



Weekly Update

Friday 5th May 2023



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Dear Families and Friends,

Thank you for any and all words of encouragement this week. We have a wonderful community and we have been expecting an OFSTED for a long time, so it was very welcomed when we got the call.

In my previous newsletters, we have said that children can come to school in red white and blue, and we are very happy to say that our inspector is keen for the school to carry on as normal, and our festivities can go ahead as planned. Lessons have carried on as normal, and the children's conduct around school has been excellent.

We will be limited in our communications following inspection, as there is usually a time lapse until the outcomes are published. This inspection is a 'section 8'. All core areas of the school and pastoral care are inspected thoroughly.

We have a long weekend to look forward to and wish you all a super bank holiday.

From Mrs Finch



Please know: We are an Operation Encompass School. This means that we work together with the police to respond quickly to instances of domestic abuse and/or violence. Staff in school are trained responders and we are a safe space.

Values

The values of May will be Cooperation & Sharing

“We are a team, one person struggles we all struggle. One person triumphs we all triumph”
Barcelona FC. Team work, playing a part whether large or small, encouraging each other to be included and feel valued. Sharing games, sharing equipment, sharing feelings, sharing friends. Understanding what might make others reluctant to share or cooperate and helping each other overcome these barriers.”

Understanding the difference between lying and holding back full truth as equally dishonest.

House Points:

Earth 887

Fire 864

Water 911

Air 972

House Points and Attendance

W/C 28/04/23

Well done to last week's house winners.



House Attendance

&

Punctuality

Winner

Air!

Shefford Sporting Successes

Well done to all our achievers!

Benedict – Football—**Sophie** – Willow – Gymnastics—**Sophie** – Elm -Football

Chloe – Maple – Cycling

Thea – Cedar – Running/Gymnastics— **Fabrizio** – Cedar – Football

Sienna – Maple – Gymnastics

Ava – Willow – Swimming— **Lily** - Ash – Ballet - **Lewie** – Beech – Football

Eleanor – Maple – Swimming - **Sophie** – Elm – Gymnastics

Daisy – Cedar – Gymnastics/running— **Paige** – Ash—Gymnastics

Annie – Elm—Swimming— **Evelyn** – Oak - Swimming—

Cara – Maple – Gymnastics— **Jackson** – Willow – Swimming

Lee – Holly – Football

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

May

Tea towels are back! The children will be designing class tea towels. More details coming soon on how to purchase.

Summer Fete... planning is underway, if you can help and support in any way please get in touch. Details coming soon....



www.sheffordlowerschool.co.uk/parents/psa



FB @sheffordlowerschoolpsa



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

Sponsored 5K

We are doing the final count on funds raised and medals will be presented to the children in assembly. Well done everyone! We hope you had fun taking part.

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:** Barney **Plum:** Blake **Pear:** Archie

Year 1 **Holly:** Harry and Holly **Sycamore:** Yaniehve **Chestnut:** Renae

Year 2 **Willow:** Charlie **Oak:** Vinnie **Maple:** Howie

Year 3 **Elm:** Kiarno **Cedar:** Rueben **Hawthorn:** Serafina

Year 4 **Beech:** Lewie **Hazel:** Emmie **Ash:** Marley



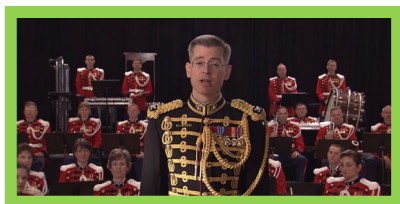
Parliament News

This week the School Parliament were visited by a member of a local council who discussed the voting process with them. They were shown a real-life ballot box and were able to recall what they have previously learned about the voting system in our country. They talked about what it means to be able to vote and how this supports democracy, one of our British Values.



MUSIC NEWS!

This week we moved onto looking at texture, and related it to our weekly music vote. This weeks winning music vote was Liberty bell.



Texture in music refers to **the effect of the different layers of sound in a piece of music, and the relationship between them.**



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

For ages 0-12 years

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)

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

For ages 0-17 years

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.

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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

For ages 10-17 years

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
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You can be active
You can be creative!

Come and join Rainbows
Girls age 4-7

Your nearest Rainbow unit is
Shefford

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

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

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@outsporttraining.co.uk
 01223 473820

www.outsporttraining.co.uk

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Best confidence

Make New Friends!

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

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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: "I haven't got time to help my child with homework."

Buster: OFSTED expect schools to set and monitor homework that is age appropriate. All schools keep a record of frequent instances that impact on a child's development alongside their peers.

*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



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

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/518753484637>

Please click on the links to open!

SUMMER ACTIVITY SCHEMES 2023

AGES 3 - 17 YEARS

£25 PER DAY

09:30AM TILL 3PM

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://www.autismbedfordshire.net)

Autism 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 you place via the Eventbrite link below
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/518753484637>

Resources will be sent out after each session

Organised by the CBC Early Help Teams

Parent Insight

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

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

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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

Safe Space

BEDFORDSHIRE DOMESTIC ABUSE PARTNERSHIP

IT DOESN'T HURT TO ASK FOR HELP!

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

[@bedsdv](https://www.bedsdv.org.uk)
[bedsdv.org.uk](https://www.bedsdv.org.uk)

Shefford Lower School

Diary Dates

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

2023 Upcoming Dates

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| 8th May | Bank Holiday /King Charles III Coronation |
| TBC May/June | Author Visit to the School |
| 12th May | School Choir Performance at the Town Hall |
| 16th May | World Countries Day |
| 24th May | Year 4 Cake Sale—Charity: Red Nose Day |
| 13th June | KS2 Quadkids Athletics |
| 21st June | Year 4 Faith Tour |
| 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