

September '21

The first day of term is always such a pleasure, welcoming smile after smile through the doors. It's not long before the classrooms are filled with chatter, laughter and the busy 'buzz' of work. Teachers settling their 'broods' whilst tales of summer adventures abound and pupils busily organising their new places. The start of a new year begins...

Exciting times are ahead for our new starters and we're thrilled to welcome several new families into our school. With restrictions easing and guidance allowing schools a little more freedom, we've been tentatively (but very excitedly) filling up the calendar.

One particular date for your diary is Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October, 9.30am, St James' – our Harvest Festival. The theme this year is, 'Around the World' and we'll be taking you on a whistle-stop tour of the harvest activities in different countries across the globe. All are welcome to join us and help us celebrate, we'd love to see you there. It's been wonderful to be back in St James' for our weekly School Church and to have the whole school back together is thoroughly heartwarming. It's an open collective worship where members of the community are free to come along and join the pupils every Wednesday, 9.30am - another date for your diary!

Nature days, Code Clubs, lantern making with local artists, Odd Socks day and Anti-bullying week are just the tip of the iceberg. And who knows, we may even be able to have a Christmas Fair, Nativity and Carol Concert – even if I've broken the golden rule of the C word in September. I look forward to reporting our forthcoming adventures but in the meantime, take care and enjoy the glory of autumnal gold.

"Autumn...the year's last, loveliest smile" William Cullen Bryant.

Mr Sharp