



## Weekly Update

Friday 30th April



Please email [schooloffice@shefford.cbeds.co.uk](mailto:schooloffice@shefford.cbeds.co.uk) if you require support in accessing this newsletter in an alternative format.

Dear Families and Friends,

This week we have been carrying out full lesson observations. It has been a delight for me of course, as I have had the pleasure of seeing the children's learning.

Part of the focus for our school development plan, in addition to reintegrating the children after the lockdown, was to experiment with lesson design, and use all adults to greater effect. I am thrilled to be able to report such a range of interventions happening at Shefford Lower School that dovetail into and onto lessons. The teachers are weaving these into the main focus of lessons and teaching assistants are working with teacher planning to ensure that everything is interlinked.

You will know from our previous communications last year, that our 'Connected Curriculum' is something we are very proud of. We have the overview visible for you on our website, and last year the staff developed 'coherence documents' to plan each unit to take advantage of links between subjects. The lockdown meant that we have been delivering those plans over a longer period of time, but what has been helpful with that time, is the opportunity to reflect on the curriculum. Mr Wakefield, our senior leader for curriculum, has been working with our subject leaders, and with National educationalists like Mary Myatt, to hone the best aspects of the curriculum. We have benefited hugely from the aspects you have told us work well at home too. We have used this to develop a new intervention with Mindfit, and will be rolling this out next.

As our school moves to become Shefford **Primary** School in 2023, we are ensuring that the resources and planning fit with future year groups. Our governors have approved the three year budget plan to ensure we can resource all areas, and place an emphasis on music in the next few years. This has been impacted most by the pandemic, and our provision is to ensure all pupils leave Shefford having had the opportunity to play pitched instruments and to compose, as well as appreciate a wide range of music.

Reading will never be far from our gaze and we continue to shore up books resources for each subject area, and encourage as much reading as possible in all its forms. Our brains privilege story, and this is why story helps us to learn in so many ways. Thank you to all the parents who have read for us, or bought a book from the Amazon wishlist.

Could you be part of our parent focus group? On May 25th I would like to meet with parents. I have set aside a morning time, and an evening time, as I know this helps accommodate family and/or working parents. Please do contact the office and sign up. It's vital we have this line of communication with you all, especially as we move closer to that 2023 timeline of becoming Shefford Primary School.

Have a wonderful bank holiday weekend,

Pamela Finch

## Values

The values from April 13th —April 30th are **Cooperation and Sharing**

*Team work, playing a part whether large or small, encouraging each other to be included and feel valued. Sharing games, sharing equipment, sharing feelings, sharing friends. Understanding what might make others reluctant to share or cooperate and helping each other overcome these barriers.*

## House Points and Attendance

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

W/E 23.04.21



### House Points

Earth—966  
Air—886  
Fire—874  
Water—676



### House Attendance

Water 98.61  
Air—97.57  
Fire 97.30  
Earth—96.63



I'd like to say a BIG thank you to those parents and carers who have already approached us or recorded a story for the school.

As you already know, we are always looking at ways to promote and encourage reading at our school and would love your help with this.

If any parents or carers are willing to read a story or part of a story for us to share with our children, that would be very much appreciated. This can be in the form of a voice recording or a video and we will provide you with texts which we are hoping to promote in school. This will be a fantastic opportunity for children to be exposed to different voices and expressions, as well as really driving home the message that everybody loves to read! If you are interested, please let either myself or the office know.



Thank you,  
Miss Sharma  
English Leader



Special Mention to Freya from Cedar Class.

Freya received the Commissioner's Commendation Award for stepping up, in a time of need, to care for her Grandfather.



## 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 19/04/20



### Reception

**Peach** — Morgan P

**Pear** — Isha H

**Plum** — Ethan R

### Year 1

**Chestnut** — Emily

**Holly** — Sofya C

**Sycamore** — Jacob H



### Year 2

**Maple** — Summer C

**Oak** — Lara R

**Willow** — Caidan L



### Year 3

**Cedar** — Amber J

**Elm** — William H-M

**Hawthorn** — Bailey

### Year 4

**Ash** — Annelise P

**Beech** — Phoebe J

**Hazel** — Neveah C





### Sheffield Sporting Successes W/C 26th April 2021

We celebrate children's sporting successes from home as well as those in school. As clubs begin to start up again, 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.



