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Dear Parents and Carers

Message from Mrs Rawlins – 26.1.24

I hope this finds you well – it seems amazing that we are already nearly at the end of January!

If you have children in Year 1 or Year 2, please do come along to the Maths workshop at 2.30pm today in the Expressive Arts hall if you are able to – all welcome!

'Take One Picture': This week, we have had a wonderful time in school learning all about Henri Gaudier-Brzeska's 'Red Stone Dancer' sculpture for our 'Take One Picture' week. I have been delighted to see such a wide range of creative expression going on in our classes as the children have been inspired to respond to the sculpture in dance, sketching, mark-making, collage, collaborative artwork, digital artwork... and three classes were also able to visit Kettle's Yard to see the sculpture in real life! We will be having a half-termly tea on Friday 9th February when we will have an exhibition of the children's work which we hope you might be able to come along and see for yourself. I will also be adding photos and video clips to the school website in the 'News and Events' section.

I look forward to meeting up with some of you tomorrow (Saturday 27th) at Kettle's Yard, who have offered us a private viewing time between 10am and 11am, so that we have the chance to see the sculpture in real life too! Karen Thomas from Kettle's Yard will be hosting us and has asked me to pass on the following information to anyone coming along:

'We will have some fun drawing activities for families planned. Due to the limited space we can't really have many more than thirty in the lower extension at any one time - but we can open up a gallery and we have just had some local families create some fab activity sheets in there.

A reminder that there are no bags or buggies allowed in the house. Preferably folks can put bags and coats in the education studio. Buggies can be parked just by the studio by the glass.

We are open to the public from 11am. Families are welcome to stay and explore the galleries and visit the shop and cafe. I can give them Open House cards to visit for free anytime and for as many times they wish - but they will then need to book a timed entry slot due to numbers in the house.'

We are incredibly grateful to Kettle's Yard for partnering with us in our Take One Picture project. They have been fantastic to work with!

Next week in school:

Next week is **National Storytelling week** – we will be having a 'Drop Everything and Read' time daily, when we will ring a bell at an unexpected time and everyone will stop what they are doing to share a story together.

Monday – School Council meeting: I will be meeting with our School Council on Monday afternoon when we will be discussing our school's Golden Rules.

Friday morning 9am - Class 8 assembly: We look forward to watching Class 8 as they share with us some of their learning from this term. Parents and carers are warmly invited to come

along. Please come to the Expressive Arts hall door near the school main entrance and we will let you in.

Friday – 3.30pm – ‘Be The Rainbow’ photograph: All are welcome to come along to the Expressive Arts hall at the end of school on Friday for our annual ‘Be The Rainbow’ photograph, as it is LGBTQ+ month in February. The photo will go on the school website. You may like to wear something in a colour from the rainbow if you wish!

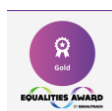
Preloved coats and shoes: If you have any children’s coats or shoes which have been outgrown and still have lots of wear left in them, we would be grateful if you could drop them off at school. We would like to be able to pass them on at our half-termly teas, in the same way as we have done with books and school uniform items. Good for the environment too!

Parenting Courses: Mrs Din, our Inclusion Lead, has asked me to pass on to you the attached flyer about registering interest in parenting courses being run in Cambridge City area by the local authority.

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 and for anything particularly involving KS2, please contact Kate Dowdall at kdowdall@arbury.cambs.sch.uk.

Kind regards

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