

22.9.23

Dear Parents and Carers

Message from Mrs Rawlins – 22.9.23

We had a lovely Harvest assembly in school this morning. The children's singing was fantastic and we enjoyed sharing together about the things we are thankful for. Thank you for your generosity in sending in food items for us to donate to the Cambridge Foodbank – we really appreciate it, and we know the Foodbank will be able to share this food with those in our community who need it.

Half-termly tea today, 3.25pm – 4.15pm: Please do come along to the Expressive Arts hall at the end of school today if you can. All are welcome to come along and have a drink and a biscuit, to meet other families and get to know each other at the start of a new school year. You may also want to bring along a children's book or two from home which you have finished with, and let your child choose a different book to take home.

Next week in school:

Year 1 phonics workshop: On Monday 25th at 2.45pm, parents and carers of children in Year 1 are invited to a short workshop about our new Phonics programme, Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised. The workshop will be held in the Expressive Arts hall – do come along to the hall door near the school front door and you will be let in that way.

Tuesday 26.9.23 – Year 1 Local Walk: During the morning, our Year 1 classes will be out for a walk in our local area.

Open Classrooms – Tuesday 26.9.23, 3.25pm – 3.55pm: Do come along to your child's class so that they can enjoy sharing a piece of their work with you.

Virtual author visit: On Wednesday morning, our Year 5 and 6 classes will have a virtual author visit with Maz Evans.

Year 2 phonics workshop – Thursday 28.9.23: Year 2 parents and carers are invited to an online workshop on Zoom at 4pm – 4.30pm on Thursday. This workshop will be about our new Phonics programme. Details of the Zoom link will be emailed nearer the time.

Year 4 visit to Colchester Castle: On Friday, our Year 4 children will be visiting Colchester Castle as part of their History work, learning about the Romans.

SEND Conference: Mrs Din, our Inclusion Leader, has asked me to share the following with you, which you may find helpful if you have a child with SEND needs:

PINPOINT (SEND support for parents) are thrilled to be holding the conference as an in-person event for the first time since 2020! There will be an opening and keynote speech, two tranches of workshops during the morning – each has five different workshops to choose from – together with a marketplace and an update on the latest developments in SEND at Cambridgeshire County Council with Jon Lewis, the Director of Education and Kathryn Goose, Head of Children and Young people's mental health at Cambridgeshire and Peterborough ICS. Here is the website's link for the conference [Pinpoint Conference - Pinpoint \(pinpoint-cambs.org.uk\)](https://pinpoint-conference-pinpoint.org.uk).

We would encourage you to attend if you have a child with SEND needs.

Wishing you a lovely weekend! As always, please do contact us if we can be of help. If you have any specifically KS1 questions, please contact Sophie Morris at smorris@arbury.cambs.sch.uk and for anything particularly involving KS2, please contact Kate Dowdall at kdowdall@arbury.cambs.sch.uk.

Kind regards
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