This week the children have been having a go at a squat jump challenge. These are the children who made the most improvement over the week

**Holly—Chloe and Oscar**

**Sycamore— Elisa and  
Matthew**

**Chestnut— Luca and Esme**

**Oak— Rosie and Tommy**  
**Willow— Rachel and Cassian**  
**Maple— George and Emily**

**Cedar— Jamie and Lilly**  
**Hawthorn— Abhinaya and  
Theo Sy**  
**Elm— William and Myla**

**Ash— Noah and Isla**  
**Beech— Daniel and Bo**  
**Hazel— Leyla C and Jude**

Next week the children will have a go at a skipping challenge!

## Finer Diners

Congratulations to the children below who have been recognised as a Finer Diner week ending 23rd April,  
for displaying good manners and values at lunchtime:



### Reception

Mia P  
Connie M  
Morgan P  
Ava D  
Jake D  
Amelie W

### Year 1

Lana C  
Adam B  
Oliver N  
Effie B

EXCUSE ME

THANK YOU

### Year 2

Joshua B  
Jake M  
Grace S  
Poppy R



**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**





# Have your say...

## on proposed changes to schools in your area

**Around 43,000 new homes are expected to be built in Central Bedfordshire by 2035 – and that means more SEND school places will be needed.**

Local schools have been working together, with Central Bedfordshire Council, on a long-term plan to make sure we have:

- The right schools
- In the right places
- Delivering the best education

The proposed plan includes an increase of places at 4 Special Schools, an increase of Additional Resource Provision places within mainstream schools and including multi-use and nurture spaces in mainstream schools, where there is space to do so.

**Find out more and have your say at  
[www.schoolsforthefuture.co.uk/SEND](http://www.schoolsforthefuture.co.uk/SEND)**

The consultation is open until  
8 July 2021.

**Additional Resource Provision  
in mainstream schools**

**Schools for the Future**

...the right schools, in the right places, delivering the best education



# ORDER SCHOOL UNIFORM ONLINE

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**ORDER BY  
1<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST**

**to ensure delivery  
before the start of term**

## HOW TO ORDER

**We have a brand-new online school uniform shop. Please visit the website below to shop for your school uniform.**

- 1** Visit the school finder located on the Price and Buckland website.
- 2** Browse the range and buy your uniform.
- 3** Enter your delivery details and await your order.
- 4** Register your details or log in to your account to view your order status and history.

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## Community News

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



MAY  
17

### Emotional Wellbeing session for Parents - Year 4 transition

by Central Bedfordshire Council - Early  
Help Team

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Free

#### Virtual Information and guidance session - Year 4 transition

#### About this Event

This is a virtual information and advice session to support families, the session will provide you with ideas on how to support children with their Year 4 transition.

The session will be split into 2 parts:

16.30-17.00 :Presentation from Chloe Lovell - CBC Emotional Wellbeing Practitioner

17.00-17.30:Time to ask questions

#### Date And Time

Mon, May 17, 2021  
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM BST

[Add to Calendar](#)

#### Location

#### Online Event



## The First Steps to Supporting a Child with Autism Spectrum Conditions

### A workshop for parents/ carers

This will be a relaxed session, specifically for parents and carers of children who are undiagnosed, newly diagnosed, or going through the diagnostic process. The session will consist of a 60 minute talk on Autism Spectrum Conditions (ASC), followed by an opportunity to hear from and share with other parents and carers, and gain information about local support and services.

Date: Tuesday 25th May 2021

Time: Log in from 6:15pm for a prompt  
6:30pm start, till 9pm

Cost: £5.00

To Book:

✉ [enquiries@autismbeds.org](mailto:enquiries@autismbeds.org)

☎ 01234 214871

Evening  
Session



The training will be online, using Zoom. Once booked on, we will provide you with the details to join.





