

# Weekly Update



Friday 7th February 2020



Hello Friends and Families,

It's been another busy week here at Shefford Lower School, with lots planned.

First in the pipeline is our consultation evenings for parents. Please make sure you sign in for an appointment. This is an opportunity to see how your child is progressing in their current year group, and to collaborate with the teaching staff to make any necessary adjustments for your child's needs.

We will, of course, provide you with your child's current attendance information again. The school is presently under target, and along with reading, good attendance is the most vital consideration for good educational outcomes. The Local Authority Inclusion Officer monitors the school processes and provides the office with template letters which must be sent, along with advice about fixed penalty notices for absence and lates. It is our intention to always support you to help your child be in school daily and on time.

Pirate Day is coming up! The teachers in Year 1 have organised a fun packed, adventure filled session. They have used the immersive room for their Peter Pan stories, and will be using it again to imagine being pirates. Year 4 are also off to their gymnastics festival with Mr Tilbury, our sports coach, and Miss Leary, our school's PE leader. I look forward to seeing the PE celebration board fill up.

World Book Day arrives soon after half term. Miss Sharma will be providing you with a menu of ideas – not just dressing up, because we know some children do not like to – so that you can enjoy it too. We will be doing this on the Monday 2nd March. This is so that Year 4 can also join in, and follow up with some display work, before they go off to their residential trip to the Frontier Centre.

This month, we have had a focus on '*Love & Kindness*' from our values education. The children have been carrying out secret random acts of kindness, and the classes have had a healthy competition. Beech Class (Y4) thought they had won, but they were eventually overtaken by Maple Class (Y2). It has been lovely to see the children demonstrating courtesy and kindness, and I hope they continue.

It's going to be a stormy weekend, so no better time to get out the toys, the story books, the blankets and possibly even the hot chocolate!

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Finch

## Values

The values from January 27th—February 14th are **Love** and **Kindness**.

**What is love (non romantic kind) and how it is shown through acts of kindness, and being thoughtful to others.**

### Year 1 Pirate Day

Year 1 will be having Pirate Day on **Friday 14th February**. We will be having a bouncy castle in school and the children will be taking part in a variety of themed activities. The children will also be bringing home their own treasure!

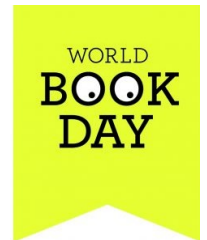
To help cover the cost of resources for this day, we are asking for a £1.00 donation from each child.

Dressing up is optional; if your child has a pirate outfit they are welcome to wear this however, there is no need to go out and buy anything... shorts/jeans and t-shirt will be suitable. We are going to be peaceful pirates so no swords and no face paint please.



### World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Monday 2nd March** due to the Year 4 children being at the Frontier Centre on the Thursday. Please keep an eye out on ParentMail for more information!



### Level 3 Teaching Assistant Apprentice Vacancy

Please see the link for our latest vacancy for a Level 3 Teaching Assistant Apprentice <https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/-498991>

## Music News

This week in our music assembly we enjoyed listening to our violinists – Harry, Andrea, Lexi, Thomas, Kirstie, Kimberley, Irina and Poppy.

Class assemblies continue each Friday and all musicians in years 2, 3 and 4 will be offered the opportunity to perform. This includes children who learn an instrument out of school. Last week it was the turn of Hazel class, who have a lot of talented musicians. We were treated to performances by Ellie (clarinet), Matthew (trumpet), Aaliyah and Abigail (flute), Seb (violin), Priya, Kayla and Lilly (piano). Also, we enjoyed listening to Hazel recorder players - Annabelle, Lily-Mae, Lilly, Ellie, Kayla, Abigail, Aaliyah, Priya and Matthew.



All clubs will continue next week. Please see below regarding clubs **after half term**. Music and Spanish Clubs will continue as normal.

### **Monday**

Year 1 PE Club - w/c 13/01/20—23/03/20

### **Tuesday**

Year 1 & 2 Technology Club—Finished

Year 2 PE Club—w/c 13/01/20—23/03/20

Mid Beds Soccer— w/c 06/01/20—10/02/20 (Booking forms to follow)

### **Wednesday**

Year 1-4 Multi Skills Club—w/c 13/01/20—23/03/20

Year 1 & 2 Mindfulness Club—Finished

Year 2 & 4 Cooking Club—Finished

Year 3 & 4 Computing Club—Finished

Year 3 PE Club—w/c 13/01/20—23/03/20

### **Thursday**

Year 3 & 4 Press Club— w/c 13/01/20—23/03/20

Year 3 & 4 Science Club (Invite Only) - w/c 13/01/20—23/03/20

Year 3 & 4 Dance Club—Finished

Year 4 PE Club—w/c 13/01/20—23/03/20

### **Friday**

Little Ninja's (External Club) - w/c 13/01/20—30/03/20

### **New Clubs**

Booking forms have been sent out on ParentMail for new clubs starting after half term. The deadline for booking forms is Tuesday 11th February 4.00pm.

