



Weekly Update

Friday 21st April 2023



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Dear Families and Friends,

Long weekend ahead! We have provided lots of 'fun to do' learning tools via our social media and with rain ahead, we hope this helps you. Learning logs are also home for the half term with lots of fun ideas for you and rocket challenges....if you choose to accept them.

This morning we are visited by our school governors who train regularly and update themselves with the intimate workings of the school. We cover lots of things during these mornings, including time with pupils so that the leadership of the school have a good grasp of the experience children feel they have at Shefford Lower, straight from the children.

The children have had a busy week. In Early Years, they began drawing club, which is one of Mrs Freeman's favourite things to introduce. Your child will be able to bring their drawings to life in a whole new way. A year on, in Reception, and the chocolate monster visited this week. Bringing learning from the imagination into the real life really makes the children's imaginations fly. Year one have been learning about the points on the compass. If you have a compass on your phone, or in your car, please help the children to understand how this works. Year two have been using measures in maths, and there are so many opportunities around the home to support this too. Cooking, stepping, using hands and of course, rulers and tape measures. They have also been learning about Grace Darling. In KS2, Mrs Hall tells me that the work they have been doing on the digestive system was enhanced by a rather wonderful model. So, enjoy that discussion at mealtimes.....

The Press Club have a plea. Please share with other people who might be able to support in this regard. They are looking for community photos that will inspire a story. If you have something like this, please contact Mrs Hall.

We are also looking for some planting volunteers for our sunflowers. Mr Wakefield is the contact for that.

Well done to the PSA, nearly £2000 raised for the games night, and £700 approximately for the sponsored activities. They are funding an outside table tennis table for us, and some wow days. We are also looking to buy a new compact and safe stage.

Have a fun weekend!
From Mrs Finch

Values

The values of April will be Courage & Determination

Trust and Honesty

"When in doubt tell the truth." Mark Twain

Staying true to yourself and being trustworthy. Exploring what we look for in others & how we place our trust."

Earth 1076

Fire 1038

Water 986

Air 985

House Points and Attendance

W/C 21/04/23

Well done to last week's house winners.



House Attendance & Punctuality

Winner

Fire!

Shefford Sporting Successes

Well done to all our achievers!

Frankie - Oak – Kickboxing **Freya** – Beech - Dance

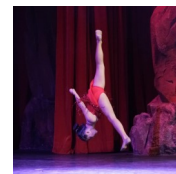
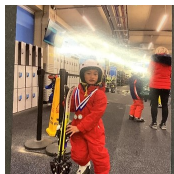
Archie – Hazel – Football

Cara – Maple – Gymnastics **Jessica** – Oak – Dance

Jackson – Willow – Air – Football **Kayleigh** – Beech – Taekwondo/

Gymnastics **Layla** – Oak – Swimming/Acro

Noah – Plum – Skiing



PSA



Sheffield Lower School PSA (Parent & Staff Association) is made up of volunteers who help raise funds to support Sheffield Lower School.



Co-Op Local Community Fund

Sheffield Lower School PSA is part of the Co-op Local Community Fund.

Choose us by clicking here <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/66495> and you can help us make a positive impact in our community every time you swipe your membership card.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 24 March - Family Games night.
Tickets SOLD OUT!

April
Tea towels are back! The children will be designing class tea towels for purchase.

Sponsored run/ walk/ scooter/ ride. More info available soon!

Easter Egg colouring competition



www.sheffordlowerschool.co.uk/parents/psa



FB @sheffordlowerschoolpsa



Chloe Llewellyn & Louise Hollis
Co-Chairs | info.sls.psa@gmail.com

Family Games Night – sold out!

But you can still buy raffle tickets online to support – we have some great prizes to win! <https://rb.gy/ifmuge>

Do you work for a company that offers matched funding for charities?

Last year we received matched funding from Natwest Bank which was great.

If your company offer matched funding for charities, Please, get in touch and let us know how we can make extra funds for the school!

Join the PSA.....

We are always looking for new committee members and helpers to support the events.

The activities we run to raise funds for the school vary from Christmas Fayres to Sponsored Bounces to Mufti Days but we are always looking for new ideas too. If you would like to help or just find out how you can support, please get in touch!

parentkind.org.uk

is brimming with articles for parents, to help you support your child's school life and learning, and it's open to everyone!

