



Weekly Update

Friday 2nd July



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Dear Families and Friends,

We find ourselves at 'Shuffle Up Day' and the sun also came out for us. The children arrived very happily into school and have all entered their new classes superbly. This has been one of the most settled days we have had, with lots and lots of happy faces. Both of the Nursery and the Reception open days were equally happy and well attended. As with all things, we realise there will be questions you might not have thought of on the way, so we do encourage you to pick up the phone or email. We are always happy to help, and no question is too small.

Mrs Ross and I have been round all of the classes several times, and the range of activities to support the children has been superb. All classes have had an activity to ensure the children know who their main adults are, and who the 'helpers' in school are. This is in response to our pupil questionnaire of course. You will recall that after lockdown, and the restriction of tight class bubbles in 2020, it was necessary to ensure our children knew the faces and roles of staff who are extra to the classrooms, such as Mrs Parry, our family worker, and Mrs Robinson, our SENDCo.

Year 4 have been having an excellent time, and we thank the collaboration of staff at Robert Bloomfield. Despite restrictions remaining in place that meant pupils could not visit RBA, the staff came down to us today. Year 4 have had a carousel of activities and met year 5 staff in the outside areas for safety. Our staff included sports and drama carousel activities for the children and we again have great deal of happy faces.

Cherry children new to the Reception classes visited the hall for lunch today, and when I walked through, they were all eating calmly and managed this change in provision extremely well.

In the next few weeks, we will be hosting end of term activities, learning extensions and catchups, alongside carrying out final assessments. This is so that children's plans are as up to date as possible moving into their next phase of learning. Activities coming up include the PSAs sponsored bounce, which is always enjoyable, and always helps them to raise funds which they put towards the fun aspects of school life. One of those activities is the year 4 disco, which is on 20th July straight after school until 4:30. Children who have tickets for disco may come to school in their own clothes that day. The office will be sending a parentmail home on Monday for tickets.

At the end of the year, we ask families to settle any outstanding invoices, such as dinners and/or uniforms. Please do not hesitate to contact our office in confidence if you require assistance.

With only a few weeks left, we remain vigilant to the new variant of Covid, and the measures we have in place to keep everyone safe and avoid bubble closures. We are fully aware of the impact any closures Public Health England instruct us to deliver, have on families and on children's learning. Please therefore respect the measures we have in place, and the staff on duty from Sheffield Lower and also Robert Bloomfield, to assist the smooth running.

The birds have flown the nest! A very fitting event as our year 4 meet year 5 staff! The birds that have been nesting in the 'Appy Garden—the courtyard area between year 4 and the IT hub—have left. We were very glad to have been their host, but are also glad to have the use of this mindful space back for the children and staff that use it too.

Have a wonderful weekend

From Mrs Finch

Values

The values from 28th of June are Happiness & Hope

"It's the moments that I just stopped to be that I have been the happiest." Sir Richard Branson

Looking forward to the future. Understanding optimism and looking for the best as we move forward.

Reflecting on how to keep ourselves and other happy.

House Points and Attendance W/E 25.06.21

Well done to last week's house winners.



House Points

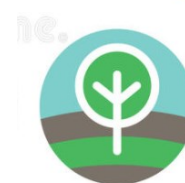


Fire—1332
Earth—1083
Air—1021
Water—933

House Attendance & Punctuality



Fire—96.95
Air—96.68
Water—95.26
Earth—94.38



World Countries Day

All children will be celebrating World Countries Day on Wednesday **7th July**. The children will be learning about different countries, cultures and languages from across the globe. Each class will be focusing on a different country and children can come to school on this day dressed in the colours of their country's flag or traditional clothes

Please check your parent mail for your child's class country

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.

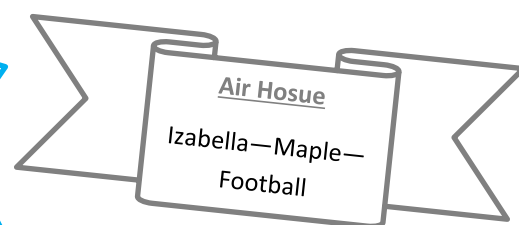
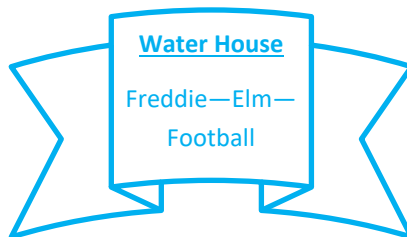
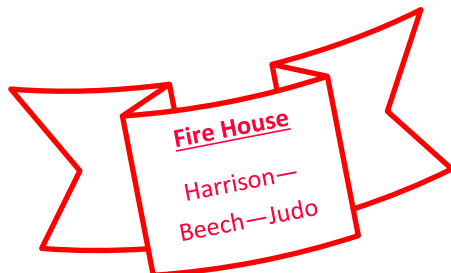