**Year 3 & 4 Technology Club**—Tuesday Lunchtime

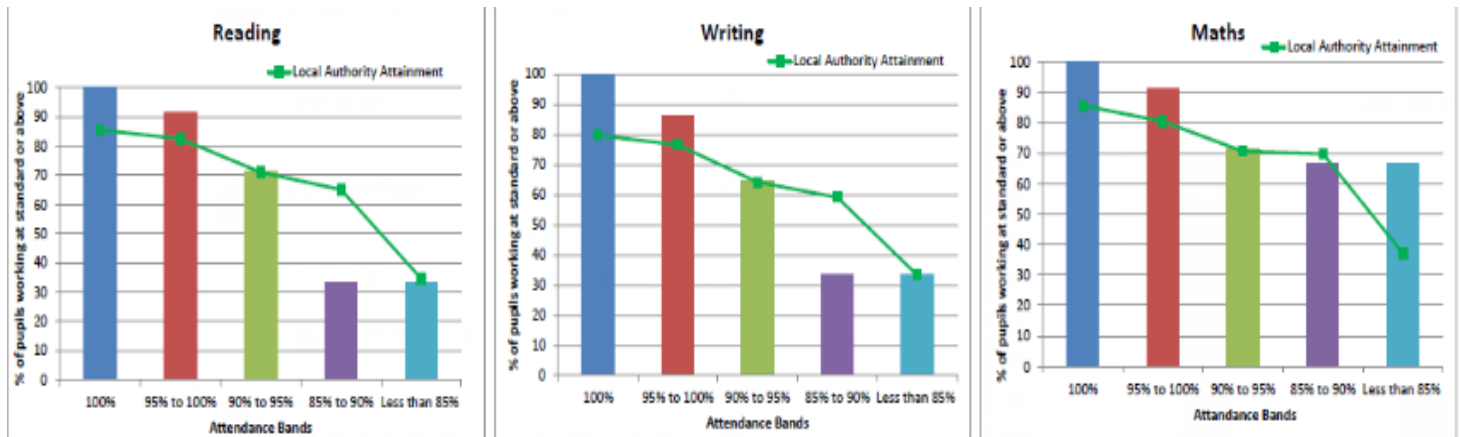
**Year 3 & 4 Mindfulness Club**—Wednesday Lunchtime

**Year 1 & 2 Dance Club**—Thursday 3.20pm-4.00pm

## 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

## 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:

### Reception

Scarlett S  
Annie S  
Riley H  
Sofya C  
Michelle O M  
Esme T

### Year 1

Mabel B  
Denis J

EXCUSE ME



THANK YOU

### Year 2

Arianna M  
Jackson W  
Lily-Joyce G  
Rosa W  
Millie B

### Year 4

Lily-Mae J  
Abbie H  
Fred R  
Freya B

### Year 3

Olivia E  
Rocco S  
Amia N  
Albie H



# Sheffield Lower School

## Holiday Club

*For children who attend Sheffield Lower in Years 1- 4  
and children in Year 5 at Robert Bloomfield Academy.*



## February Half Term

Monday 17th February 9.00am—3.30pm

Tuesday 18th February 9.00am—3.30pm

£18.00 per day

£12.00 per sibling

## BOOK NOW !

Booking forms are available on ParentMail or paper  
copies can be collected from the School Office.



# PSA News



## Forthcoming events:

### Family Games Night – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February

Join us for our first event of the year. We are hosting a family games night which includes, bingo, quizzes, raffle and several games of skill. Prizes to be won but more importantly fun to be had with friends and family.

Tickets are £7.50 per person which includes a fish/sausage or veggie option & chip supper, served at 6.00pm followed by fun. Event should finish around 8.30pm. Refreshments available on the night along with a bar. Tickets are selling fast— limited space. Please find a ticket order form attached to this ParentMail.

### Sponsored Bounce – Mon 30<sup>th</sup> March

Full details and sponsor forms still to come!



### Your School Lottery

Our school lottery is an excellent way of raising money for the school and offer you the chance to be one of our guaranteed weekly winners. For £1.00 a week you will not only enter the schools weekly prize draw but the weekly national draw for £25,000.

