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Dear Parents and Carers

Message from Mrs Rawlins – 5.11.21

I do hope you were able to enjoy the half-term break. We have definitely had a busy week back in school! We would also like to wish a Happy Diwali to our families who have been celebrating that festival this week, and if you are planning to mark Bonfire Night later, we hope you have a fun time and stay safe! I did give the children a safety reminder about fireworks and sparklers in my video assembly today.

Eco-Schools Green Flag award: Mrs Griffin and the Eco-Schools committee (made up of children from each class in the school) have been successful in obtaining the Green Flag award, which is a super achievement! We had an assembly from Mrs Griffin on Thursday to explain more about the award and also about COP26, taking place at the moment in Glasgow. On the school website, I have added the assembly and a link to a website for children about COP26, which you may be interested in watching/sharing with your child – link here: [Eco-Schools Green Flag and COP26](#)

Foodbank donations: Thank you for your kind donations for the Cambridge Foodbank, which I was able to deliver to them earlier this week. Link to our website here: [Harvest donations for Cambridge Foodbank.](#)

Flu vaccinations: Flu vaccinations took place in school this week. If you had opted your child in to have the vaccination, but they were absent on the day, the vaccination team will be back in school on December 8th, and will catch up with any children then who missed their vaccination on Wednesday. Also, if you missed the previous deadline to book your child in, and would like them to have the vaccination on December 8th, it is just a matter of completing the medical form which Mrs Schwarz will be able to send out to you.

Some information about things going on in school next week:

Maths: As part of Maths week England next week, we will have a bit of a Maths focus to some of our assemblies. On Thursday, children are welcome to wear something to school which has shapes on it, if they would like to, as our Maths work on that day will be all about shape. For children from Year 2 to Year 6, they can take part in the TTRockstars National Battle (England Rocks!), which runs from 7.30am to 7.30pm each day from Monday to Thursday. Children will have some time to play in school, but might also want to earn a few points playing at home too!

Remembrance assembly: I will be doing a video assembly for Remembrance on Friday morning. Children will have the chance to make a poppy if they would like to, either to wear or to add to a central display.

Parent/carer consultations: Consultations will take place online via Zoom on Tuesday to Thursday next week. Additional information has been emailed out today about how to link to the Zoom consultation. Booking closes at 12 noon on Monday.

Year group letters: I will email out Year group documents later, with information for this half-term on what each year group will be learning about, as well as ideas for Home Learning projects and a letter from the class teachers with any specific information. These documents will also be in the Letters section of the school website. Thank you for everything you do to support your child/children with their learning.

Weather and ventilation: Just a reminder that school needs to be well-ventilated (we continue to receive this message from the Local Authority very strongly), so layers of clothing really do help the children to be comfortable in school. Names in coats and jumpers especially are helpful as we sometimes need to be trying to reunite lost items with their owners! If you have children in EYFS to Year 4, it is really good if children have a pair of wellies in school so that they are able to be learning out on the field or in the forest areas whenever we can. We are happy to accept any donations of spare wellies if you have any – please pass them to me or to Mrs Whiting in the KS1 or KS2 playground.

Wishing you a lovely weekend! Do contact Kathy Whiting (kwhiting@arbury.cambs.sch.uk) if you have any questions about things related to EYFS/KS1, and me if I can help with anything linked to KS2 (drawlins@arbury.cambs.sch.uk).

Best wishes

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