



Weekly Update

Friday 4th October 2019



Dear Families and Friends,

It has been a lovely week for our children. We started with a celebration of our children who have earned head teacher awards. It is always good to showcase pupils who believe in themselves and achieve as a result of their efforts, whether this is for behaviour, written work, discussions, values or play. These children stand on our celebration bench in assembly and we clap their achievements. The additional points they achieve are added to the leader boards, and each week we start counting these afresh.

Forest School is a valued part of our curriculum. It relates to healthy lifestyles in both the PSHE curriculum, PE and Science. Mr Tilbury is action planning the other curriculum links that can be maximised through the team building and social exercises whilst in the forest. We do undertake this in all weathers, and children need waterproof outerwear. Mrs Edwards has secured raincoats for the school, and we are looking at purchasing ponchos too. Recent extreme weather has enabled us to reflect on this further and whilst we advocate for 'all weathers' we will continue to assess in the moment also.

Parents' evening appointments will be released soon. Mrs Metcalfe is currently absent from school, although we currently anticipate her return after next week. Holly Class parents' appointments will still go ahead with myself or Mrs Ross supporting, or substituting as appropriate. A letter regarding cover arrangements has been sent to parents of Holly class children.

We continue to trial the entry arrangements to Willow Classroom. This is busy in the mornings, but the supervision of children inside is certainly enhanced by using the direct door for the classroom. Please continue to feed back to us your experiences.

I would like to thank parents who have raised the issue of street lighting on School Lane to me. I have been in liaison with the local authority through our Board of Governors. We are exploring the matter and agree that safe access to our adjoining roads and car park is the most desirable outcome.

We end the week with a showcase of our house groups. Their leadership teams of Captains, Vice captains and Prefects are attending the opening of the Co-op and as such, represent our school, alongside Mr Wakefield, our Key Stage 2 leader from Hazel Class. They continue to use their teams to organise the activities they have been given ownership of, in order to raise house points and desirable behaviours and values.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Pamela Finch

Values

The values from September 30th—October 18th are **Respect** and **Responsibility**.

- *Respect for everyone and everything.*
- *Taking on responsibility, owning our mistakes or our errors of judgement and resolving to learn from these experiences.*

Year 4—St Alban and the Romans Trail Trip

Year 4 will be going to St Albans this Monday to take part in St Alban and the Romans Trail at St Albans Cathedral. We would appreciate the children being in school on time as the coach will be leaving just after 9.00am. Children will need to wear school uniform and have a coat with them. Please remember to send your child in with a packed lunch; we will not be able to order packed lunches from the kitchen.



Thank you!

We would like to say a big thank you to the PSA for all their hard work they put in to organising the circus! It was a great success and currently they have raised £2,200! A big thank you as well to all the staff that helped and to those who bought tickets!

Shefford Sporting Successes

Year 4 Sports Ambassador Training—Thursday 26th September

Congratulations to the following Year 4 children who took part in Sports Ambassador Training last week:

Poppy P, Enya B, Matthew F, Mya S, Jefferson W, Theo C, Emma G, Jake C, Kieran S, Lilly S.

They will now be responsible for arranging sports games and events throughout the year.

Year 4 Tag Rugby Festival—Wednesday 2nd October

We would like to say a big 'well done' to some of our Year 4's who took part in the Tag Rugby Festival on Wednesday. Each team was awarded a certificate for self-belief, voted for by the Samuel Whitbread Sport Leaders.

We have begun celebrating children's sporting successes on a Friday in assembly. Please let your child's class teacher know by about any successes in sport they have had by Thursday morning at the latest.