If you join this term you will also be entered into the draw to win a family fit bit bundle...It couldn't be easier to join: <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/shefford-lower-school>

Supporting

**YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY**

**SHAPE UP YOUR FAMILY!**

Buy A Lottery Ticket This Half-Term & WIN A Family **FITBIT BUNDLE**

- WIN a FITBIT Bundle (FITBIT Inspire HR + Ace 2 Kid's Fitness Tracker)
- Support your local school
- Play for £1 per week
- Win up to £25,000

The poster features a background image of a family (a man, a woman, and a child) holding hands. It includes logos for 'Your School Lottery' and 'PSA'. A red circular badge on the right side of the poster contains the text 'Buy A Lottery Ticket This Half-Term & WIN A Family FITBIT BUNDLE'. At the bottom left, there are two Fitbit trackers, one black and one blue. A list of bullet points at the bottom details the prize and other benefits.

## Community News

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



### Half Term Fun at Shefford Library

**Fri. 21<sup>st</sup>. Feb.**  
**at 10 – 11.30 am**



**Make an Egyptian headdress**  
**Come and join us – 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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### Author Visit Shefford Library

**Readings & pirate craft with Lou Treleven**



Book your place in the library  
or phone 0300 300 8067  
£2.50 per child, £1.50 for each additional sibling

**Weds. 19<sup>th</sup>. Feb.**  
**at 10.30 am**



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Central Bedfordshire Council  
and Bedford Borough Council  
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**Money Management Course**  
**Sandy Children's Centre**  
**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020**  
**For 10 weeks**  
**9.30am – 11.00am**

Bedfordshire Employment & Skills Service is offering a free course in Money Management course, where you will be able to share what you know, gain new knowledge and take-home practical tools to help you manage your money

- Learn new ways to plan and manage a personal budget
- Understand and compare financial products
  - Make sense of bills
- Know who to contact for further support



Apprenticeships



Education & Skills  
Funding Agency

For more information, or if you would like to enrol on the course call the Children's Centre on 0300 300 8114 or email [sandychildrenscentre@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:sandychildrenscentre@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk)

Or alternatively Tel: 0300 300 8110 Text: 07393238900  
or e-mail: [Adult.Learning@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:Adult.Learning@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk)

**CLIFTON CRICKET CLUB &  
THE ROAD VICTIMS TRUST**



**WALK TO  
LORDS**

**THURSDAY 4TH JUNE 2020 - JOIN US -  
RAISING MONEY BY WALKING FROM CLIFTON  
CRICKET CLUB TO LORDS (APROX 42 MILES)  
IN ONE DAY**

**FIRST TRAINING WALK - OLD WARDEN - 2ND FEBRUARY @ 10:30AM**

To join call Rob on 07376490434/ [robdavidson1989@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:robdavidson1989@hotmail.co.uk)

# Diary Dates

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

<b>Spring Term 2020</b>	
11th February	Parents Evening 3.45pm - 6.00pm
13th February	Parents Evening 4.00pm—7.00pm
14th February	Year 1 Pirate Day
14th February	Cedar Class Assembly 2.45pm
17th—23rd February	Half Term
24th February	Children Return to School
25th February—31st March	Year 3 Swimming
27th February—2nd April	Year 3 Swimming
<b><i>27th February</i></b>	<b><i>Year 1 Phonics Workshop 9.15am &amp; 5.00pm</i></b>
27th February	Peach Class Assembly 2.45pm
28th February	Oak Class Assembly 2.45pm
28th February	PSA Family Games Night
<b><i>2nd March</i></b>	<b><i>World Book Day for SLS</i></b>
4th—6th March	Year 4 Frontier Centre
6th March	Hawthorn Class Assembly 2.45pm
10th March	Book Fair
11th March	Book Fair
12th March	Pear Class Assembly 2.45pm
13th March	Ash Class Assembly 2.45pm
17th March	Year 4 Faith Tour
20th March	Plum Class Assembly 2.45pm
27th March	Beech Class Assembly 2.45pm
30th March	PSA Sponsored Bounce
6th April—19th April	Easter
20th April	Inset Day

<b>Summer Term 2020</b>	
21st April	Children Return to School
26th April	PSA Table Top Sale
29th April	Class Photos
1st May	Holly Assembly 2.45pm
6th May	Bag 2 School
6th May	Year 4 Bikeability
8th May	Bank Holiday
22nd May	Willow Assembly 2.45pm
25th May	Bank Holiday
26th—31st May	Half Term
1st June	Children Return to School
11th June	Year 3 Sing Out Play Out Concert at The Corn Exchange
12th June	Chestnut Class Assembly 2.45pm
15th June	Reception Open Evening
22nd June	Cherry Open Evening