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Dear Parents and Carers

Message from Mrs Rawlins – 17.9.21

We've had some lovely weather this week, apart from an incredibly rainy day on Tuesday! It is good to be still able to use our school field at playtimes and lunchtimes as much as we can, because the children really enjoy it.

However, the children are busy working and playing hard all day in school, so don't worry or be surprised if your child is a little more tired and grumpy than they usually are. Things will settle down as they build stamina, but, of course, plenty of sleep will help too!

A few things to mention this week:

School Facebook page: We try to keep you informed as well as we can via emails, but if you are a Facebook user, you may find it helpful to 'like' the school Facebook page. Mrs Schwarz posts all sorts of useful information – just search for 'Arbury Primary School' and it is the page which has the school logo on it.

Website pictures and news: Lots to see from this week, including photographs of our Year 6 children on their Adventure days at Grafham Water Centre earlier in the week. Do use this link to have a look at what our children have been doing and learning about: [News and Events for September 2021](#).

Timings at the start and end of the school day: Mr Tull has asked me to thank you for your continued co-operation, and to just note down timings/ arrangements for you as we have settled into our new routines for drop-off and collection of children. Things are running incredibly calmly and smoothly – thank you!

- School starts for all children at 8.50am.
- Gates open at 8.45am, children come in from 8.50am, and the gates will be closed at 9.00am. The class register is taken at 9.00am.
- Any children arriving after 9.00am should be taken to the main school entrance (go to the main front door and press the intercom buzzer)
- At the end of the school day, gates will open at 3.05pm
- EYFS children will come out at 3.10pm
- KS1 and KS1 children (Years 1 to 6) will come out at 3.15pm
- Gates will be closed at 3.25pm
- Any children not collected by 3.25pm will be brought by a member of staff to the school office and can be collected from there (go to the main front door and press the intercom buzzer)

Pastoral / emotional and social development: In the 'News and Events' section on the website, Mrs Whiting has put a photo of the renewal of our Stonewall Champion status for 2021-22. We are really pleased and proud of this. Also, in school assemblies, we have been thinking and talking about our school Golden Rules, and what it means in practice to keep our rules, meaning that our school is as safe, happy and respectful a community as possible. Next week in assemblies, we will continue to think about how the words and language we use with each other need to be kind, respectful and valuing our differences and uniqueness. On our Stonewall Champion certificate, it says 'Together we work to create a world where all people are free to be themselves'. We want our words to build each other up, not to put anyone down.

Hoping that we continue to see some sunshine over the weekend! As usual, do contact Kathy Whiting if you have any EYFS/KS1 queries (kwhiting@arbury.cambs.sch.uk) or me if you have a query relating to KS2 (drawlins@arbury.cambs.sch.uk).

Best wishes

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