Shefford Sporting Successes

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 with us this week



This week the children have been having a go at a step in, step out challenge. These are the children who made the most improvement over the week

Maple—Paige & Giovanni, Oak—Archie & Mia and Willow—Ollie & Myla

Cedar—Lilly & Livvie, Elm—Hannah and Hawthorn—Maia

Ash—Evelyn, Beech—Harry & Lacey and Hazel—Paige & Riley



Euro non-uniform day update

Air – Belgium and Denmark

Earth – No teams left!

Fire - Spain

Water – Italy and Switzerland

KS1/EYFS staff – Czech Republic and England

KS2/other staff – Ukraine

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 21/06/21



Reception

Peach — Katie E

Pear — Mia N-P

Plum — Amelie W

Year 1

Chestnut — William

Holly — Effie B

Sycamore — Orla W



Year 2

Maple — Scarlet C

Oak — Poppy R

Willow — Ollie F



Year 3

Cedar — Charlie A

Elm — Freddie W

Hawthorn — Edward



Year 4

Ash — Phoebe B

Beech — Myka R

Hazel — Laila F



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:



Reception

Eva, Leo, Theo, Lilly, Jasmine, Annabelle, Remi, Nancy, Thomas, Mia, Anurada, Frankie, Anella, Leon, Freddie and Lizzie

Year 2

Dennis, Bethan, Rachael, Isabelle and Edie

THANK YOU



Year 4

Jude

Year 3

Arianna, Tristan, Jamie, Charlie, Matthew, Joel, Edward, Phoebe, theo and Keely



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

**SPACES ARE FILLING UP FAST
BOOK NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT**

Booking forms are available on ParentMail. Please contact the schooloffice@sheffield.cbeds.co.uk if you require a paper copy.

PSA News

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 14th July @ 7.30pm** via Zoom

Upcoming events

Sponsored Bounce – Tuesday 6 July

Thank you to everyone who has returned their sponsor form and money to school so far. Please remember that if you haven't given your permission via ParentMail for your child to bounce then they will not be able to.

We hope your child enjoys the event as it is always very popular and we look forward to sharing the amount raised in next week's PSA News.

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



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>YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY</p>	<p>£1 per ticket</p> <p>That's right, unlike many other lotteries, our lottery tickets are only £1 per week.</p> 	<p>Help us do more</p> <p>For every ticket you play, 76% goes to our school and prizes.</p> 	<p>£25,000 grand prize</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 10th 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

COUNTRY PROPERTIES

PART OF HUNTERS

**Supporting the Local Community
Acorn Pre-School and the Mighty Oaks**



11am to 3pm

**Follow the map to find the Ducks around Shefford, with fun
games and activities along the way.**

**Collect your trail sheets and maps from the starting point at
the Bangkok Lounge.**



Charity No: 1042353

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 10th 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

CLOSING DATE: Thursday 8th July 2021

Event to be held on Saturday 10th 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



*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**

**Get in touch to book a place for
your young explorer**

By post:
PO Box 1591, Bedford MK42 5DT

By email:
info@countrydays.net

By telephone:
07599336532 / 07938267057

Visit our website:
www.countrydays.net



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



Summer FOOTBALL CAMPS

Creativity, Confidence, Control, & Courage

Camp 1:
27th - 29th
July

STOTFOLD

Camp 2:
17th - 19th
August

SHEFFORD

Camp 3:
31st Aug -
2nd Sept

STOTFOLD

We're now offering a payment plan to help you spread the cost.

Email us to find out more!

Join us for our Summer Camps!

1 day: £20
2 day: £40
3 day: £50

10% discount for Siblings, NHS, and Military!

- Held at **Pendleton Centre, Stotfold** and **Shefford Sports Centre**
 - Camp drop off **10am**, pick up **3pm**.
 - Available for players between the **ages of 5-15**.
 - Delivered by UEFA B & FA licensed coaches.
- Limited spaces available!**

Book Today:

Head to our **website:**
www.midbedsfutsal.co.uk

Send us an **email:**
midbedsfutsal@gmail.com

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
- Loads of energy!

Taking every precaution

Our Activity Professionals have been undergoing additional training in order to provide the best care to the children under their supervision, specifically the Transcend Level 2 Award in infection Prevention, Mitigation and Management.

Premier Education promise

In the event these courses are cancelled, we will issue a full refund within 7 days.

