



# SHEERHATCH NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The first half term is nearly at an end; the children are into the swing of school again and enjoying being with their friends. It has been fantastic watching them learning and growing in confidence.

Best wishes,

Mrs Louise Buisson (Head Teacher)

## STAFFING

We are sad to announce that Miss McTernan will be leaving the school on November 11th to take up a new challenge. We will miss her greatly (even her recorder playing!).

Mrs MacDougall will be stepping up to take over Miss McTernan's class duties and is excited about the role: we know that she will do a great job!

Mrs Pozella, who is well-known for her caring nature, will take over the morning Careclub and minibus part of the role. For after-school sports clubs, we will revert to using SSG.

## OTTERS' CLASSROOM

The work on the Otters' classroom is almost at an end and the children should be able to start using the classroom when they return from the half term holiday. They (and the staff) should be commended with the way that they have coped with having to carry out learning in the hall: well done Otters!

## STAR OF THE WEEK

We have changed the way that Star of the Week is selected. Now, the child who will be Star of the Week is selected at the beginning of the week and towards the end, the class and teachers contribute the amazing ways in which they see the child demonstrating the Sheerhatch values. These are then celebrated at the celebration assembly on a Friday. This way ensures that everyone gets a fair turn to be 'Star' and everyone keeps the values in focus.

## HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT

It is essential that staff, children and parents work together, with mutual understanding, to ensure the very best school experience. Sheerhatch's Home- School Agreement will be sent out by Parentmail this week. Please do read through it and discuss the relevant part with your child.

## UNIFORM

Children should now be in winter uniform: including their tie.

Please see the uniform list on the website for further information. If you qualify for free school meals then the school is able to make a small contribution to uniform: please do ask.

<https://sheerhatchprimary.org.uk/parents/uniform/> (You will need to click on the link to see the list.)

A few reminders:

- Hair bands should be flat to the head (no cat ears, unicorn horns etc.)
- Please ensure all items are named (especially jumpers and PE hoodies)
- Please remember that PE kit is part of the uniform and the list should be adhered to: eg not patterned leggings or picture hoodies. .

### **PARKING REMINDER**

Schools are very busy places at drop-off and pick-up times and parking can be a challenge. The council has put restrictions in place for the safety and to aid the flow of traffic. Please bear in mind that the zig-zags outside of Willington site are not to be stopped on, even for dropping off, between 8am and 4:30pm. The bus bay at the front of the school in Cople is for buses only at all times: even if you are in a rush. In both villages, please be respectful of the residents and ensure that you are not parking too close to, or blocking, driveways. There are regular patrols by a traffic officer from Bedford Borough and several fines have been handed out in the last year.

### **FUNDED SCHOOL MEALS**

If your circumstances have changed and you would like to apply for funded school meals, please follow the link below. This is not required for universal school meals but please do apply if you think you can claim as funding will then be provided to the school to pay for the meals.

<https://www.bedford.gov.uk/schools-education-and-childcare/education-welfare-service/free-school-meals/>

### **PARENTMAIL HELP**

If you find yourself struggling with aspects of Parentmail the help can readily be found here:

<https://www.parentmail.co.uk/help/parenthelp/>

If you are still struggling, please call the Willington site school office in the mornings for further assistance.

### **TERM DATES (Please note that we will no longer finish early on the last day of each term.)**

#### Autumn Term 2022

Half Term Holiday:: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October

Second half of term begins: Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November (31.10.22 is an INSET day for staff.)

Term ends: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

#### Spring Term 2023

Term begins: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January (3.1.23 is an INSET day for staff.)

Half Term Holiday: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February

Second half of term begins: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February

Term Ends: Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

#### Summer Term 2023

Term begins: Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April (17.4.23 is an INSET day for staff.)

Bank Holiday: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May

Half Term Holiday: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Second half of term begins: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June

Term Ends: 21st July

### **OTHER SIGNIFICANT DATES KNOWN AT PRESENT**

21st October FOSH Autumn Disco

1st November FOSH Pumpkin Competition

3rd and 8th November- Open Days for 2023 starters: spread the word!

18th November- Individual Photos

25th November- Non-uniform day for FOSH hampers (more info soon)