



SHEERHATCH NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A belated Happy New Year to you all! It's been a cold start to the term. Please see information about uniform below in conjunction with staying warm.

STAFF

We warmly welcome Miss Anthony to the staff team this term as the Owls class teacher and teaching some lessons with the Woodpeckers. She can be contacted by email on c.anthony@sheerhatchprimary.org.uk or via Class Dojo.

COVID

There have been a number of changes to guidelines this month. We have given you the most up to date information about what to do if you suspect or have a confirmed case of COVID in last week's ParentMail, but don't hesitate to call or email if you are unsure. We appreciate that it is a little confusing at times!

COLLECTION OF CHILDREN

I wanted to take the opportunity to remind you of safe procedures for collecting children from school. Children at the Willington site are dismissed to a known collecting adult. This will be the parent or other regular family member or friend. If your child is to be collected by someone different to usual, please let us know. I appreciate that sometimes, in the interests of being helpful, parents often volunteer to collect a child, but this can sometimes cause confusion and anxiety, so I would ask that you don't do this unless you have been expressly asked by the parent. On the Cople site, children are dismissed from the gate when they can see their trusted adult and some older children have permission to walk home or to a pick-up point. It is still helpful to know if different arrangements are in place. Many thanks for your support.

UNIFORM

Please note that **PE kit**, worn on designated days is still part of school uniform and **should be worn completely and correctly**. This means plain black shorts, leggings or joggers with a plain white, red or school logoed t-shirt and a plain red, black or school logoed hoodie or sweatshirt.

ADDITIONAL LAYERS

We appreciate that the combination of cold weather and the need for ventilation means that the classrooms are a bit chilly at the moment. We suggest a base layer under the uniform. If your child wishes to bring an additional top layer to wear in the classroom, they are welcome to do so. This should be **in addition to the full and correct uniform and not instead of** and ideally a plain dark coloured fleece or hoodie.

SCHOOL DINNERS

If your child (Year 3 and above) has school dinners at all, please ensure that their Caterlink account is kept topped up in advance. There are a number of accounts which have outstanding payments due.

Yours sincerely

Miss H Ryan

TERM DATES

Spring Term 2022

Wednesday 5 th January	Term begins
Monday 10 th January	Clubs start
Monday 7 th – Friday 11 th February	Children's Mental Health Week
Monday 7 th February	Dr Bike for Year 5 (bring in bikes for a safety check)
Tuesday 8 th February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 11 th February	Shine Bright, Wear Bright (mufti in aid of CHUMS supporting children's mental health and well-being)
Half Term Holiday	Monday 14 th – Friday 18 th February
Tuesday 22 nd February	Parents' Evenings (times to be confirmed)
Thursday 24 th February	Parents' Evenings (times to be confirmed)
Friday 1 st April	2.00pm (W) Finish for Easter Holidays 2.15pm (C)

Summer Term 2022

Wednesday 20 th April – Friday 22 nd July	
Half Term Holiday	Monday 30 th May – Friday 3 rd June
May Bank Holiday	Monday 2 nd May

Autumn Term 2022

Monday 5 th September – Friday 16 th December	
Half Term Holiday	Monday 24 th – Monday 31 st October