



Weekly Update

Friday 9th July



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Dear Families and Friends,

What a week! What an eventful and historic week! We had a lot of happy (but tired) faces after the football and there was a lot of chatter in school too. We recognise what a momentous and unifying occasion this is for everyone in our country, and we have certainly not seen this in my lifetime. To that end, we embrace the fact that pupils will be up a bit later to see how the team fares on Sunday. We will keep our gates open half hour longer on Monday morning, and our registers. Fingers crossed for a win!

This week we have had our 'Countries Day' where staff and pupils dressed up and learned about different countries they had selected. We had some very interesting costumes and items. One of the pleasures of being head teacher, is the opportunity to visit all of the classes. I was treated to a variety of art work, and techniques, lots of multilingual greetings, different music and fact files. In one class, I was even shown how to play an unusual instrument from Brazil. Thank you so much for ensuring your children participated and could enjoy the vibrancy of the day. I also thank Mrs Carter and Mrs Jenkins who brought this together through their leadership with Humanities and Modern Foreign Languages/Global Community. We are lucky to have such creative staff.

Our Schools For The Future discussions were supported this week by another visiting head teacher who joined me for a learning walk. I'm always thrilled to be able to take visitors round, as we have such a lovely school, and it reminds me of all the things I'm so proud of. We have a project plan and part of that is our parents forum. There is still time to join this ready for September, so please do contact our office. Your voice is crucial to developing our school in the best way we can.

School reports are due out to you shortly, and I have enjoyed reading each and every one of them. This has not been an easy year for everyone, and certainly for our children. I am very proud of the resilience and fortitude they have shown and how well they adapted to the changing circumstances over the past 16 months.

The PSA organised the sponsored bounce this week, and on Tuesday our children bounced for their lives. A phenomenal amount was raised and they are still counting! Our PSA are a wonderful group, who support the school and have lots of fun too. You may have met them at a recent open evening, and they are always keen to catch up with families who wish to be involved. There is a main committee, but also a further list of helpers who are able to help now and then. Do contact them if you are keen.

You will have received my response to the new guidance, and I have subsequently heard from Robert Bloomfield, who are also taking the same position. Central Bedfordshire are urging schools to retain their current measures as well. Cases of Covid in Central Bedfordshire have more than doubled in the past week, and with just 4 days to go after the restrictions are relaxed, we will be unwise to change any measures we have in place. We will from the 19th however, not send home full bubbles, as per government guidance, when positive cases are confirmed. This was in my earlier communication.

The 'Welcome Back' event in Shefford is on this Saturday. There is a free bouncy castle along with lots of other things happening, spread through the town. It certainly feels like party time!

Have a great weekend,

Values

The values from 28th of June are 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 other happy.

House Attendance W/E 02.07.21

Well done to last week's house winners.



House Attendance & Punctuality

Earth—96.88

Water—95.89

Fire 94.89

Air 94.27



On Wednesday we celebrated World Countries Day where the children learnt about different countries, cultures and languages from across the globe. Each class focused on a different country and we dressed up to represent these. Here are some of the comments the children made about the day.

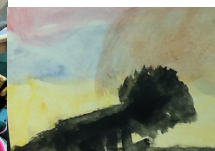
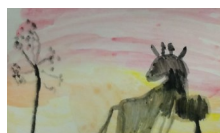
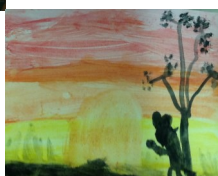
"The best part of today has been doing an information page about Brazil because I liked drawing and finding out lots of facts." James (Hazel)

"I have learnt that Hola means hello in Spanish." Sofya (Holly)

"I loved making my bird of paradise and sticking it on the head dress." Cassian (Willow)

"We learnt about the Yangtze River and we created a traditional Chinese scroll." Abhinaya (Hawthorn)

"We made necklaces from South Africa. Mine was red, green and gold." Cara (Pear)



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.

PSA Sponsored Bounce



On Tuesday the children took part in a sponsored bounce where they had to try and complete the most amount of bounces in an allotted time. They all had fun and raised money for our fantastic PSA who support the school community by helping fund activities and equipment for our children.

A BIG thank you for everyone who sponsored and bounced on the day.

BEFORE



A BIG Well Done to Scarlett in Hazel who had her hair cut recently for charity. She donated her luscious locks to The Little Princess Trust Charity along with £250 that she raised.



