

13.10.23

Dear Parents and Carers

Message from Mrs Rawlins – 13.10.23

Thank you to Class 9 for starting our Friday off beautifully with their class assembly! Fantastic poems, lots of amazing learning about the Romans in Britain and finishing with a catchy song about the Water Cycle – brilliant! Thank you also to all of the parents and carers who came along! I will add a few photos to the 'News and Events' section of the school website later.

Conflict between Israel and Hamas: You will have seen and heard the devastating news about the escalating conflict in Israel and Gaza. We are aware that a number of our families are affected by this conflict, and wanted to reassure those families in particular of our concern and support at this time. Our approach in school is that we will be handling any potential impact on all of our children as sensitively as we can. We will not raise the matter directly with children, and will, of course, talk with parents and carers if we have concerns or their child has raised questions or concerns with us. Please do come and talk to senior staff in the playground in the morning or at the end of school if you would like to talk with us; we will be very happy to catch up with you..

School website calendar: Just a reminder that the calendar on the school website is updated with key school events as we book them into the diary. Today, we have checked that key events are there up to the end of the Spring Term 2024.

For the last 3 days, our Year 6s have been enjoying an action-packed time at Kingswood in Norfolk. Photos are on the website and will be added to as soon as we can. Here is the link:

https://www.arbury.cambs.sch.uk/website/kingswood_2023/620127

Education Inclusion Family Advisor (EIFA) newsletter: Please find attached the October newsletter from our EIFA, Amanda Gilbert.

Free storytelling tomorrow morning at Milton Road library (Saturday 14.10.23): You are invited to come **along for** a Saturday morning hour of fun and interactive storytelling for children under 10 and their families. Stories from around the world, puppets, a snack, and more. Drop in to check out the stories any time between 10.30-11.30, or stay for the whole hour. This month featuring storyteller Shirley Lowe, puppeteer Laura Ungvary, and many animals of all sizes.

Next week in school:

Next week is our last week before the half-term holiday

Tuesday 17.10.23 – Year 5 to visit to Sutton Hoo: Year 5 will be out for the day to Sutton Hoo as part of their learning about Vikings.

Thursday 19.10.23 - Individual school photos: On Thursday morning, individual photos of the children will be taken.

Friday 20.10.23 – Y6 classes' assembly: Parents and carers of children in Year 6 are invited to come and see both Y6 classes as they tell us all about their Kingswood adventure! The assembly will start at 9am; please come to the side door of the Expressive Arts hall (near the school front door) and we will let you in!

Eco-Committee meeting: On Friday afternoon, our Eco-Committee class representatives will be having another meeting, working with Mr Sapsford.

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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