



Hugh Joicey C of E First School, Ford

Parent and Carer Catch Up 23rd October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are nearly at the end of a busy but enjoyable half term. The children have settled very well into their new school year with children getting used to new teachers and classrooms with great confidence.

The older children are taking on responsibility around school as Protector Pals and as members of the Collective Worship Crew who take the lead at key times in the school day. Every child has also had the chance to stand for our new school council, learning about democracy in action and having a voice in school.

As part of our work in school, we are refreshing our school Vision to more closely match our school Values of Kindness, Perseverance and Thankfulness. Our Golden Rules in school are to be kind and polite, to try our best and to have respect for each other, our school and our environment. The children have been very thoughtful when thinking about this and we are really proud of them.



The children have also made a very eye-catching 'Scarycrow' for the trail – we hope you enjoy seeing him for yourselves if you venture into Ford village.

Please see overleaf for dates for your diary to help you plan ahead. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your kind support over this half term.

Kind regards,

Rebecca Simpson

Interim Headteacher

Dates for your diary:

Tomorrow (Tues 24th Oct) – flu vaccinations in school (organised directly with you by the NHS)

This Thursday (26th Oct) – beech class (years 3 & 4) trip to art gallery.

This Friday (27th Oct) – children can come into school in their own clothes or they can dress up for Halloween. We ask that they don't wear anything too scary (no masks) as we have very young children on site. Also, any outfit will still need to be appropriate for PE and being active. There will be a special Halloween lunch.

Week beginning 30th Oct – half term holiday. School will be closed this week.

Monday 6th Nov – back to school for everyone.

Tuesday 7th Nov – school photos day (individual and sibling photos)

Friday 10th Nov – the school will be marking Remembrance within school.

Monday 13th Nov – parents' afternoon / evening. A letter to book appointments will be sent home nearer the time.

Tuesday 14th Nov – beech class (years 3 & 4) art workshop

Friday 17th Nov – Children in Need – more information to follow nearer the date.

Monday 20th Nov – beech class (years 3 & 4) going to see Professor Brainstorm for Magical Science Show at Lowick in the morning. They will still be swimming that afternoon.

Monday 27th Nov – cherry class (years 1 & 2) will go on a trip to the Great North: Hancock Museum in Newcastle. More details to follow nearer the time.

Tuesday 5th December – the PTA have organised a wreath making workshop in the evening. See their Facebook page for more information.

Thursday 7th December – PTA Christmas Fair in school 3pm – 5pm.

Tuesday 12th December – the PTA are paying for the children to go to the Maltings to see Cinderella in the morning. We will be back for lunch.

Wednesday 13th December – we will have our Christmas production – one showing in the afternoon and one in the evening. There will be a letter with how to get tickets for this nearer the time.

Friday 22nd December – Christingle at St Michaels & All Angels church at 1.30pm. This is also the last day of term before our two week Christmas holiday.

We have a teacher training day on January 8th 2024 and children will return to school on Tuesday 9th January.