



New Term Update

Thursday 2nd September 2021



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Dear Families and Friends,

We are looking forward to welcoming you all back to Sheffield Lower School. We simply cant wait. The school is looking good with boards refreshed and plans for new learning in all of the subjects underway. School staff have used the INSET to ensure first aid, safeguarding and school priorities and projects are up to date, and what we need next is our little people to make the start of term complete.

When children left us in the Summer term, they made art for their house groups and we have used these to put together the house leader boards in the hall, which the children work towards each year for that end of year trophy. The aims remain the same, to help our children to flourish, in line with our school family ethos, we encourage values in all that the children strive for. Whether this is the daily house point reading, showing punctuality and attendance, encouraging their class friends, sports, earning a head teacher award, being a 'finer diner', or meeting new challenges in an area of their learning, the house points mount up and the magic happens.



values all of the time.

Each class will have ambassadors for each house, champion our values based education, and in year 4 our pupil leadership teams will encourage and organise their house achievements. We will be looking out for those 'Lion Learners' who display all of our



Exciting this year, we have begun work on our in-house museum and art gallery. A team of staff led by Mr Bowen have turned our school into a real feast. We have been working with the Fitzwilliam and other Cambridge research museums to bring these projects together. The corridors are now teeming with great works and artefacts from all around the globe and different eras too. You will notice the new installation in the playground showing how the timeline of learning comes together.



Please do take note below of the start and collection times for school. These are no longer staggered in line with government guidance. Blue badge holders are permitted entry to the carpark, otherwise, entry is via footpaths. You may now enter school via the pathway alongside School Lane, and we are not operating one way walking outside, although we are still observing many of the covid safe measures to begin with—this includes wearing face coverings in our foyer, and maintaining social distancing at the class doors. We will be continue to ensure sanitising and handwashing, and maintain hygiene in accordance with guidance.



Please do not hesitate to contact us should you wish to, as we are always happy to help. Our office is open.

We are looking forward to seeing you all and hearing all about your Summer break.

From Mrs Finch

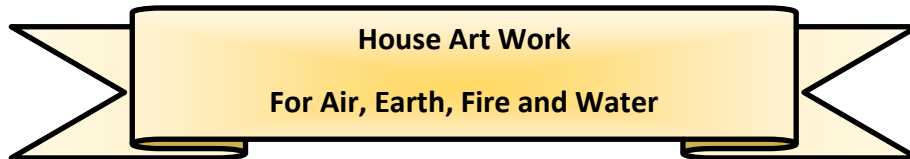
Values

The values of September are Unity & Belonging

"I can do things you cannot. You can do things I cannot. Together we can do great things."

Mother Teresa

Starting our new classes with a sense of togetherness and belonging. Belonging and working together in our school, as a new class, in our house groups. Developing our community by including everyone so everyone feels a sense of belonging.



Drop off times—08.45—09.00am

Collection times—3.20pm

The school office will be open for any queries tomorrow, please call 01462 629123 or email schooloffice@shefford.cbeds.co.uk.

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.

Community News

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



For GP and Professionals – Launch Notice – 1 Sept 2021

Diagnosis Support Pack

Families have described the experience of their child receiving a neurodiversity diagnosis (e.g. Autism or ADHD) as 'like a bereavement' and following the lengthy diagnosis process are left with little information, or understanding of 'what next?' They told us that a 'one-stop shop' for information, resources and signposting following a diagnosis would be really useful, and they would like this information to be accessible and from a trusted source.

The [Diagnosis Support Pack \(DSP\)](#) has been coproduced by families for families following a diagnosis of a neurodiversity, and contains information, resources and signposting in a variety of media (video's, infographics, animations), split into 14 sections - from sleep to medication, and lots more.

The pack has been co-produced with the help of parents, young people, local Parent Carer Forums, CAMHS, Education Psychology and other key partners.

The DSP covers the following topics:

1. [Introduction](#)
2. [Positives of Neuro-diversities](#)
3. [Holistic Approach](#)
4. [What to expect at your appointment](#)
5. [Sleep](#)
6. [Medication](#)
7. [Talking about a diagnosis](#)
8. [Sensory Processing Needs](#)
9. [Mental Health](#)
10. [Supporting Social Communication Development in Autism](#)
11. [Best Practice Guide – for professionals](#)
12. [Contact Information and Resources](#)
13. [Jargon Buster](#)
14. [Printable resources and links](#)

All pages have been made easy to follow, with links that that guide you through the pack. As well as making the pack informative and useful, it was really important to us that the pack uplifts people and celebrates neurodiversity. We know many families find receiving a diagnosis a challenging time, but empowering messages and having positive role models are so important to help parents/carers and young people on their journey.

The weblink to the Diagnosis Support Pack is:

www.cambscommunityservices.nhs.uk/beds-luton-community-paediatrics/diagnosis-support-pack

or by scanning on this QR Code.

We have designed some posters and we welcome your help in promoting this pack once they are ready. A link will be sent to you in the very near future for download, print and display in your surgeries, staff and public areas.



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Diary Dates

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

Autumn Term 2021

1st—3rd September	Inset Days
6th September	Years 1 to 4 Children return to school Drop off 08.45-09.00am Collection 3.20pm
10th September	Reception Children return to school Drop off 08.45-09.00am Collection 3.20pm
13th September	Cherry Children return to school Drop off 09.00am Lunchtime 12.00pm Collection 3.00pm
17th September	Jeans for Genes Day
24th September	Year 4's St Albans Cathedral Roman Festival Trip
4th October	Healthy Me Day
12th October	Year 3's Celtic Harmony Trip
19th and 21st October	Consultation Evenings TBC
20th October	Individual School Photos
25th—29th October	Half Term
1st November	Inset Day

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

[Term Dates Links](#)