AFTER





Shefford 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 with us this week

Fire House

Luca—Chestnut—Football
Raith—Chestnut—Football



Air House

Max—Maple—Karate
Miles—Hawthorn—Football
Frankie—Cedar—Football



Earth House

Emily—Chestnut—Swimming
Giovanni—Maple—Football
Lilly—Cedar—Football
Ethan—Oak—Karate



Shefford Saints Under 8's White Team

Players player - Scott
Supports player - 1st Scott, 2nd Frankie
Most improved / Managers Merit - Harrison
Top scorer - Freddie



The Euro's final is coming up on Sunday
11th June.

Water House vs KS1/EYFS Team

The winning team will get their non
uniform day on Friday 16th July



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/E 02/07/21



Reception

Peach — Annabelle

Pear — Robyn

Plum — Evelyn M

Year 1

Chestnut — Eden

Holly — Ayaz

Sycamore — Amellia & Daisy



Year 2

Maple — Taylor C

Oak — Lewie H

Willow — Crystal W



Year 3

Cedar — Kairo P-S

Elm — Faith R

Hawthorn — Ashley



Year 4

Ash — Matthew B

Beech — Sophie R

Hazel — Ruby T



Finer Diners

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

EXCUSE ME



Reception

Jayda, Layla, Joseph, Logan,
Alex, Sid, Macie, Alice and
Nivya

Year 1

Raith, Max, Scarlett, Jack R,
Oliver N, Jay, Grace, Kelly, Vinnie
and Millie

THANK YOU

Year 2

Imogen, Charlie, Lola, Emily, Amber
and Crystal



Year 3

Elise, Demmy, Tyler, Myla, George, Iris
and Grace

Year 4

Henry T, Ewan and Sophie



Sheffield Lower School

Summer Holiday Club

For children who attend Sheffield Lower in Years 1- 4



Monday 26th to Friday 30th

9.00am—3.30pm

£18.00 per day

£12.00 per sibling

**MONDAY IS NOW FULL
SPACES ARE FILLING UP FAST
BOOK NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT**

Booking forms are available on ParentMail. Please contact the schooloffice@sheffield.cbeds.co.uk if you require a paper copy.

PSA News

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 14th July @ 7.30pm** via Zoom

Upcoming events

Bounce

A massive thank you to everyone who helped, sponsored and bounced on Tuesday. Monies are being counted and we will have a final figure for your next week.

We are planning on lots of exciting events for the upcoming year – if you want to get involved then come along to our next meeting.

Would you like to join the PSA?

During our meetings we discuss ideas for future fundraising and community events for the benefit of the children at Shefford Lower School.

Does this sound like something you want to be a part of?

Please contact us through the school office or via our Facebook page to find out more about the PSA.

How to support the PSA



Help us raise **FREE** funds for

Shefford Lower School PSA

every time you **shop online**

Just search for us on easyfundraising.org.uk



DINO BANK





You'll find him in the school entrance.

He's always hungry and is kept happy by feeding him your spare change!

Thank you



How the lottery works

 <p>YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY</p>	<p>£1 per ticket</p> <p>That's right, unlike many other lotteries, our lottery tickets are only £1 per week.</p> 	<p>Help us do more</p> <p>For every ticket you play, 76% goes to our school and prizes.</p> 	<p>£25,000 grand prize</p> <p>Match all 6 numbers and you win the JACKPOT!</p> 
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A big thank you to everyone for your continued support of our PSA

Community News

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

Welcome Back to SHEFFORD

'Grand Opening' of the newly refurbished St Michael's Close Play Area at 1.30pm, conducted by the outgoing Prince and Princesses of Shefford

Registration for the new Prince and Princesses of Shefford at 2pm, with the crowning taking place at 4pm

Free Bouncy castle and fun fair rides, plus fundraising fete stalls at Waterside 2pm – 5pm

EatFeast Food Festival
2pm – 8pm

Look out for the Special Guests from 2pm – 5pm



Please follow COVID guidelines Hands : Face : Space
Email: towncouncil@sheffordtown.co.uk Tel: 01462 816321



Summer FOOTBALL CAMPS

Creativity, Confidence, Control, & Courage

Camp 1:
27th - 29th
July

STOTFOLD

Camp 2:
17th - 19th
August

SHEFFORD

Camp 3:
31st Aug -
2nd Sept

STOTFOLD

We're now offering a payment plan to help you spread the cost.

Email us to find out more!

Join us for our Summer Camps!

1 day: £20

2 day: £40

3 day: £50

10% discount for Siblings, NHS, and Military!

- Held at **Pendleton Centre, Stotfold** and **Shefford Sports Centre**
 - Camp drop off **10am**, pick up **3pm**.
 - Available for players between the **ages of 5-15**.
 - Delivered by UEFA B & FA licensed coaches.
- Limited spaces available!**

Book Today:

Head to our **website:**
www.midbedsfutsal.co.uk

Send us an **email:**
midbedsfutsal@gmail.com



Children's Holiday Activities 2021

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

Most 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.

