



SHEERHATCH NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the November newsletter. We have had a reminder this week that Winter is on its way, so children need to have appropriate clothing so that they can be outdoors as much as possible. This half term is always busy as we approach Christmas, so please ensure you check the dates section. I look forward to seeing many of you this week for Parents Evenings.

CLUBS

After school clubs have started again this week, continuing as before, with the exception of Cookery Club, which transfers from Cople to Willington site for Year 3. If you paid for half a term, please send in your payments for this half term as soon as you can.

Watch this space for lunch time clubs.

HARVEST

It was lovely to see so many of you joining us for our Harvest celebrations in both villages. Thank you for all the contributions to the collection for Bedford Foodbank. They have been in touch to recognise your generosity, which equates to 160 meals provided for individuals and families in need.

COMMUNICATION

From the end of this week, our long awaited **new telephone system** should be in place. There will be one telephone number (01234 838827) with a menu that will allow you to be directed to either school office or leave a message as necessary.

Our website photoshoot was held last week, so the Sheerhatch **website** should be going live very soon –

www.sheerhatchprimary.org.uk

If you receive this newsletter as a papercopy, please consider registering with **ParentMail** to help us reduce paper usage and create a more efficient system of communication, especially as we now have the 'forms' facility for you to respond with. Ask in the school office if you are still not sure how to register.

CHILDREN IN NEED

17th November is Children In Need Day. To play our part, we have decided to hold a mufti-day. The theme this year is 'what's your thing?' so children could come dressed to represent a hobby, talent or ambition. Alternatively they could wear something spotty or just regular mufti bringing a donation for Children In Need (suggestion £1).

STAFFING UPDATE

There will be some changes for Foxes and Badgers after Christmas. Mrs Buisson will become full time and be teaching the Badgers Monday to Friday. Mrs Lear will be continuing to work Thursdays and Fridays, but will transfer to the Cople site to work in the Foxes class, allowing Mrs Bowers to return to part time (Mondays to Wednesdays). Mrs Lear will be spending some time with the Foxes over the next few weeks to get to know the children.

SCIENCE GOLD AWARD

In case you missed it on Facebook and Twitter, we are delighted to have been awarded the Primary Science Quality Mark at gold level. Well done to Mrs Davy for her hard work on this!

BOOKFAIR

A bookfair from Scholastic Books will be open on the Cople site at the following times:

Thursday 23rd November, Friday 24th November and Monday 27th November from 3.30-4.30pm. Come along and do a little Christmas shopping. Books and other items will be suitable for the full Primary age range.

CLASSROOM TOPICS

A new half term means new learning themes. The Squirrels will be finding out about different places and people in 'Our World', Rabbits and Otters are exploring knights and castles in 'Turrets and Tiaras', Foxes and Badgers are investigating Viking Invasion and the Woodpeckers are looking into all things Victorian. Look out for topic plans and new Learning Log tasks.

UNIFORM

We now have a stock of bookbags and ties in school so that these one off items can be purchased from us if necessary. Replacement jumpers have been sent out to those who had problems. Brigade have assured us that these problems have been resolved and should not happen again. However, we have decided to give you a choice of supplier and you can now order any uniform items from School Trends www.schooltrends.co.uk as well as Brigade www.brigade.uk.com. School Trends will also take orders by post (form available from school office) and can supply plain items such as grey skirts and trousers.

PANTO

M & M theatre company will be performing Pinocchio for all the children at Cople Village Hall on Tuesday 14th November. We would be grateful for a voluntary contribution of £5 per child to help towards the costs. Please send into school in a sealed envelope with your child's name.

DATES

Tuesday 7 th November	4.00-6.30pm	Parent Consultations	Cople site
Wednesday 8 th November	4.00-6.30pm	Parent Consultations	both sites
Thursday 9 th November	morning afternoon 4.00-6.30pm	School Photos KS1 Multi-skills Parent Consultations	both sites Thomas More School Willington site
Tuesday 14 th November	2.00pm	Panto	Cople Village Hall
Thursday 16 th November		Flu vaccines	Willington site
Friday 17 th November		Children In Need (mufti)	both sites
Thursday 23 rd November		Flu vaccines	Cople site
Friday 24 th November	3.30-4.30pm	Bookfair	Cople site
Saturday 25 th November	3.30-4.30pm	Bookfair	Cople site
Monday 27 th November		Rotary Swimathon	Bedford School
Friday 1 st December	3.30-4.30pm	Bookfair	Cople site
Wednesday 6 th December	9.30-11.30am	Coffee Morning	Home & Garden Centre
Tuesday 12 th December		Sing On (Badgers/Foxes)	Bedford Corn Exchange
Wednesday 13 th December	2.00pm	Christmas Performance (Squirrels/Otters)	Willington Chapel
	12.00pm 2.00pm	Christmas Lunch Christmas Performance (Rabbits)	Willington site Cople Village Hall
	6.00pm	Christmas Performance (Squirrels/Otters)	Willington Chapel
Thursday 14 th December	12.00pm 6.00pm	Christmas Lunch Christmas Performance (Rabbits)	Cople site Cople Village Hall
Friday 15 th December	2.30pm	Carols on the Playground (parents and friends welcome)	Cople site
Monday 18 th December	11.00am	Christmas Assembly (staff and children only)	Willington Church
	2.30pm	Carols on the Playgrounds Parents and friends welcome)	Willington site
Tuesday 19 th December		party day (mufti)	both sites
	2.00pm	Term Ends (no Care Club)	both sites