To book now, visit
premier-education.com/holiday-camps

Follow our socials @PremEducationUK



Summer Holiday Fun

for 3-13* year olds

7.30-6pm* everyday

Childcare vouchers & taxfree credits accepted

From only
£19.99
per day

Venues in Beds, Cambs, Herts & Essex

*at certain venues only



MULTI ACTIVE

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HALF TERM SOCCER CAMP



£15 Per Day

Early drop off extra £5



AGE: 5 TO 14 YEARS

AGE: 4 YEARS HALF DAYS FROM 9:30AM 12:30PM

£9

Dates

Week 1	July 27th 28th 29th
Week 2	Aug 3rd 4th 5th
Week 3	10th 11th 12th
Week 4	17th 18th 19th
Week 5	24th 25th 26th
Week 6	31st 1st 2nd

VENUE: LANGFORD FOOTBALL CLUB

TO CONFORM YOUR PLACE PLEASE BOOK ONLINE AT

WWW.FOUNDATION-SPORTS.COM

ADDRESS: LANGFORD ROAD HENLOW

SG16 6AF

ABOUT US

ALL OUR COACHES ARE FA QUALIFIED, HOLD A FIRST AID, HAVE BEEN D.B.S CHECKED AND HAVE ATTENDED A CHILD PROTECTION WORK SHOP

@Foundation Sports Bedfordshire

CONTACT: 07882046372



WWW.MULTI-ACTIVE.CO.UK
TEL: 01462 - 351582



STOTFOLD
WATERMILL
— & NATURE RESERVE —

Children's Holiday Activities 2021

We are offering 4 different activities both in the Mill and the Nature Reserve.

Most suitable for children
from 5 to 11.

£3.50 per child. Sessions
must be pre-booked.

Children must be
accompanied by an adult.

We offer a morning and an afternoon session for each activity:

morning:

10.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon

afternoon:

1.30 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.

Skull Island Adventure

Wednesday 4th August



Be an explorer using mapping symbols.
Find where the pirates have hidden their
treasure!

Pond Dipping

Tuesday 10th August



Marvel at the fantastic life which lurks in
and around the different ponds in the
Nature Reserve.

Kitchen Science

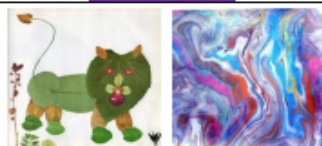
Wednesday 18th August



Experiment! Explore! Explode!
Discover what can be done using
everyday materials found in the kitchen.

Creative Art

Tuesday 24th August



Be creative using objects found in the
Nature Reserve to make 'Land Art'.
Get messy using marbling inks to create
unique patterns.

For further details please go to: www.stotfoldmill.com What's on? – Children's Activities

The Health HUB is a single contact number and email address for our 0-19 school nursing and health visiting teams across Bedfordshire and Luton

Since the launch on 1 June 2021 we are averaging around 250 calls per day, and 200 emails per day. Our call centre is manned by four call handlers everyday who take your calls, with our busiest time of the day between 9am and 11am for the phone line.

If you have any suggestions or feedback about that Health HUB that you would like to share with us – please email us: ccs.childrenscommunityhealthhub@nhs.net

Children's Community
Health HUB

Your one stop
contact point

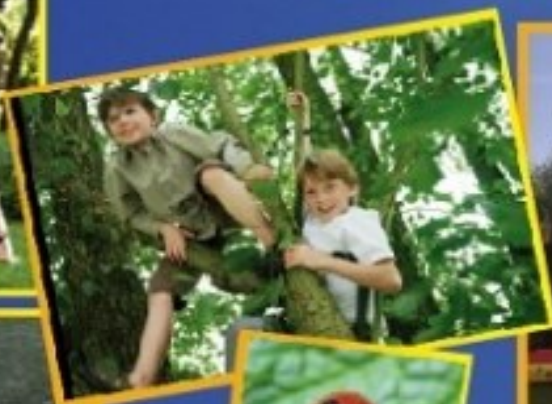
Tel: 0300 555 0606

Email: ccs.bedsandlutonchildrenshealthhub@nhs.net



DAWNTILDUSK

SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB!



PLEASE CONTACT THE CLUB MANAGER ALISON FOR FURTHER DETAILS 07913 352568
WWW.KIDSDAWNTILDUSK.CO.UK



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 cup s

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



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 07585889226

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



Children's Centre News

Please find information and an up to date timetable for drop in sessions for families with children aged 0—12 years

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 27th 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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Go to Set

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

Sheffield 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
6th July	PSA—Sponsored Bounce
7th July	World Countries Day
20th July	Year 4's Leavers Disco
21st July	Year 4's leavers picnic and performance
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. Sheffield 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 Sheffield community this term.

