



# SHEERHATCH NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to everyone after the Summer holidays. It is always lovely to see everyone back with shiny shoes, new haircuts and excitement to see all their friends, although there were a few very tired faces by the end of the first afternoon! A particularly warm welcome to our new children and families, both those starting school for the first time in Squirrels class and to those joining in other year groups.

## MEET THE TEACHER

There will be an opportunity for you to pop into to school to see your child's new classroom and to meet their teacher if you haven't yet had the chance to do so. This will not be the right time for in-depth conversations about individual progress, however do take the opportunity to introduce yourself if you can.

Classrooms will be open and teachers available until 4.30pm on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> on the Willington site and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> on the Cople site.

## EXCITING LEARNING

The new topics will be being introduced to the children this week, so look forward to hearing all about...

'This is Me', in the Squirrels,  
'A Basketful of Memories' in the Rabbits,  
'How are you?' in the Otters,  
'Temples, Tombs and Treasures' in the Foxes,  
'Restless Earth' in the Badgers,  
'Yabadabadoo' in the Woodpeckers  
and 'It's All Greek to Me' in the Owls.

## FAMILY SUPPORT

Donna Gower, our family support worker, is a great source of advice, support and information for parents around a whole range of issues that could be impacting you and your family from sleeping and eating issues to behaviour, anxiety and family break-ups and bereavement.

She will be available to meet and chat from 8.30am to 9.30am on Monday mornings at Cople and Tuesday mornings at Willington, starting next Monday (10<sup>th</sup>) Any parent is welcome to drop in to either site.

She will also be running some parent workshops on behalf of Bedford Borough. Details will be available on the notice boards.

Don't forget that Mrs Kipling is Mental Health lead for the school, so please don't hesitate to contact her if you have any concerns or are looking for support for your child in this area.

## MINIBUS

The minibus schedule is now set up and seems to be working well so far. Do please let us know if you no longer need it as many runs are currently full which means we cannot offer the service for anyone else. Children should be ready to board in the morning at the scheduled time. They can be there up to 5 minutes before, but we cannot supervise children before those times unless they are booked in to Care Club. Many thanks.

## CLUBS

After school clubs will start the week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> September. A separate parent mail will be coming out soon.

## TRAFFIC AND PARKING

With more children now at our Cople site, traffic and parking will no doubt be challenging. For the safety of our children and consideration for our neighbours, please note the following:

Consider parking further away from the school and walking a little further. (Some parking is available in the Five Bells Car Park.)

Try to park for the minimum amount of time.

No parking on the zigzags, close to junctions or across driveways.

Thank you for your consideration

## UNIFORM

Please ensure all items of uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name. Summer uniform can be worn until the end of September.

Full and correct PE kit needs to be in school every day.

## PUPIL UPDATE FORMS

Pupil update forms will be sent home soon. These have been re-formatted in light of the latest Data Protection regulations. Please complete and return as soon as possible as it is vital that we have the correct information about your child and all the relevant permissions. Many thanks.

## DATES

The website calendar can be checked for dates, but see below dates so far for this term.

Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	Donna's drop in @ Cople (and weekly)	8.30am
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Donna's drop in @ Willington (and weekly)	8.30am
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Meet the Teacher @ Willington	3.30pm
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Meet the Teacher @ Cople	3.30pm
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	Clubs week 1 (of 10)	
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	SENDCo surgery with Mrs Kipling @ Cople	3.30pm
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Flu vaccinations (YrR-Yr5)	
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Open Day for September 2019 starters	
22 <sup>nd</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> October	HALF TERM holiday	
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET – staff only	
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Second half of term starts	
	School photos	
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Parent Consultation Evening	4.00pm – 6.30pm
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Parent Consultation Evening	4.00pm – 6.30pm
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Theatre workshop for Yrs 3-6	
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Children In Need Day	
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Pantomime for whole school	
	<i>(Christmas Events to be confirmed)</i>	
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Term Ends	2pm

Yours sincerely



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