Congratulations to the following children:

- Evie E—Willow— Baton Twirling
- Reuben L—Hawthorn— Swimming
- Miles M—Hazel— Swimming
- Matthew F—Hazel— Football



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 30/09/19



EYFS

Peach — Amelia T

Pear—Bethany L

Plum— Sarah DW

Year 1

Chestnut—Max H

Holly—Bethan L

Sycamore—Oliver W

Year 2

Maple—Abhinaya S

Oak— Myla G

Willow— Frankie P



Year 3

Cedar— Katherine Z

Elm— Harper R

Hawthorn— Riley C

Year 4

Ash— Max E

Beech— Harry H

Hazel— Miles M



Finer Diners

Congratulations to the children below who have sat at the 'Finer Diner' table this week for displaying good manners and values at lunchtime:

Year 1

Isabella F

Charlie M

Summer C

EXCUSE ME



THANK YOU

Year 2

Harry K

Sam T

Eleanor B

Year 4

Lilly S

Priya G

Nathan F

Year 3

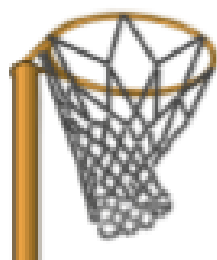
Rocco G

Evelyn L

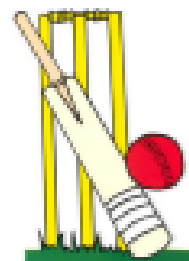
Eleanor B



Shefford Lower School Holiday Club Autumn 2019



£18 per day
£12 per sibling



9am—3.30pm



Current Years 1-5



Monday 21st October 2019 Tuesday 22nd October 2019

BOOK NOW !

Booking can be made via ParentMail or forms can be
obtained from the school office



Music News

All children who learn a musical instrument are given opportunity to play in our weekly music assemblies and also at the end of term and class assemblies. This includes children who learn an instrument out of school. If your child does have instrumental lessons outside of school, please let us know. This week we enjoyed piano performances from Poppy, Matthew and Lucas and also the ukulele group.

All recorders, ocarinas, ukuleles and tuition books that were ordered through school have now been received. Please ensure that they are clearly named. All children who attend recorder groups must have their own instrument and tuition book so that they can practise at home.

Harvest Festival

Our school harvest festival is to be held on Tuesday 15th October and our evening Christmas Music Concert for Years 3 and 4 musicians and choir members will be on Wednesday 4th December.





PSA News

Circus

The PSA are delighted to announce that last Saturday's Circus event raised in excess of £2,200 with some sponsorship money still to come.

We sincerely thank all of our helpers and all those who marketed and prepared for the event in advance. We had lots of community support too. The circus was a fun show that was enjoyed by almost 600 local people.

Your School Lottery—Saturday 5th October

Our first lottery draw is TOMORROW. It's not too late to buy a ticket and enter. Buying your tickets this term will automatically enrol you into a further prize draw to win one of 3 £100 cash prizes PLUS a chance to win the national £25,000 weekly jackpot. It's easy to set up, just follow the link <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/play>. Good luck!

Family Photo Shoot—Sunday 13th October

Back by popular demand we have Figment photography returning to the school to take family portrait photos in time for Christmas gifting. Slots are limited so please contact the school office to book your place and secure with a £10.00 sitting fee (non-refundable).

Easy Fundraising

We have a link with the Easyfundraising company that allows online shopping to feed commission back to a chosen charity. The PSA have registered with this and have so far raised an additional £367.00 for the school. Please use the following link to register <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/E2CZEL>. It costs **NOTHING** and once it's set up there are reminders as you send on applicable websites. It really couldn't be easier to raise money for the school whilst you go about your general online shopping.

PSA News

Go Henry

Does your child receive pocket money? Do you want to have more control over how they save and spend? If so, Go Henry could be the solution for your family. Combining a pre-paid debit card and an app with unique parental controls, it's been built from the ground up for both parents and children. **Sign up today for your one month's free trial offer**, after which it's just £2.99 per child per month. The card can be used online, in-store, and at ATMs, so as we move ever closer to a cashless society, it allows children to experience money in all its different forms. This summer term gohenry is offering to give £20 to our PSA for every parent who activates. Go on – give it a try by clicking on the link <https://www.gohenry.com/uk/pta-referrals//?promotion=UKPTASLS&ght=UKPTASLS>

Next meeting: Wed 9th Oct @ 7.45pm

We are always looking for new supporters so if you are interested in joining our team or learning more about what we do please call into the school office to register your interest.

A colorful advertisement for the 'your school lottery'. At the top left is the 'your school lottery' logo. At the top right is the word 'supporting' above the PSA logo. The central focus is a large, stylized text box that reads 'BACK-TO-SCHOOL EXTRA CASH PRIZES'. Below this, it says 'Buy Your Lottery ticket this term for a chance to WIN one of THREE £100 prizes!'. The background features a sunburst pattern and several floating coins. At the bottom, there is a list of four bullet points.

