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Dear Parents and Carers

Message from Mrs Rawlins – 21.1.22

I hope that you have had a good week. The children have been working hard and enjoying their playtimes in the chilly weather!

KS2 Lateral Flow testing: Mr Tull has asked me to pass on this information to you.

- *Covid-19 levels in schools across the county have been rising steeply since the start of the Spring Term. In order to help us keep transmission as low as possible and minimise disruption to learning, we are asking parents and carers to do a lateral flow test on KS2 children on Sunday evening or Monday morning.*

We do appreciate the support from all of our families in helping us to keep children's learning as uninterrupted as possible.

A few things to mention today:

Mrs Whiting's first adventure!: This week, we received a postcard from Mrs Whiting from her first adventure since retiring from our school. She had a lovely time cycling on the South Coast of England, and she asked me to thank everyone for their kind words and wonderful goodbyes when she left in December.

School history: Our school was 66 years old on the 9th January. Year 2 have been learning about the history of our school in their topic lessons and I was delighted to be able to go and spend a bit of time with Classes 5 and 6, to introduce them to some artefacts from Arbury Primary School (or 'Arbury Junior Mixed and Infants' as it was called when it opened on the 9th of January 1956!). You can see a few photos here: [Class 6 learning about our school's history](#)

Remote education: Remember that if your child needs to self-isolate, class teachers will add work to Seesaw for the child to do if they are well enough. It's a good way also for children to keep in touch with what is happening in school if they are going to be absent for Covid-related reasons. Please do email me (drawlins@arbury.cambs.sch.uk) if you have any questions or would like some support.

Children's self-care plan: I have attached a pdf of a helpful booklet which you and your child may wish to use to support their resilience and wellbeing, as it gives ideas to develop self-care emotionally and physically. I have also put a copy on the website in the 'Letters' section.

Cambridge Central Library quiz: We received this link from the Central Library about an event which you may be interested in – a Harry Potter book quiz - [Harry Potter Book Quiz Tickets, Wed 2 Feb 2022 at 18:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Lego Club: The North Cambridge Community Partnership have started a free Lego Club on a Monday at Akeman Street Community Centre. It is open to children from 5 upwards. A flyer is attached with more information.

Wishing you all a good weekend! As usual, 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 specifically involving KS2, please contact me at drawlins@arbury.cambs.sch.uk.

Kind regards

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