## 60-Second Vegtastic Lunchbox Hacks

Veg are a key part of a healthy diet but it can be a real struggle to get kids to eat enough of them. Adding an extra portion or two to their packed lunch will help to up their intake. Try these simple ideas to **veg-pack their lunchboxes** with limited faff.

### The basic toolkit:

- **Containers** (small and lidded for dips, leftovers and more)
- **Cutlery** (if needed)
- **Thermos** (any heat-retaining flask is great for soups, baked beans, leftovers, etc.)
- **Bamboo kebab sticks** (optional, but helpful for making veggies more fun)

**Top tip:** Know your portions – a child's portion of veg is roughly 50g or what fits into a child's hand.

kids fruit



#LunchboxHacks  
@VegPowerUK  
For recipes, tips and free downloads visit:  
vegpower.org.uk

VEGPOWER

## 5 easy #LunchboxHacks to add more veg in 60 seconds or less:



### 1. The Salad-on-a-Stick

Get a bamboo kebab stick and thread on different veg such as cherry tomatoes, cubed cucumber, cubed cooked beetroot, chunks of peppers, raw button mushrooms, crunchy lettuce, etc) in fun colours. If your child isn't a fan of veg, try starting off by alternating veg with cooked meat, cubed cheese, etc to ease them into it.



My Favourite veg was:

### 2. The Lunch Crunch

1 carrot chopped into sticks (or pre-chopped carrot sticks) with a pot of hummus (or their favourite dip) adds a portion of veg.



I ate this many carrots:

### 3. The Sandwich Slice

Slice 5cm cucumber (about the length of a small egg) and add to a sandwich for an extra portion of veg with minimal effort.



I ate this much cucumber:

### 4. The Helpful Handful

Add a handful of ready-to-eat snacky veg to a container. Try cherry tomatoes, drained tinned sweetcorn, celery sticks, green beans, cucumber etc.



My Favourite veg was:

### 5. The Half-Baked Plan

Heat through half a tin of baked beans (ideally low sugar and salt) and stick in a heat-retaining flask for an easy veg portion win.

**Top tip:** Keep trying! If they are not used to veg in their packed lunch, it may be picked out and ignored on the first few days. The more they see it and interact with it, the more the veg becomes "normal".

This week my rating is:

For recipes, tips and free downloads visit:  
vegpower.org.uk





# HALF TERM FOOTBALL CAMP

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[midbedsfutsal@gmail.co.uk](mailto:midbedsfutsal@gmail.co.uk)



## Activities to smile about

Whitsun half-term: Monday 31 May - Friday 4 June, 2021



## Multi-activity Holiday Camps for your children!

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## Our Holiday Camps near you...

**Venue:** Henlow Academy

**Dates:** Tues 1st - Fri 4th June 2021

**Times:** 08.00 - 16.00

**Price:** £80 - 4 day block booking (£20 per day)

**Ages:** Juniors (5-8 years) & Seniors (9-12 years)

**Additional Info:**

We will be continuing to work with a 'bubble' system to keep your child & our staff safe, following current guidance.

### 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.

### They will need

- A packed lunch
- Plenty of water
- Suitable clothing for the weather
- Loads of energy!

**Premier Education Promise:** In the event these courses are cancelled, we will issue a full refund within 7 days.



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# Diary Dates

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

Summer Term 2021	
3rd May	Bank Holiday
<b><i>4th May</i></b>	<b><i>Virtual Parents Evening</i></b>
<b><i>5th May</i></b>	<b><i>Cherry Virtual Parents Evening</i></b>
<b><i>6th May</i></b>	<b><i>Virtual Parents Evening</i></b>
<b><i>12th and 13th May</i></b>	<b><i>Year 1 Hearing Screening</i></b>
12th—14th May	Year 4 Leavers Activities
13th May	Year 4 Frontier Day Trip
14th May	Year 4 Frontier Day Trip
17th—21st May	Walk to School Week
31st May—4th June	Half Term
7th June	Children return
2nd July	Transition (Move Up) Day
22nd July	Last day of Term