



Weekly Update

Friday 8th July 2022



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Dear Families and friends,

We really enjoyed sports day this week, all three age phases collected points for their houses, this goes towards the whole school accumulator that we run throughout the year. This trophy is given out among other trophies in our end of year assembly. I'm sure you will appreciate the amount of work that goes into, not only setting up, but also rehearsing sports day with children and will share thanks to the staff with me for all their efforts and the children for making it such fun.

The PSA as always did us proud. They invited our ice cream van and, whilst donations came into the school, the main purpose was to add some fun to the event. It was much more popular than anticipated and we're glad that you all enjoyed it.

The year 3 cake sale is happening next week on Wednesday 13th July and this will raise funds for Smile day centre that Miss Mansell's sister attends and the children voted for this independently. I'm sure you will help support this as you do all our cake sales charities that are the children's choices and something they vote on.



Democracy is a large part of the school curriculum; our children vote on books they read in class on a Thursday, they vote on the music they want to listen to in assemblies (this can be quite a fun one), they vote on their captaincy teams, they voted the values ambassador, parliament and Eco Council. They also vote on the activities that they want to do in some sessions, this includes sports days, and quite often teachers ask for impromptu votes within the classroom as well.

We have had an increase in rucksacks coming into school, this is not part of our uniform. It is less of a problem in summer but in September please ensure your children have drawstring P.E bags for the school pegs. The cloakrooms become too crowded and coats fly off down corridors causing hazards and an immense amount of lost property. Please see our uniform policy on our website if you are unsure what to buy for September.

[Policy Link](#)

[Price & Buckland Link](#)

If you need help or assistance to buy uniform please contact us, all such contact is confidential and will be treated sensitively.

Next week is our arts music event, children are performing and they have been practising for this for sometime. Parents are invited to attend the music event to watch their children, the PSA will be there to serve drinks also. Please enjoy.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Finch

Values

The values of July will be 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 others happy.

House Points

Water—1132

Earth—1108

Air—1069

Fire—1032

House Points and Attendance

W/E 01/07/22

Well done to last week's house winners.



House Attendance & Punctuality

Winner

Fire

Safeguarding Information

At Shefford Lower School we take our responsibilities to promote safeguarding the welfare of all children seriously. The designated persons for safeguarding children is the Headteacher who can be contacted via the school office on 01462 629123

Please find useful information updated weekly

Mythbuster

Myth: "It's up to me if I smack my child to punish them."

Buster: This will always be investigated and recorded on *CPOMS by schools, because the law forbids smacking except in exceptional circumstances. EG: If the violence you use is severe enough to leave a mark, a scratch or a bruise, you can be prosecuted for assault.

*Child Protection Online Management System

If you are concerned about a child outside of school you can phone 999 in an emergency or 101 to make a report. The NSPCC operated an urgent helpline on 0808800500



Shefford Museum and Gallery is growing fast at Shefford Lower School. It features copies of some the most famous paintings in the world and authentic historical and natural history artefacts. We would like to share a different exhibit each week in the news letter. This week's featured exhibit is



"I love the exclusivity of the tote bag. I feel proud of the school and the museum." Mrs. Finch, Head Teacher.



Be the talk of the town with Shefford Museum and Gallery's exclusive gift range!



"The notebook is the perfect size for my handbag. I don't know how I managed before!" Miss Sharma, English Leader.



"I never leave the house without my pencil and eraser!" Mrs. Ross, Deputy Head.



"I feel so confident and organised with my tote bag. I just can't stop smiling!" Mrs. Sparrow, Business Manager.



Stunning range of tote bags, erasers, pencils and notebooks, exclusive to Shefford Museum and Gallery.



Available from the school office, Shefford Lower School.

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**NHS Healthy
Scanner App**

Lunchbox tips



Ever green

Always add salad to sandwiches and wraps too – it all counts towards your child's 5 A Day!



Tuna and bean
salad

For this recipe please follow this link

[Lunchbox](#)

[Recipe](#)



Thank You

amazon
wishlist

Thank you for your kind donations so far.

We have added some more items to our Amazon wish list that will greatly benefit your children with their learning this year.

