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Dear Parents and Carers

Message from Mrs Rawlins – 2.12.22

Can you believe that we are now in December... it really won't be long before it is the last day of term on Wednesday 21st! We have so much still going on in school. Teachers will be putting up Christmas displays after school today, showing different expressions of how Christmas is celebrated around the world – children have been busy creating items for the displays. Rehearsals are going really well for our productions, and we have had several different year groups out of school on trips this week. This morning, our Year 6 children are making chilli for their DT project. The KS2 corridor smells amazing and we know the children will enjoy sharing their chilli with family members when they take it home later (although some are saying they won't be sharing it!).

Christmas cards: Just a little reminder about children bringing Christmas cards for friends into school.

If your child would like to bring in Christmas cards, here are a few points we would ask you to consider to help things run smoothly:

- Please do not bring cards into school until Monday 5th December onwards
- Cards need the name of the recipient and their class number on, to help us with sorting/delivering them
- Please do not give out cards in the school playground – children should take their cards into class and they will take them to our school post box with an adult from their class
- On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, Year 6 children will be working with me to get cards sorted and delivered

School Council feedback on our local area: A couple of weeks ago, Councillor Hilary Cox-Condrón came along to a meeting of our School Council to hear feedback from children about our local area. She was interested in knowing what children like about our area as well as what they think could be changed or improved. As you would expect, the children confidently and clearly told her how they feel about the Arbury area. I have attached a summary of their feedback for you to see.

Next week in school:

Decorations for Arbury Court Christmas tree: Hilary Cox-Condrón (this time, in her role as a community artist) will pop into assembly on Monday to show us how to make some decorations for the Arbury Court Christmas tree. Classes will be able to spend a little bit of time during the week so that children can make a decoration to be added to the tree.

Open Classrooms: You are invited to come into school on **Tuesday 6th December, between 3.25pm and 3.55pm** for Open Classrooms.

North Cambridge Academy choir: The choir from NCA will be visiting us on Thursday afternoon to present a short concert to our KS2 classes.

Author visit: On Friday morning, Year 4 classes will have a visit from John Bartlett, a local author, who will be reading his book 'Windy B – The Christmas Lights' to the children and answering their questions. If you would be interested in buying a copy of the book, it is available from the publisher her: [Windy B – The Christmas Lights | Book | Austin Macauley Publishers](#) and also on Amazon. John donates all the proceeds to Addenbrookes Charitable Trust.

KS2 Disco, Friday 9th December, 5.30pm – 7.00pm: Thank you to those of you who have returned slips to us; this looks like being a super event. Remember that the payment of £3 (please pay via Pay360) includes a goodie bag, so no additional money needs to be brought. There is no charge for children who are entitled to Pupil Premium funding.

Have a good weekend. 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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