

19.7.23

Dear Parents and Carers

**Message from Mrs Rawlins – 19.7.23**

Today is the last day of the school year, and we are hoping that the rain will stay off to allow the children to play outside! This afternoon, we will be having our final assembly of the school year, and it will include our Year 6 children being presented with their Leavers' t-shirts, which have kindly been provided by the Friends of Arbury group – thank you very much! We wish our Year 6s well as they move on to their new school in September. It has been a real pleasure to have this year group in our school and they will be an asset to their secondary schools.

On Monday, we had a lovely start to the day with our choir singing to us in assembly. Thank you also to the parents and carers who came along to listen and support and to Miss Pearson for her work with the children throughout the year.

**Eco-Schools:** I have just heard from Mr Sapsford this morning that we have been successful in our bid to gain the Eco-Schools Green Flag award again. The Eco-Schools assessors said: 'Thank you so much for submitting such a terrific application. We have loved reading about your journey and are incredibly impressed by all you have achieved. We have no hesitation in awarding you an Eco-Schools Green Flag - congratulations!' Well done to Mrs Griffin, Mr Sapsford and all of our Eco-Committee class reps!

**Summer Reading Challenge:** Here is the website address for the Summer Reading Challenge, which your child may be interested in taking part in: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>. We hope they enjoy it. I have to say that I do have a lovely selection of books at home, just waiting for me to read them over the holidays...!

**School Gateway:** Mrs Black in the school office has asked me to remind you that from September, school meals, trips etc will be paid for using the School Gateway app, as Pay360 will be closed down. If you haven't set this up as yet, here is a reminder of how to get started: *There is a tab on the school website labelled 'Schoolgateway' to enable parents and carers to set this up using a web based browser; they simply need to click on the new user tab, enter their email address and mobile number (as supplied to the school) and request a pin or they can obtain a free app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store and set it up that way.*

We wish you a safe and happy summer and look forward to seeing the children when they return to school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

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](mailto:smorris@arbury.cambs.sch.uk) and for anything particularly involving KS2, please contact Kate Dowdall at [kdowdall@arbury.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:kdowdall@arbury.cambs.sch.uk).

Kind regards  
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