If you would like to purchase a book for our school please

click [here](#)

Weekly music update

We have had a great couple of weeks with lots happening. This week the year 3's had their big SingUp concert at Houghton Hall Park, it was a great experience and we hope everyone enjoyed taking part! It has been a while since we have been able to take part in a concert that large, and the atmosphere was electric. This will be an opportunity offered to all year 3 pupils every academic year. Last Thursday, the choir and dance group showcased their talents at the Samuel Whitbread arts event and did us all proud. We had so many comments about the pupil's voices and dance abilities, we hope this can be a yearly event. Music assembly continued to look at intros and outros and introduced a new music genre this week. As always, please do get in contact if your child wishes to take up an instrument, we have so much to offer.

We are looking forward to hosting the End of Year Music Concert on the 12th July—please let us know if you child can attend via the Parentmail form sent out to all of our musicians.



Sports Day Results

What an amazing week of sport we have seen in school this week. Well done to everyone who took part across the three sports afternoons and to the winners of our running races. Thank you to all the families for your support, it was fantastic to see so many of you back watching the children and joining in with races. Finally, thank you to the PSA for organising the ice-cream vans which were a huge hit!



House Totals

1st—Air—5240

Joint 2nd—Fire & Water—4794

3rd—Earth—4759



Weekly Good News Calls

Here are the children whose parents and carers have received a phone call home this week to let them know how well their child has been working

<u>Reception</u>	Pear—Elsie, Plum—Clara, Peach—Barnaby
<u>Year 1</u>	Sycamore—Furqan, Holly—Annalise, Chestnut—Cara
<u>Year 2</u>	Oak—Ayaz, Maple—Daisy, Willow—Gabriel
<u>Year 3</u>	Cedar—Mia, Hawthorn—Alexandra, Elm—Kaiden
<u>Year 4</u>	Ash—Kenzie, Hazel—Blake, Beech—Kelsey



Congratulations to the children below who have been recognised as a Finer Diner this week for displaying good manners and values at lunchtime

THANK YOU

<u>Reception</u>	Mia, Christina, Finn, Jake, Kovah & Max
<u>Year 1</u>	Jayda, Miles, Zoe, Leo, Layla, Elizabeth & Joe
<u>Year 2</u>	Ava, Ben, Freddie, Allyssa, Eden, Jennifer & Aaron
<u>Year 3</u>	Katya, Kaitlyn, Ronnie, Poppy, Isha, Benedict, Charlie & Imogen
<u>Year 4</u>	Honey, Harrison, Freddie Heidi, Blake & Demmy



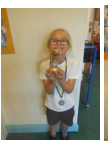
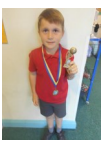
EXCUSE ME



Sheffield 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 this week.

Water House	Archie—Football, Aaron—Football, William—Football
Fire House	Scott—Swimming, Luca— Football, Raith—Football, Isla—Football, Scarlett—Football, Oscar—Football, Elodie—Gymnastics
Earth House	Arthur—Cricket, Oliver—Football, Louie—Cricket, Freddy—Cricket, Jemima—Gymnastics, Harry—Swimming, Charlie—Football
Air House	Sienna—Dance, Harrison—Swimming, Max—Football, Forrest—Football





Sheffield Lower School Summer Holiday Club

For children who attend Sheffield Lower in Years 1- 4



Monday 25th July—29th July

9.00am - 3.30pm

Individual days can be booked

Numbers are limited to 30 children per day on a first come first served basis.

£18.00 per day

£12.00 per sibling

BOOK NOW !

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

Is it time for a clear out before the Summer holiday?

Look out for a plastic bag coming home in bookbags!



£36 million.

We are pleased to announce that Sheffield Lower School PSA has organised a clothes & shoe collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds.

Bag2School is the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools and since its inception in 2001 it has now paid out over



As well as raising vitally needed funds for **Sheffield Lower School PSA**, it also helps the environment by helping to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill.

By getting involved in our **Bag2School** collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles in the bag provided – this can include:

- ✓ adults' and children's clothes
- ✓ shoes (tied together please),
- ✓ hats, belts, handbags
- ✓ soft toys

Not accepted are:

- X Duvets and blankets
 - X Pillows and cushions
 - X School uniforms with and without logo
 - X Corporate clothing and workwear
- (please refer to <http://uk.bag2school.com/> for full details).

If you fill the donation bag that will be coming home in your child's bookbag and still have more, then you can use **any other bag** to donate your items and don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well!

