

Dear parents and carers,

We have had a very busy beginning to our new school year and the children have settled wonderfully well in the school routines. It has been a pleasure to visit each classroom and see the children so engaged and happy in their work, full of joy and keen to tell me about what they are doing. It has also been good to see the outdoor learning which works on many levels, including academic as well as personal resilience, problem solving and building confidence and self-esteem.

I would like to share with you some dates for your diary. We will be having a book fair in school all this week (Monday 25th – Friday 29th September). Please see the email and information already sent out for more information. This is a lovely way to add to our book collections, so we hope the children find some new favourite books. As you know, reading is so very important to help the children to learn and to enjoy learning.

Our Harvest Festival service will be at St Michael and All Angels church in Ford. We hope you will be able to join us at 2pm on Tuesday 3rd October – everybody is very welcome. The children are learning suitable songs and will be doing readings. In anticipation of our Harvest Festival, we will be having a collection for the foodbank. We would be grateful for donations of non-perishable food items, as well as adult and children's toiletries.

On Thursday 12th October Cherry class has been invited to the Berwick Literary Festival to watch a performance of Kristina Stephenson's 'Museum of Marvellous Things' theatre show in the afternoon. They will have lunch in school before they go and should be back at the usual time.

On Thursday 26th October – Beech class will be visiting the Granary Gallery in Berwick in the afternoon to find out more about Anne Redpath's and her circle's work. To find out more about this ahead of the visit please see the Maltings Website <https://www.maltingsberwick.co.uk/whats-on/anne-redpath-and-her-circle/>

As always, the class teachers will keep you up to date through the Seesaw app too. Please contact them if you have any queries or suggestions.

Thank you all for your kind support of the school,

Rebecca Simpson

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