



SHEERHATCH NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The start of this half term has already been busy with photographs and parents' evenings, but there's lots more to come so please keep this newsletter to hand for reference.

CHARITY AND COMMUNITY

Many thanks for your generous Harvest donations for Bedford Foodbank and contributions towards the British Dyslexia Association last half term.

We are currently selling poppies and other remembrance items for the British Legion, and coming up later in the term is our chance to support **Children In Need**.

Rotakids will be involved in a Swimathon to support their nominated charities.

We fully appreciate that not everyone is able to give in these different ways, but feel it is important that our children understand the reasons behind the various charity events.

REMEMBRANCE

Remembrance Day this year is more significant than ever as it marks 100 years since the end of the Great War. Whilst the 11th November falls at the weekend, we shall still be covering this in school through assemblies and other activities. The Key Stage 2 children will be taking part in '**Poetry and Poppies**' workshops during the day next Thursday, coming together to share their work at the end of the day.

AUTHOR VISIT

We have been very lucky to be selected to host **Liz Kessler**, a successful children's author (Emily Windsnapp series as well as other great titles) on 15th November. There will be an opportunity to purchase her latest book as well as hearing all about her writing process. This is with the support of Rogan's Books in Bedford.

TOPICS

Learning this term will be based around a range of new topics.

The Squirrels will be finding out about how different groups of people '**Celebrate!**' whilst the Rabbits go further back in time as they continue their '**Basketful of Memories**' topic. The Otters will have fun with '**The Magic Toymaker**' and the Foxes face invasion as '**Here come the Vikings!**' It's getting chilly in the Badgers classroom as they set off on an '**Antarctic Adventure**'. The Woodpeckers are discovering all about '**Victorian Life**' and the Owls are tasting life as entrepreneurs in '**Young Enterprise**'.

STAFF

We welcome Mrs Carter to the team this week, teaching the Foxes on Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Dickens has stepped back from her role as Caretaker on the Cople site. (She continues in Care Club and as a Teaching Assistant). Paulina Dawidcyck is extending her caretaker role to cover both sites and will be assisted for a few hours per week by Mr Paris.

STARTING SCHOOL

We hosted several new families into our school during our Open Day in October and have other visits planned. It is always a joy to show off our school so if you know anyone with children due to start school next September, we would love them to come and see us while they are making their decisions.

CATERLINK

Please ensure that all money/cheques to Caterlink are placed in an envelope with your child's **full name, class and amount**. School dinners must be paid for in advance or on the day at the latest. Thank you.

TRAFFIC

I am pleased to report that one of the governors and I had a very positive meeting this week with a member of Highways department at the Borough Council. They will be looking in to ways in which we can make the areas immediately outside our school sites safer for everyone. We will keep you informed. In the meantime, please continue to drive and park with consideration.

UNIFORM

Could I remind you please that school uniform includes a cardigan or v-neck sweater. Some children have been wearing a red sweatshirt or fleece. Could these please be kept for PE or outside?

BAGS

Children in Years 5 and 6 are allowed to bring as small black backpack to school for their everyday equipment. The younger classes only require a book bag, which can be kept in the classroom. The increasing number of large backpacks is causing congestion in the cloakroom areas for Foxes and Badgers where coats and PE kits already fill the space.

Yours sincerely



Mrs H Johnson