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Dear Parents and Carers

**Message from Mrs Rawlins – 12.1.24**

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to school for the Spring Term. It is our school birthday on 9<sup>th</sup> January, and we are now 68 years old, having opened on the 9<sup>th</sup> January, 1956. In our assembly this morning, we looked at some of the ways we have been able to learn about the history of our school so far and shared some memories.

Also this week, Classes 1 and 2 had a visit on Monday from Lion Learners, who brought a range of small animals in for the children to interact with, as part of their new topic on Animals. Photos are here on the website: [Arbury Primary School - EYFS Lion Learners Visit](#).

A reminder that we do try to frequently add information and photos about things going on in school to the 'News and Events' part of our website. The home page of the website shows the latest 10 news items, but if you click on 'News and Events' at the top of the home page, it will lead you to a drop-down menu so you can choose a particular month and then browse the news and events for that month.

**Tomorrow, 13<sup>th</sup> January – story session at Milton Road Library:** I am pleased to pass on the following information in relation to these free sessions. Story sessions are back for 2024 from 10.30-11.30, on Saturday January 13<sup>th</sup>, with storyteller Shirley Lowe, puppeteer Laura Ungvary and a collection of wintery stories. The remaining sessions this year will be on February 10<sup>th</sup>, March 9<sup>th</sup>, April 13<sup>th</sup>, and May 11<sup>th</sup>. Details on the [Friends of Milton Road Library](#) Facebook page.

Next week in school:

**Monday – Y3/4 Bikeability:** If your child is booked onto this training, please do remember to send them into school with their bike and helmet (you may be borrowing a school helmet, but all children do need to wear helmet to do this training). Do also make sure they are well wrapped up, as the weather is likely to be very cold. It is really important that they have gloves to wear.

**Wednesday - Class 5 visit to Arbury Court library:** Class 5 will be visiting Arbury Court library in the afternoon.

**'Take One Picture' launch:** In our whole-school assembly on Friday, I will be telling the children about a piece of artwork we will have a special focus on in the following week for our 'Take One Picture' week. I won't reveal to you which artwork it is until next Friday, when I will include additional information on what we will be doing in school that week.

**Friday afternoon - Maths workshop:** At 2.30pm next Friday afternoon, 19<sup>th</sup> January, Miss Bright and Mrs Dowdall will be leading a Maths workshop for parents and carers of children in KS2. This workshop is a good opportunity to find out more about how we teach Maths in school and for you to ask questions. The workshop will be in the Expressive Arts hall – please come along to the door near to the main school entrance and we will let you in.

**Support and training for parents and carers:** I have attached two documents which offer different kinds of support and training/guidance to parents and carers – the 'Raising Children' course run by the Red Hen Project, and the latest EIFA newsletter from Amanda Gilbert, offering online workshops.

Wishing you a good weekend. 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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