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Dear Parents and Carers

**Message from Mrs Rawlins – 7.7.23**

This week in school, our children had the chance on Monday morning to meet with their new teacher, and I know that many of you were able to also meet them after school too. I have a feeling that September will come around surprisingly quickly!

Last Friday evening, the KS2 Disco was a great success! Thank you to the Friends of Arbury volunteers who came along to help on the evening – it was much appreciated!

On Tuesday, it was great to get our Y5/6 Sports Day completed before the weather changed! We know that Year 1 had a great time at Shepreth too.

This morning, we had a library visitor who came to assembly to tell us about the Summer Reading Challenge. We know that lots of you like to join in with this each year. It starts tomorrow, so you can sign up at a library from tomorrow. We will also be sending out some information next week.

**Next week in school:**

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July:**

- Year 5/6 will perform 'Blondel: Minstrel on a Mission' to the school during the morning – we are really looking forward to it!
- School Council will meet in the afternoon for our final time this year.
- Reports will come home for children in Classes 1 – 12.

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July:**

- Year 5/6 performance at 6pm of 'Blondel: Minstrel on a Mission'.

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July:**

- Stay and Play: We look forward to welcoming children joining us in September to their final Stay and Play session on Thursday between 1.45pm and 2.45pm. Parents and carers will be bringing them and staying with them.
- Final Year 5/6 performance at 6pm of 'Blondel: Minstrel on a Mission'.

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July:**

- Year 6 reports coming home.
- Wear Yellow Day for Cystic Fibrosis awareness: Children are invited to wear something yellow on Friday if they wish to. In our whole-school assembly, we will be learning about how Cystic Fibrosis can impact daily life. We have marked this awareness day over the last few years, as one of our children lives with this condition and is going to help us learn a little bit more about CF in the assembly.
- Leavers' Lunch: Our Y6 Leavers have chosen the dessert for Friday's lunch. They went for something they remember from years ago – fudge tart and chocolate custard! Jelly or fruit are also available as usual. We will have a bit of music and fun in the lunch hall to celebrate our lovely Y6s!!
- Great Get Together / End-of-year tea: Please do come along to the Expressive Arts hall at the end of school on Friday if you can. We will have a simplified 'Great Get Together', where we are reminded that 'there is more that unites us than that which divides us'. This is a nice opportunity to celebrate another full and busy school year!

Attachments: Mrs Din has asked me to share 3 documents with you, which I have attached. The each outline guidance and support available to families:

- Information about a parenting course being held locally starting in September
- July newsletter from our Education Inclusion Family Advisor
- July edition of the Cambridgeshire Constabulary Safer Schools Newsletter, which includes information on Hoax calling, Road Safety, Children being home alone and Summer Water Safety

Event at the Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology: Please see the information below about a very interesting event at the above museum on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July. I have also attached a flyer about the event. Do go along if you can!

*Join us as we welcome archaeologist and TV presenter Raksha Dave (from Time Team and Digging for Britain) to celebrate her new children's book Lessons From Our Ancestors: Equality, Inclusivity and Sustainability in the Ancient World. The book takes young people on an unforgettable journey back through time as Raksha casts a spotlight on forgotten histories and misrepresented stories. Using 50 objects from around the world, this groundbreaking book offers a fresh perspective on our past to inspire you to build a better future.*

*Raksha will do a reading from the book, followed by a book signing. After this, attendees will have the opportunity to handle objects from the museum's collections and learn about the past in a hands-on way.*

*Recommended for ages 7+. Free, but booking recommended.*

*Date: 16 July, 3 - 4.30pm*

*Location: Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, Downing Street, Cambridge CB2 3DZ*

*Booking link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/raksha-dave-at-the-museum-of-archaeology-and-anthropology-tickets-667444904677>*

Wishing you a lovely 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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