Bag2School will be collecting from Sheffield Lower on **Monday 18th July**. Please bring your bag (or bags!) to the school office on

Thursday 14th/Friday 15th or Monday 18th July (am)

and help us have a really good collection.

Many thanks indeed for helping us with this fundraising opportunity.



To get involved and find out more about what we do or how you could help, please get in touch. If you see us around school, come up and say hello!

Please contact the school office on 01462 629123 or email schooloffice@shefford.cbeds.co.uk

The office will pass your details onto the Committee who will be in touch with you to discuss how you could help.



WHY NOT COME ALONG TO OUR NEXT MEETING?

Wednesday 20th July 2022 (7.30pm for a 7.45 start)
At Sheffield Lower School (via the main entrance)



Sheffield Lower School
PSA



Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

Friday 15th July 2022 after school
Outside Cherry Class

T-shirts 50p each
Coats £2 each
All other items £1 each

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Member Association

Community News

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



NIGHT AT THE MUSICALS
5TH - 8TH JULY 2022
AT 7PM SWA MAIN HALL

£7 ADULTS • £5 CONCESSION
Speak to a member of the cast for an exclusive discount code for 25% off.
For tickets please scan the QR code on the right or visit www.ticketsource.co.uk/swaconcert



JUBILEE CAKE DECORATING COMPETITION

Children's competition
Up to 10 years - 3 decorated cupcakes (Jubilee themed)
11 to 15 years - 3 decorated cupcakes (Jubilee themed)

Adults' competition
Decorated cake - max. 8-inch square or round cake (Jubilee themed)

SATURDAY 16TH JULY
ENTRIES TO ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH AT 2PM
WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT 3:45PM
For more details, please contact Amanda via 07768 042860 or sheffordwi@gmail.com



SHEFFORD PRINCE AND PRINCESSES

Invite you to join them at the crowning of the 2022/23 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 on Saturday 16th July will be held at 4pm following the registration and judging which starts at 2pm.

The event will be held on the lawns of St. Michael and All Angels Church Shefford in conjunction with the Jubilee Summer Fun Day.

For further information, queries or application forms please contact Sarah Potter 07929113728 / itsallbizarre@hotmail.co.uk

Please find the application form attached to the parent-mail with the newsletter or requested by emailing itsallbizarre@hotmail.co.uk



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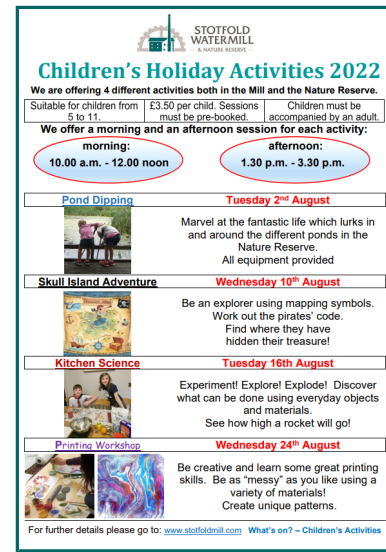
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Children's Holiday Activities 2022

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

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.

Pond Dipping Tuesday 2nd August
Marvel at the fantastic life which lurks in and around the different ponds in the Nature Reserve. All equipment provided.

Skull Island Adventure Wednesday 10th August
Be an explorer using mapping symbols. Work out the pirates' code. Find where they have hidden their treasure!

Kitchen Science Tuesday 16th August
Experiment! Explore! Explode! Discover what can be done using everyday objects and materials. See how high a rocket will go!

Printing Workshop Wednesday 24th August
Be creative and learn some great printing skills. Be as 'messy' as you like using a variety of materials! Create unique patterns.

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




MFB SUMMER HOLIDAY FOOTBALL CAMPS

Camp 1 Date: 26th - 28th July
Camp 2 Date: 16th - 18th August
Camp 3 Date: 30th Aug - 1st September
Venue: Pendleton Sports Centre, Stotfold
Days: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
Age: 4 - 10 Years
Cost: £25-£60
Extra 10% off if booked using the Early Bird Discount (can also be used with other codes)

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SUMMER CAMP 1 - MONDAY 1ST - THURSDAY 4TH AUGUST 2022, 10.00-15.00
SUMMER CAMP 2 - MONDAY 22ND - THURSDAY 25TH AUGUST, 10.00-15.00
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Coffee afternoon

with **SEND** support

Monday 11th July

1.30-2.30

At Shefford and District Children's centre

School Lane, Shefford. SG17 5XA

All ages welcome



Do you have a child with an additional need, disability, new diagnosis or not yet diagnosed?