Skull Island Adventure

Wednesday 4th August



Be an explorer using mapping symbols. Find where the pirates have hidden their treasure!

Pond Dipping

Tuesday 10th August



Marvel at the fantastic life which lurks in and around the different ponds in the Nature Reserve.

Kitchen Science

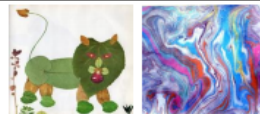
Wednesday 18th August



Experiment! Explore! Explode! Discover what can be done using everyday materials found in the kitchen.

Creative Art

Tuesday 24th August



Be creative using objects found in the Nature Reserve to make 'Land Art'. Get messy using marbling inks to create unique patterns.

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



Summer Holiday Fun

for 3-13* year olds

7.30-6pm* everyday

Childcare vouchers & taxfree credits accepted

From only
£19.99
per day

Venues in Beds,
Cambs, Herts & Essex

*at certain venues only



WWW.MULTI-ACTIVE.CO.UK
TEL: 01462-351582

HALF TERM SOCCER CAMP



£15
Per Day
Early drop off
extra £5



AGE: 5 TO 14 YEARS

AGE: 4 YEARS HALF DAYS FROM 9:30AM 12:30PM

£9

Dates

Week 1 July 27th 28th 29th
Week 2 Aug 3rd 4th 5th
Week 3 10th 11th 12th
Week 4 17th 18th 19th
Week 5 24th 25th 26th
Week 6 31st 1st 2nd

VENUE: LANGFORD FOOTBALL CLUB

TO CONFORM YOUR PLACE PLEASE BOOK ONLINE AT

WWW.FOUNDATION-SPORTS.COM

ADDRESS: LANGFORD ROAD HENLOW

SG16 6AF

ABOUT US

ALL OUR COACHES ARE FA QUALIFIED, HOLD A FIRST AID, HAVE BEEN D.B.S CHECKED AND HAVE ATTENDED A CHILD PROTECTION WORK SHOP



@Foundation Sports Bedfordshire

CONTACT: 07882046372



The Health HUB is a single contact number and email address for our 0-19 school nursing and health visiting teams across Bedfordshire and Luton

Since the launch on 1 June 2021 we are averaging around 250 calls per day, and 200 emails per day. Our call centre is manned by four call handlers everyday who take your calls, with our busiest time of the day between 9am and 11am for the phone line.

If you have any suggestions or feedback about that Health HUB that you would like to share with us – please email us: ccs.childrenscommunityhealthhub@nhs.net

Children's Community
Health HUB

**Your one stop
contact point**

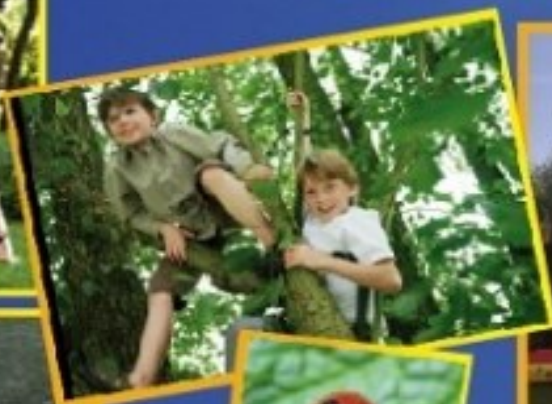
Tel: 0300 555 0606

Email: ccs.bedsandlutonchildrenshealthhub@nhs.net



DAWNTILDUSK

SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB!



PLEASE CONTACT THE CLUB MANAGER ALISON FOR FURTHER DETAILS 07913 352568
WWW.KIDSDAWNTILDUSK.CO.UK



Family support Drop in

We provide a friendly service to families with children 0-12 years

No need to book a place, turn up on the day or call us for more information

Behaviour support

Child Development

Feeding support

Info on activities

Confidential support

Vitamins & Doidy cups

Speech and language

Fresh food products

Benefit and debt advice

Tuesday 9 - 12 @ Arlesey Youth Centre High St SG15 6SN

Wednesday 9 - 11 @ Shefford Children's centre School Lane SG17 5XA

Friday 9 - 12 @ Stotfold Children's centre Rook Tree Lane, SG5 4DL



Shefford and Stotfold Children's Centre S
0300 300 8112



Time for Two's

Join us for 4 weeks for play, fun & information around the development of your 2-year-old either virtually or in a small group

Stories, rhymes, mark making, messy play
Patterns of behaviour, Healthy Movers and free gifts

Wednesday 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th June 10-11am Bookable



Young parents

A social session for parents under 22 years old with your baby or child

Every Wednesday 11 - 12 noon at Shefford Children's centre

Call or Text if you would like to join us 07585889226

Drop ins

Drop in for one-to-one support for your baby or child, including advice on sleep, behaviour, feeding & one to one breast feeding support.

