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Dear Parents and Carers

Message from Mrs Rawlins – 30.6.23

Even though we are getting quite close to the end of term, we have lots still happening in school every day! It is such a busy time of year. Apologies for quite a long letter today!

This week in school, we enjoyed Sports Day events with Year 3/4 on Monday and with EYFS / Year 1 / Year 2 on Tuesday. Sadly, the weather on Thursday morning meant that the Year 5/6 Sports Event had to be postponed, until **9am on Tuesday 4th July**.

Our Year 6 children are beginning to have their transition visits to their new secondary schools, and we wish them well as they begin to get to know all about where they will be spending their time from September! All of our Year 6s visited Chesterton on Wednesday to take part in an athletics festival. They did a great job and we were all very pleased that they won the event!

Also this week, it was lovely to have so many of our new EYFS intake coming along to the first 'Stay and Play' on Thursday.

KS2 Disco: Today, between 5.30pm and 7pm, we will be having our KS2 disco. Thank you to the Friends of Arbury volunteers for making this event happen! If you have not yet paid for your child's ticket, you can make an online payment via Pay360 under the 'Events' tab until next Friday.

Next week in school:

Monday 3rd July – Meeting the new class teacher: Children will have the chance to spend a bit of time with their new class teacher on Monday morning. We talked in our whole-school assembly today about things which will be the same, things which will be different and things to look forward to (especially our visits and trips!). I also reminded the children about the importance of not keeping any worries to ourselves, but talking to one of the grown-ups or to you at home, so that we can help and reassure them.

Monday 3rd July – visiting new classrooms: Parents and carers are invited to pop in to see your child's new classroom at the end of school for a few minutes. Do drop in if you can.

Tuesday 4th July – Year 1 trip: Year 1 will be visiting Shepreth on Tuesday – we are sure they will have a wonderful time!

Tuesday 4th July – Year 5/6 Sports Day event: We are hoping that 9am to 10am will be warm and dry to enable this to go ahead this time!

Wednesday and Friday – Industrial strike action: Mr Tull will be sending a letter out today to update you about the planned teacher strike days on Wednesday and Friday. We will communicate with you in the same way as we did for the last strike day.

Thursday - Kingswood meeting: At 9am on Thursday, parents and carers of children in Year 5 are invited to a meeting with Mrs Dowdall, Miss Joomun and Miss Telfer to give you further information about the Kingswood residential trip in the Autumn Term. The Year 5 children will also come along to this meeting, which will be held in the Expressive Arts hall (come to the side door and we will let you in).

Thursday - Stay and Play: We look forward to welcoming children joining us in September to the second Stay and Play session on Thursday between 1.45pm and 2.45pm. Parents and carers will be bringing them and staying with them.

Friday – Summer Reading Challenge launch: We will have a visitor in our assembly on Friday from Cambridgeshire Libraries to launch their Summer Reading Challenge. Information will be coming home so that you know how to get your child involved.

Other things to note:

Pay360 changing to School Gateway: If you have a child in a year group up to Year 5, please look out for an email from school regarding School Gateway replacing Pay360 from the end of July. From September, School Gateway will be the way payments for school lunches or trips / events will be made.

End of year reports: Children from EYFS to Year 5 will receive their reports on Monday 10th July. Year 6 reports will be slightly later, due to the Year 6 SATs results being delayed by a week. We hope to have the Year 6 reports out on Friday 14th July.

Languages week: A few weeks ago, we celebrated the languages spoken in our school during Languages week. We believe that there are at least 28 languages spoken by children at our school – isn't that amazing!

Wishing you a lovely weekend – the first one in July! 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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