Come along for a cuppa and cake

Join us at our coffee afternoon for free and confidential advice and support. Meet other local families, share ideas and support each other in a friendly environment



This Month's Guests

Karen Wilson, SEND Specialist Advisor and a member of the Early Help team, will be at this month's session for all questions and information.

Shefford Children's centre, School Lane, Shefford SG17 5XA 0300 300 8112



Shefford and Stotfold Children's Centre

INTRODUCTION TO FIRST AID FOR PARENTS

This is a basic first aid course for parents or carers of babies and young children. It covers all of the essentials like CPR and dealing with a choking casualty.

Saturday 9th July

9.30am - 11.30am

Shefford and Stotfold

Children's Centre

School Lane,

Shefford,

SG17 5XA

Booking is essential.

Please contact Shefford

and Stotfold Children's

Centre for availability.

Phone: 0300 300 8112



New Life Skills
Training

Physical & Mental Health First Aid



Book now for fun, free summer holiday activities!

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great
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This Summer, we are running a range of free activities for children and young people aged 5 upwards who are eligible for benefit related free school meals.

Our sessions are inclusive so are suitable for children with special education needs and disabilities (SEND), and we'll also be running a series of activities that are specifically for children with SEND.

The Holiday Activities and Food programme is for children eligible for benefit related free school meals. This is a requirement from the Department for Education who are funding the programme.

★ You will need to have registered before you can book an activity.

Please make sure you have re-registered as old HAF numbers will no longer work.

Please complete a separate registration form for each eligible child. We will allocate each child a separate registration number, which we will send you by email.

Register here:

www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/school-hols-food

- There is something to suit everyone including crafts, performing arts, sports and games
- Get involved in a holiday club to make friends and have fun
- All children taking part get a free lunch and snacks throughout the day



BOOK HERE



For more information visit:

www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/holiday-activities

Safe Space

What is a Safe Space?

- a place for you to go if you need to access support
- a place where you can contact a domestic abuse support service who will be able to help you safely

For more information, speak to a member of staff or contact BDAP@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

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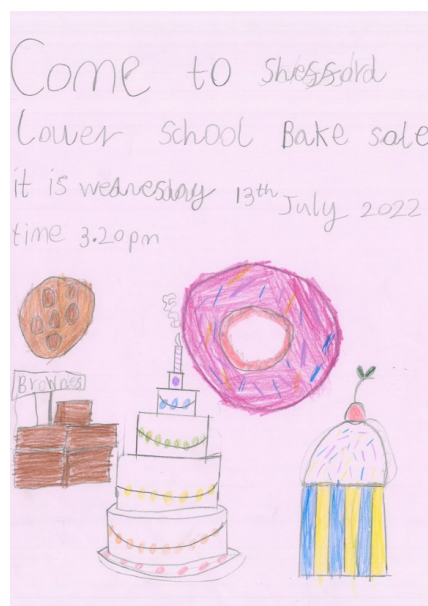
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Diary Dates

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

2022 Upcoming Dates

12th July	End of year music concert—Parentmail sent for invite and more information
13th July	Year 3 Cake Sale—raising money for Smiles Day Centre
19th July	Year 4 leavers performance—Dress rehearsal
19th July	Year 4 leavers disco
20th July	Year 4 leavers performance
22nd July	Last Day of Term
25th—29th July	Mr Tilbury's Holiday Club—Parentmail form available to book
5th September	2022/2023 School Year Begins



Moving to become a primary as part of Central Bedfordshire's Schools For The Future project.

<https://www.schoolsforthefuture.co.uk/>

To find Shefford Lower's Academic Calendar for 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 please refer to our website

[Term Dates Link](#)

Please note this will be different to the Central Bedfordshire term dates

Drop off times—08.45—09.00am

Collection times—3.20pm

The school office will be open from 8.30am to 3.45pm for any queries, please call 01462 629123 or email

schooloffice@shefford.cbeds.co.uk