Tuesday 9-12noon Arlesey youth centre, High St Arlesey SG15 6SN

Wednesday 9-11am Shefford Children's centre, Shefford.SG17 5XA

Friday 9 - 12noon Stotfold Children's centre, Stotfold SG5 4DL

Introducing solids talk

Tuesday 25th May or Tuesday 29th June 10.30-11.30

at Arlesey youth centre, High St Arlesey SG15 6SN

Call 0300 300 8112 or Facebook message to book a place



Little Explorers - Buggy walk

Meet up with other local families, a nice place to socially distance, walk, explore, and play in open spaces, woodland, or the play park. Suitable for babies and toddlers.

Bellcote Meadow, Purcell Way, Shefford SG17 5RY

Every Wednesday 10.30-11.30am

Children's Centre News

Please find information and an up to date timetable for drop in sessions for families with children aged 0—12 years

Speech and language

Are you worried about your child's speech, listening, interaction or stammering? Book a phone consultation with our speech and language therapist on:

26th May or 28th June 9.30-11.30

Email sue.rogers1@nhs.net with your contact details.

SEND Book start corner

Book start is a lovely session covered over three weeks for families with children aged 1 to 3 years. Develop the love of stories and rhymes through socially distanced activities each week. This session is tailored to children with additional needs. Free book pack and resources.

Thurs 20th 27th May & 3rd June at Stotfold Children's centre 10-11am

Call to book a place 0300 300 8112

Baby Days

Tuesday 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th June 10.30-11.30am

At Shefford Children's centre. **Call to book a place**

A four-week postnatal course for parents with babies 0-3 months old. A friendly course, enabling you to meet other new parents find out about sleep, growth spurts, feeding, development, childhood illnesses.



Bump Birth and Baby stuff Antenatal course

A 4-week antenatal course for expectant parents 29 weeks or more. Topics on- what to expect as a new parent, birth, feeding, safe sleeping babies brain development and equipment you might need.

11th, 18th, 25th June and 2nd July 2-3pm

16th, 23rd, 30th July and 6th August 2-3pm

At Stotfold Children's centre **Call to book or for more details**

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Go to Set

Schools For The Future

Going primary

FAQ—How will the change happen?

We will move from a three form entry school into a two form entry school. For a while we have more classes, and so there will be temporary space provided by Central Bedfordshire Council.

Year		Number of classes in each school year group								
		Cherry							Total	
		Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Classes
Sept	2022	unchanged	3	3	3	3	3			15
	2023	unchanged	2	3	3	3	3	3		17
	2024	unchanged	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	19
	2025	unchanged	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	18
	2026	unchanged	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	17
	2027	unchanged	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	16
	2028	unchanged	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	15
	2029	unchanged	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	14

Children will stay with us once they join us, and the change to a two form entry will be gradual. For a while we will have extra classes, which the council describe as 'bulge years'. Funding is provided to buy resources and furniture.

Sheffield Lower School

Diary Dates

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

Summer Term 2021

9th June—14 July (Wednesdays)	Year 3 Swimming—Elm and Cedar
11th June—16th July (Fridays)	Year 3 Swimming—Hawthorn
<i>16th July</i>	<i>Non-uniform for the Euro Winners</i>
<i>20th July</i>	<i>Year 4's Leavers Disco</i>
21st July	Year 4's leavers picnic and performance
22nd July	Last day of Term
26th—30th July	Summer Holiday Club (booking forms via Parentmail)
6th September	Children return to school

Governor's News

As we move into the final phases of this academic year the Governing Boards focus has been to support the school through these unprecedented times. This has been a big focus for us as governors, particularly on the recovery of the students learning journey. Sheffield Lower School strives for excellence and are committed to a policy of inclusion, well-being, and education of all pupils. We believe in the potential of all children and take seriously our responsibility to enable them to achieve their very best. We will endeavour to make sure the school focus is on progress and recovery as we move into the next academic year.

We are working closely with the Local Authority and School to ensure that the two-tier transition is at the forefront of plans and ensure that this happens smoothly for every child. We will keep you updated on any further developments.

If you are interested in a position within our Governing Board, please email the school office. Further information regarding positions will be communicated within the Sheffield community this term.

