



SHEERHATCH NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The chilly mornings are creeping in as we edge our way into the Autumn Term. It has been an absolute pleasure to see so many happy, smiling faces coming in through the gates in the mornings and to watch the enthusiastic learning going on in the classrooms.

STAFFING

We welcome Mr Cresswell as our Assistant Head and Year Five teacher. Do say hello if you see him on the gate! From 19th September, he will be based on the Willington site on alternate Monday mornings.

We are very excited to announce the birth of Mrs Kipling's baby! Alessia was born on Thursday 1st September and weighed exactly six pounds.

COVID UPDATES

Unfortunately, Covid is rearing its head again at school. Please help us by reinforcing effective handwashing with your children and being vigilant for symptoms.

The link to the most recent government guidance was sent out on a Parentmail on 9.9.22.

PARKING

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. 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 patrol from Bedford Borough and several fines have been handed out in the last year.

OUTDOOR LEARNING

The materials for the outside classroom have been delivered and construction will begin very soon.

If you are able to volunteer to help out in developing the outdoor area, we would be very grateful. There is a link to the volunteer survey on the front page of the school website.

UNIFORM

Children may continue to wear summer uniform until the end of September. From October 1st, full winter uniform will be required.

Please see the uniform list on the website. <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.
- If your child has a club on a non-PE day, they should bring their kit to change in to.

CARE CLUB

Our very popular out-of-hours care has places available before and after school. Care is available from 7:50am before school and up to 6pm after school. Please see the Parents' section of the school website for further information.

FOOD REMINDERS

We have several children with nut allergies in the school. It is very important that you do not send in any foods which contain nuts as this could cause very serious harm.

Please do not send in sweets or chocolate with your child's packed lunch. They may have an item such as a KitKat or small cake in their lunch box if you wish.

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/>

FOSH AGM- 12th SEPTEMBER

The Friends of Sheerhatch AGM will take place at 7:45pm on the Willington site. All parents welcome to join us at the Willington site school hall to discuss fundraising opportunities and fun stuff for the children for the next school year. **NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!** The more help we can get, the more events we can plan.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Louise Buisson

TERM DATES

Autumn Term 2022

Term begins: Monday 5th September

Half Term Holiday:: Monday 24th - Friday 29th October

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

Term ends: Friday 16th December

Spring Term 2023

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

Half Term Holiday: Monday 13th - Friday 17th February

Second half of term begins: Monday 20th February

Term Ends: Friday 31st March

Summer Term 2023

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

Bank Holiday: Monday 1st May

Half Term Holiday: Monday 29th May- Friday 2nd June

Second half of term begins: Monday 5th June

OTHER SIGNIFICANT DATES KNOWN AT PRESENT

Year 5 Bikeability: 19th- 22nd September

Frontiers Trip: 3rd-5th October 2022

KS2 SATs Week: week beginning 8th May 2023