrs Pamela Finch



Values

The values of January will be Excellence & Quality

"The sky has no limits." Usain Bolt

Not accepting less than our best, but striving for excellence. Practising to develop quality. Rehearsing and trying so that we achieve what we believe is possible. Understanding what is excellent to one person might be different to another.

House Points and Attendance

W/E 21/01/22

House Points

Air—822
Water—736
Fire—735
Earth—530

House Attendance & Punctuality Winner

Air



Arriving to school on time

When pupils arrive late, they miss out on essential instructions given at the beginning of the lesson.

This can significantly reduce achievement, regardless of academic ability. Your child may also feel awkward arriving to the classroom when everyone else is settled. Furthermore, when one pupil arrives late, it disrupts the entire class and the teacher—everyone's education is compromised.

5 minutes late a day = 3 DAYS OF SCHOOL LOST A YEAR

10 minutes late a day = 6.5 DAYS OF SCHOOL LOST A YEAR

15 minutes late a day = 10 DAYS OF SCHOOL LOST A YEAR

20 minutes late a day = 13 DAYS OF SCHOOL LOST A YEAR

30 minutes late a day = 19 DAYS OF SCHOOL LOST A YEAR



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](#)



Please let the office know if you need assistance or adjustments for any disability.

Blue badge holders can access the staff car park.

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

Safer Internet day is on the 8th February 2022. Please find some useful links for guidance on how to protect your child's devices

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2022>

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/home-activity-worksheets/early-years/>

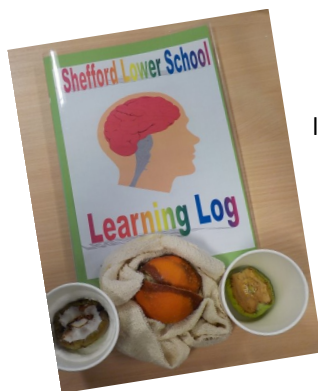
<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Concerned-about-your-child/Online-contact-and-staying-safe/>

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

The NSPCC operated an urgent helpline on 0808800500

Lion Learner Learning Log

We have had some fantastic learning logs brought in to school. This one Oliver was supporting his learning from the current year 3's topic The Egyptians. He has written about the mummification process and tried it on some pieces of fruit.



Spring 2020 - Summer 2021
Learning Log

Mummification - the process of preserving a body so that it does not decay and can be brought back to life.

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Gorgeous George One Big Fight



Link to the Gorgeous George fundraising page is here

https://www.gofundme.com/f/GorgeousGeorgeOneBigFight?utm_campaign=p_cp+share-

Uniform

Parents are asked to send their children to school clean, tidy and appropriately dressed. The school uniform comprises of:

Boys: Grey trousers or shorts, white polo-shirt and red jumper or sweatshirt. Black school shoes (not trainers); plain black, white or grey socks.

Girls: Grey skirt/pinafore dress or trousers, white polo-shirt, red jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan. Girls may wear plain black shorts under a skirt or dress. Black school shoes (not trainers); plain black, white or grey socks or tights.

Red and white checked dresses may be worn in the summer months – with black modesty shorts.

PE: Boys and girls wear black shorts and house t-shirts for PE with black plimsolls. Jogging bottoms, sweatshirts and trainers will be needed for outdoor activities.

Year 4 girls and boys need black football socks and shin pads for PE.

House colours:

Your child will be allocated a house group by the school office upon admission. Each house is designated a colour, which your child will wear for PE and sporting events.

Earth House - Green

Air House - White

Fire House - Red

Water House - Blue

Black, white or coloured trainers are only allowed for outdoor PE and are not acceptable for daily school wear.

PE kit must be kept in a **named draw-string bag and in school at all times**. Other bags are not allowed due to limited cloakroom space.

Ruck sacks in particular do not allow coats to be pegged over the top, and these then fall off and become a safety hazard.

Sweatshirts, cardigans, book bags, PE bags and summer hats displaying the school logo are available to purchase online. Some stock, including recycled uniform is available from the school office.



Lunchbox tips

Download the free NHS Food Scanner app

With a speedy scan of your family's favourite foods, you can find healthier swaps for next time you shop.

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NHS Healthy Scanner App

For this recipe please follow this link

Lunchbox

Recipe



Spicy chicken and salad wrap

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>	Plum—Callum, Pear—Calella, Peach—Ronnie
<u>Year 1</u>	Holly—Leo & Amelie, Sycamore—Arla, Chestnut—Remi
<u>Year 2</u>	Willow—Jesse, Oak—Laila, Maple—Thea
<u>Year 3</u>	Hawthorn—Emmie, Cedar—Molly
<u>Year 4</u>	Beech—Mary, Hazel—Jamie, Ash—Faith



Shefford Sporting Successes

Water House	Archie—Football & Ollie—Swimming
Earth House	Evie—Twirling
Air House	Poppy—Swimming, Devon—Dance & Evie—Swimming
Fire House	Althea—Swimming



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>	Harriet, Jean, Eleanor, Jude, Arthur, Callum & Reagan
<u>Year 1</u>	Miles, Thomas, Freddie, Jessica, Niven, Amelie, Nancy & Anella
<u>Year 2</u>	Keira, Quinn, Aleen, Poppy, Grace, Laila, Annie & Joshua
<u>Year 3</u>	Mia, Jake, Tommy, Blake, Emily, Amely & Kaleb
<u>Year 4</u>	Freddie, Scott, Kelsey, Max, Ellise & Felix



Community News

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



JACK COLLISON
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Do you have a child aged 0-25 years with a disability, additional need or not yet diagnosed?

Join us at our coffee afternoon to meet other local families, share ideas and support each other in a friendly environment, come along with or without your child

Monday 10th January
Monday 14th February
Monday 14th March
1.30-2.30



Shefford and Shefford Children's Centre 0300 300 8112
Email: sheffordchildrenscentre@sheffordchildrenscentre.gov.uk



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21 March - 1 April 2022

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

Shefford Lower School

Diary Dates

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

Spring Term 2022

1st February	Chinese New Year
2nd February	Year 3 Egyptian Day
8th February	Safer Internet Day
8th and 10 February	Parents Consultation Evenings
11th February	Year 4 Bikeability
14th—18th February	Half Term
W/C 21st February	Year 3 Swimming lessons begin for 6 weeks
14th—18th March	Science Week
16th March	Year 1 Woburn Trip
<i>18th March</i>	<i>Red Nose Day</i>
<i>21st March—1st April</i>	<i>Big Walk and Wheel to school days</i>
30th March—1st April	Year 4 Residential Trip
1st April	Last day of Spring Term
19th April	SUMMER TERM Begins—Children Return
27th April	Whole Class Photos
6th June 2022	Extra Bank Holiday to mark The Queen's Platinum

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

schooloffice@shefford.cbeds.co.uk

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

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

Please refer to our school website for the Academic Calendar for 2021/2022

[Term Dates Links](#)