Parentkind
Member Association

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 and showing their school values. Keep up the good work Shefford Lower.

Reception Peach: Kendall and Ruby Plum: Huthaifa Pear: Orla

Year 1 Holly: Nancy and Bella Sycamore: Millie Chestnut: Robin

Year 2 Willow: Nancy Oak: Blake Maple: Sienna

Year 3 Elm: Amelia and Maria Cedar: Aria Hawthorn: Poppy S

Year 4 Beech: Mark Hazel: Lara Ash: Noah



Music News!

Another week exploring tempo in music assembly as children looked at songs about sunshine, in the hope there is some sunshine on the way! The winning vote was Jimmy Cliff - Sunshine in Music, which is a reggae song from the 80s.

We have so many children learning the piano now, it has taken off massively and

popularity seems to be growing, this is a great extracurricular opportunity. We also have a brass and vocal teacher with some availability in school, if this was an interest to anyone, please get in touch. We have been busy learning a coronation song in line with the King's coronation,



if you want to play it on YouTube it's called 'New King' by Banji Alexander, I have had a few parents ask me about it! Enjoy the long weekend 😊



Community News

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

CHILDREN'S SERVICES
EXCLUSIVE SOFT PLAY SESSION
EASTER HOLIDAY

John Bunyan Sports & Fitness Centre
 Mile Road, Bedford, MK42 9TS

Date: Tuesday 4th April 2023
 Time: 11.30am - 1.00pm

Cost: £4.00 per child (AB members)
 £5.00 per child (non AB members)
 Under 1's go free, siblings welcome

Children must be supervised at all times by Parents/Carers

Autism BEDFORDSHIRE

Book Now
 enquiries@autismbeds.org
 01234 214871 (general enquiries)

For ages 0-12 years

CHILDREN'S SERVICES
EXCLUSIVE SWIM SESSIONS
EASTER HOLIDAYS

Lea Manor Recreation Centre
 Northwell Drive, Luton, Bedfordshire, LU3 3TL

Date: Wednesday 5th April 2023
 Timeslots: 12.30pm - 1.30pm
 2.00pm - 3.00pm

Cost: £3.00 per person
 Under 3's go free.
 Siblings welcome.

Additional Information:
 • Please arrive 15 minutes before your session to change;
 • You will be responsible for your child/ren at all times;
 • Parents/ carers must be in the pool supervising their child/ren.

Autism BEDFORDSHIRE

Book Now
 enquiries@autismbeds.org
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For ages 0-17 years

CHILDREN'S SERVICES
MULTI-SPORTS COURSE
6 WEEKS

Castle Newnham School (Sports Hall)
 Pollhill Avenue, Bedford MK41 9DT

Date: Thursdays
 20th, 27th April
 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th May 2023

Time: 4.45pm - 5.45pm

Cost: £15.00 per child (AB members)
 £20.00 per child (non AB members)

Parents/Carers must stay on site and supervise their child/ren at all times.

Enjoy a range of sports activities across 5 sessions.
 Be active and have fun doing it!

Autism BEDFORDSHIRE
 Working in partnership with
Blues Foundation

Book Now
 enquiries@autismbeds.org
 01234 214871 (general enquiries)

For ages 10-17 years

GREAT ORMOND STREET HOSPITAL CHARITY

CHARITY SKY DIVE

£500 GOAL!

This is a hospital close to our hearts and all patients, families and staff deserve all the support they can get!

FUNDS TO BE RAISED BY SEPTEMBER THE 2ND 2023!
 EVERY PENNY WILL HELP
 THANKYOU IN ADVANCE

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/chlooskydive?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=chlooskydive&utm_campaign=info_email&utm_term=0b6a8f15491f48d293b69e4ccac2d8

My name is Chloe, a Student Midwife and a mummy to twin girls and a little boy at Shefford lower school.

FUNDRAISING LINK!

You can be active
You can be creative!

Come and join Rainbows
Girls age 4-7

Your nearest Rainbow unit is
Shefford

Register your interest by visiting
www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus
 or you can ring
 Girlguiding on 0800 169 5901

Do you want to learn new skills?
 Do you want to have lots of fun?
 You can make friends and have adventures

Could you inspire the next generation of cyclist?

