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Dear Parents and Carers

**Message from Mrs Rawlins – 1.10.21**

We are now definitely feeling the effects of the Autumn weather, and I can hardly believe we are already in October!

**Update on things going on in and around school:** We are well and truly establishing lots of quality learning all across the school, and it is lovely to see children really being determined to do their best each day. They are always very pleased to share their work with me or with Mrs Whiting, and we enjoy celebrating their achievements with them too! We are pleased that classes have chosen the representatives for School Council, Eco-Committee and Reading Ambassadors, and we know the class reps will do a great job this school year.

**Trips and visits:** We are enjoying getting back to going on trips and visits again, and are continuing to arrange these in accordance with current guidance. Our Year 3 children are visiting Flag Fen archaeological site in Peterborough today, and we are hoping for as dry a day as possible! Any contributions for trips which are requested do need now to be paid via Pay360 (link to our website page here: [Pay360 Education Payments - Secure Online Payments - Home](#)) as we are no longer able to accept cash payments. Mrs Black in the school office can help you with any difficulties in terms of logging in or paying for a trip/visit.

**National Poetry Day:** This will be next Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> October. The theme is 'Choice'. We would be delighted if any of you or your child(ren) would like to record a favourite poem and send it in via Seesaw, so it could be shared with your child's class. It would be especially exciting to hear any poems or rhymes in home languages. In school, we will have the chance to hear and write poetry.

**Black History Month and Wear Red Day (Show Racism the red Card):** More information to come next week about this, but I wanted to let you know that on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, we will be having our 'Wear Red Day', when children are welcome to particularly feature something red in their clothing on that day!

**Partnerships:** We are so fortunate in Cambridge to have many potential educational partnerships available to us, and we continue to explore opportunities which come our way. So far this term, our Year 3 children have had an art workshop with artist Hilary Cox-Condron (she is also our local County councillor); the artwork will, along with 3 other schools' work, be turned into a digital animation, to be projected onto the Senate House near the Market Square after the new year. This is a fantastic project – more information to come nearer the time!

Next week, our Year 5 classes will each have a workshop on Thursday, run by Cambridge Curiosity and Imagination; they (along with a few other schools) will make artwork which will be used by artist Lilah Fowler to create banners and artwork for the Meadows Centre. Again, more information about how to use the finished product when we have it!

**Fun Palaces:** Tomorrow, between 11am and 2pm outside Arbury Court library, there will be arts and crafts activities going on (hopefully, the weather will be kind!). All are welcome to come along, join in or share a skill! I've attached an image with more information.

**Change to school lunch on Tuesday:** Thankfully, we have not been affected too much by difficulties with distribution and supply so far this term. However, on Tuesday, the turkey meatballs will be replaced by cheesy pasta. I thought it might be useful for you to know in advance.

Wishing you an enjoyable weekend! As usual, do contact Kathy Whiting if you have any EYFS/KS1 queries ([kwhiting@arbury.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:kwhiting@arbury.cambs.sch.uk)) or me if you have a query relating to KS2 ([drawlins@arbury.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:drawlins@arbury.cambs.sch.uk)).

Best wishes

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