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Dear Parents and Carers

Message from Mrs Rawlins – 16.6.23

It was great to see so many of you at the Arbury Carnival last Saturday. Thank you to everyone who came on the procession – it was super to have the school represented. To our choir members (and Miss Pearson) who also came along to perform on the arena stage, you did extremely well on such an incredibly hot day. Despite a technical hitch with the final track, they did themselves, their families and the school proud – the show must go on! Thank you to all of the parents and carers for supporting the choir with such loud, appreciative cheers! I have put a few photos on the school website in the 'News and Events' section (apologies for my very poor photography skills).

This week in school

Languages week: We have really enjoyed celebrating the languages spoken in our school, as well as our links to countries around the world. Thank you also to those of you who have come in this week to read a story in your home language to your child's class.

Class photos: Class photographs were taken on Wednesday morning. Do look out for a 'proof' copy of the photo coming home with children in perhaps a week or so. If you wish to order a copy of the photo, you will be able to do it online, but will need the barcode from the proof photo to do so.

Year 5 Rounders Festival: On Wednesday, our Year 5 classes took part in a Rounders Festival at Chesterton Community College; they had a great time and represented us well.

Today, Day of Welcome: In our assembly this morning, we thought a bit about how we can be a school who is welcoming to newcomers, especially to children who join us as a result of displacement. Our Year 4 classes also watched a webcast this morning by Dina Nayeri, who spoke about her own experiences as a refugee child in the 1980s. The children found her lively personality really inspiring and positive.

Next week in school:

Ongoing - Refugee week: We will be using our assembly times to reflect on the Refugee Week theme of 'Compassion'.

Tuesday, 20th June – Y5 visit to Sutton Hoo: Our Year 5 children will be going on a trip to Sutton Hoo on Tuesday as part of their History work.

Wednesday 21st June – Y5 visit to NCA poetry workshop: Year 5 will be attending a poetry workshop at North Cambridge Academy during the morning. The workshop features Michael Rosen.

Thursday 22nd June – Y2 trip to Hunstanton: On Thursday, Year 2 will visit Hunstanton – this is always one of the most loved school trips of the year!

Friday morning – Year 1 assembly: On Friday 23rd, we are looking forward to a Year 1 assembly, featuring Classes 3 and 4. The assembly will start at 9am, and parents and carers are warmly invited to attend. Come to the side door of the Expressive Arts hall near the school main entrance and we will let you in.

Friday morning – drama performance for Year 5 and 6 classes: We are looking forward to seeing a performance of a very new play 'Find Your Spark', which will be brought to us by Corkscrew Theatre Company.

Friday 23rd June – the Great Get Together: After school on Friday, you are invited to come along to our 'Great Get Together'. This will be in the KS2 playground from the end of school until 4.30pm. The idea is to have the chance to meet together and have a chat - all are welcome. A few key points:

- Our MP, Daniel Zeichner, will be coming along at 4.15pm
- We will use the KS2 playground area – do feel free to bring along a blanket or something similar to sit on
- You are welcome to bring some food with you to eat if you would like to
- We will provide water, squash and some biscuits
- We will have some indoor space in the Expressive Arts hall if it is too hot to be outside
- We will have some music on outside, plus some creative things to do!

I will send a reminder during the week, but it would be lovely to see you if you can come along on that day. It will be very casual and relaxed!

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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