We are searching for Cycle Instructors to join our expanding Bikeability team.

We are looking for confident communicators to deliver fun and inspirational cycle training in schools.

If you have loads of enthusiasm to share and are looking for rewarding work to deliver during school term time, we would love to hear from you.

Role: Employed-Variable Hours
 Hourly Rate: £12 plus holiday pay. We have an employee benefits scheme too!

Cycle Training Programme: Bikeability

Training and Support: We provide full, free training and ongoing support including nationally recognised qualifications.

For more information, please contact Graham:
jobs@outspeaktraining.co.uk
 01223 473820

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DYNAMOS CRICKET

For all 8-11 year-olds

Southill Park Cricket Club

- 8 weeks of cricket sessions for 8-11 year olds
- Southill Park Cricket Club, Southill, Bedfordshire, SG18 9LJ
- 1815 hours - 1915 hours, from Friday 12th May 2023 to Friday 30th June 2023
- £40.00 for all 8 weeks—booking fee includes personalised Dynamos Shirt

SCAN ME

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 fine for them to have the occasional day off for a treat."

Buster: Attendance is a legal requirement for parents. Schools must report on all unauthorised absences. Parents may be subjected to a fixed penalty notice. This is £60 per parent per child. A record is kept on *CPOMS. *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

Central
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<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/500041336097>

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Please click on the links to open!

Central Bedfordshire

Parenting Insight

Managing anxiety and strong emotions

Guidance on how to support young people with anxiety and strong emotions

Opportunity to ask questions, gain information, advice, and guidance from Early Help Emotional Health and Wellbeing Practitioners

Tuesday 21st March 2023
4.30-5.30pm

Free to attend via Microsoft Teams

Register for your place via the Eventbrite link below
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/518753484637>

Resources will be sent out after each session

Organised by the CEC Early Help Teams
For more information, please contact:
North Early Help: north.earlyhelp@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk
South Early Help: south.earlyhelp@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

Central Bedfordshire

Parent Insight

Opportunity to ask questions, gain information, advice, and guidance on PDA

Part of the Autism Spectrum

Guest Speaker
Volunteers from PDA society

Professional session Monday 24th April 2023
16.30-17.30pm

Free to attend via Microsoft Teams

Register for your place via the Eventbrite link below
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/500041336097>

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AGES 3 - 17 YEARS

£25 PER DAY

09:30AM TILL 3PM

SUMMER ACTIVITY SCHEMES 2023

24TH JULY TO 28TH JULY

31ST JULY TO 4TH AUG

7TH JULY TO 11TH AUG

Summer Activity Schemes are respite services that are based in Bedford and Luton. They provide a wide range of onsite activities and community-based experiences for autistic young people who live in Bedfordshire.

See our website with details on how to apply!
[@autismbedfordshire.net](https://autismbedfordshire.net)

Autism BEDFORDSHIRE



Bedfordshire
Community
Health Services

BEDFORDSHIRE DOMESTIC ABUSE PARTNERSHIP

IT DOESN'T HURT TO ASK FOR HELP!

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

@bedsdiv
bedsdiv.org.uk

The **Bedfordshire and Luton Children's Community Health HUB** is our one stop service for our Health Visiting, School Nursing 0-19 and our Looked after Children Teams for parents, carers and professionals. Our Luton Community Paediatric Service can also be contacted via this number, but for emails please continue to use their own dedicated email address.

To access the Health HUB call us on 0300 555 0606 or email: ccs.bedsandlutonchildrenshealthhub@nhs.net

Shefford Lower School

Diary Dates

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

2023 Upcoming Dates

18th April	Children Return
26th April	Class Photos
1st May	Bank Holiday
8th May	Bank Holiday /King Charles III Coronation
12th May	Author Visit to the School
16th May	World Countries Day
24th May	Year 4 Cake Sale—Charity: Red Nose Day
13th June	KS2 Quadkids Athletics
22nd June	Samuel Whitbread School Summer Arts Festival
28th June	Year 3 Sing Up! At Shuttleworth
21st July	Summer Term Ends
4th –5th September	Inset Days
6th September	Back to School

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

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

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.

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

[Term Dates Link](#)

Please note this will be different to the Central Bedfordshire