



SHEERHATCH NEWS

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WELCOME

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the signs of spring begin to appear all around us, we can look forward to sunnier days and lots of opportunities to use the new outdoor classroom.

Best wishes,

Mrs Louise Buisson (Head Teacher)

SAVE THE DATES!

The grand opening of the outdoor classroom will take place after school on the 9th June 2023. More details to follow; we hope that you will be able to join us!

Sports Day this year will be on Wednesday 28th June at the Cople Fields Sports Facility. Races will take place in the morning and children will need a t-shirt in the colour of their school house. More information will follow in due course.

AMAZING FUNDRAISING

Your fantastic generosity has changed lives this term. Here are the events that have taken place and the monies raised.

- Rotakids non-uniform and super sale raised £240 which has paid for an orphaned child to attend school for a year in Kenya.
- Three of the Year 6 girls raised £101 in a bake sale which will go towards Miss Ryan's fundraising efforts for the Home of Hope in Malawi.
- School Council organised Red Nose Day and Young Carers events raising over £125 for each charity.
- Your kind donations for World Book Day have built £180 for the school to spend on books.

ABSENCE REPORTING

If your child is ill and unable to come into school then please contact the school office by telephone (01234 838827) or email (office@sheerhatchprimary.org.uk) between 8am and 9:30am. Messages given orally have a habit of being forgotten due to the busy nature of a school in the mornings.

SAFETY FIRST

It has come to our attention that some children are arriving outside the gate at Cople, without adult supervision, quite a while before it is time for it to be opened. Please remember that staff supervision of children does not begin until the gate opens at 8:45am and the children enter the site. The road which the school opens onto can get busy and children, being children, are likely to play whilst waiting; it would be terrible if a child got injured.

PAYMENT FOR CLUBS, TRIPS AND VISITS

Thank you to all those who have made prompt payment for clubs, trips and visits. Although many payments for trips and visits are classed as voluntary contributions, if trips end up costing the school significant amounts, we will not be able to sustain them. Non-curriculum based experiences (eg residential) are not classed as voluntary contributions and payment is necessary for a child to attend. If payment is not made for clubs, then we will be unable to accept bookings for future clubs.

We understand that there are significant financial pressures across the country at present and do have support systems in place for those families who qualify for Free School Meals (Pupil Premium funding). This does not include the Universal School Meals offer available to all EYFS and KS1 children. Please contact the office for more information.

CARE CLUB

Care Club is available from 7:50am before school on both sites and until 6pm after school. (Children in after school Care Club who are in class on the Willington site will be transported by minibus to the Cople site and will need to be collected from there.) Please see the registration forms on the website or ask the office for more information.

MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

We act as a venue for visiting music teachers and currently have groups of children learning to play: piano, guitar and brass instruments. If your child is interested in learning to play an instrument then please contact Bedford Music Cooperative through the website below:
<https://www.bedsmusic.coop/>

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

Spring Term 2023

Term Ends: Friday 31st March

Summer Term 2023

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

Bank Holidays: Monday 1st May and Monday 8th May (Coronation)

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

Second half of term begins: Monday 5th June

Term Ends: 21st July

Notable dates:

FOSH King's Coronation Disco: Friday 5th May

Key Stage Two SATs week : Tuesday 9th May- Friday 12th May

Sports Day: 28th June

London Residential (Yr6) 29th-30th June

Transition Day: 4th July

Last day for uniform orders from Brigade: 22nd July (Orders after this date will not be guaranteed for the beginning of term.)

Autumn Term 2023

Term begins: Monday 4th September 2023 (1.9.23 is an INSET day for staff.)