• Chance to win £25,000 jackpot

• 40p in every £1 goes to school funds

• Local cash prizes EVERY week

• Extra cash prizes this term

Community News

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



Supporting the Community for over 25 years

Fireworks Display

2nd November 2019

In the grounds of the

**STMA, Shefford,
SG17 5JA (Digswell)**

Outside Bar provided by the **STMA**

BBQ run by **Shefford Saints Football Club**

Glow Sticks sold by **Shefford Lower School PSA**

With all proceeds raised going directly to these groups

NO Animals are permitted onsite (except Guide dogs) &
NO personal fireworks or sparklers.

Gates open 7.00 pm Display starts 8.00 pm.

Adults £5, Under 16's £3, Under 5's Free.
(No card payment available)

Please come along and Help us Support Shefford Community groups and causes.

For more details please visit www.sheffordfireworksappeal.co.uk

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our tech sessions

SHEFFORD LIBRARY

Half Term Session

Weds. 23rd. Oct.

10 - 11.30 am


Drop in - it's free!



Parents and Carers are strongly advised not to
leave children unsupervised in the library.

Children under 8 must never be left unsupervised
in the library

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Children's book quiz

Pick up a quiz sheet and test your knowledge

Lucky dip prize for everyone who
completes the quiz!

Shefford Library

Thurs 24th Oct

10-11am



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Diary Dates

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

Autumn Term 2019	
7th October	Year 4 Alban and the Roman Trail Trip—St Albans Cathedral
11th October	Healthy Me Day
13th October	PSA Family Photo Shoot—Figment Photography
15th October	Harvest Festival
16th October	Parent Consultation Evening
16th October	Individual and Family Photos
17th October	Year 4 Cake Sale
18th October	Parent Consultation Evening
21st October	Half Term
28th October	Inset Day
29th October	Children Return to School
<i>30th October</i>	<i>Bag 2 School</i>
1st November	Year 3 Celtic Harmony Trip
<i>2nd November</i>	<i>STMA Fireworks—Glowsticks sold by the PSA</i>
8th November	Diwali Day
11th—15th November	Anti-Bullying Week
15th November	Children in Need
<i>19th November</i>	<i>Flu Vaccinations for Years R –4</i>
22nd November	Year 2 Cake Sale
<i>26th November</i>	<i>PSA Mufti Day</i>
26th November	Oak Manor Music Visit

Autumn Term 2019

2nd December	EYFS Dress Rehearsal 2.00pm
3rd December	EYFS Concert 9.30am
4th December	Christmas Music Concert
6th December	EYFS Concert 2.30pm
9th December	KS1 Dress Rehearsal AM, KS2 Dress Rehearsal PM
11th December	KS1 Concert 9,30am, KS2 Concert 2.30pm
12th December	KS2 Concert 9.30am, KS1 Concert 2.30pm
14th December	Present Day
17th December	Christmas Dinner
18th December	EYFS Parties with Santa AM
18th December	KS1 Parties with Santa PM
18th December	KS2 Parties with Santa PM
20th December	Christmas Carols End of Term

Absence

Please see the graph below on this years SATS results in relation to attendance.

Please see the list below of exceptional circumstances in which a holiday may be authorised. Just a reminder the school office will need proof of all medical appointments for absences to be marked as 'Medical' otherwise these will be marked as 'Unauthorised'.



Exceptional circumstances that may be agreed to are:

A dying close relative in a different country.

A family funeral of a close relative in another country/ part of the country.

Holidays for fostering or adoption purposes.

Religious observance.

Holidays for armed services personnel when meeting the criteria set out by the ministry of defence.

When a family needs to spend time together to support each other during or after a crisis

Where disability means it is difficult for the family to organise care at another time.

Exceptional circumstances do not include:

Being unable to take a family holiday during the 6 week summer break

The availability of cheap holidays

Poor weather experienced during school holiday periods

Overlap with the beginning or end of a term.

Different holiday dates for siblings in different schools.

A surprise booked by another person/ treat for the child

A mistake in term dates when booking