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Dear Parents and Carers

Message from Mrs Rawlins – 24.5.24

This half-term seems to have gone by so quickly! It has been a very busy one with lots of great learning experiences in school. We hope you have a good break next week; school reopens for children on Monday 3rd June and we look forward to seeing everyone again then!

On Monday, to start off our 'Walk to School' week, we invited our School Crossing Patrol person, Lynne, to our whole-school assembly. We wanted to thank her for all she does each school day to keep children safe going to and from school. Lynne is now the only School Crossing Patrol person in Cambridge, so we are really lucky to have her. School Crossing Patrols started 70 years ago and so are celebrating their Platinum Jubilee! Link to the school website item is here: [Arbury Primary School - Our School Crossing Patrol person](#).

Class 10 assembly this morning was all about Electricity, and we were amazed by all that the children have been learning this half-term. Thank you to parents and carers for coming along to support. I have added some photos to the school website here: [Arbury Primary School - Class 10 assembly - 24.5.24](#)

Leah Manning project: On Wednesday, the Year 4 and 5 children who have been part of our Heritage Lottery-funded project performed a play 'Leah Manning – A Life for Education' to the school in the afternoon and then to parents and carers after school. The children told the story of Leah Manning's life beautifully and we are very proud of the group. Thank you to everyone who came and supported! We are constructing a web page about the project and will share the link when it is completed.

Foodbank donations: Thank you for your wonderful response to our Eco-Committee's request for food items to be passed on to the Cambridge Foodbank. You have been so generous, and we will gather all the donations together at the half-termly tea to take a photo! The Eco-Committee chose to do this as their action to benefit the local community, so we are grateful for your support and we know that the Foodbank will make sure that each item goes to where it is most needed.

Today after school – Friends of Arbury Half-termly tea: Do pop into the Expressive Arts hall after school for our half-termly tea, from 3.25pm. Drinks, snacks, pre-loved clothing and books all available. We are delighted that 2 artists from Cambridge Curiosity and Imagination will be coming to share an art activity. CCI will also present us with 4 banners created from artwork created in March by our Year 4 children as part of the CCI project 'Be More Tree', inspired by images of mycorrhizal fungi which help plants to grow. A scientist will also be coming with microscopes so that children can have a look at slides of the fungi in soil samples collected by some of our Y4 children at King's College. It will be a fun way to finish off the half-term! Do come along if you can!

Fantastical Forest: If you'd like to see the banners displayed in nature, there is a free event **this Saturday** at the launch of Cambridge Nature Festival at Logan's Meadow, where the many beautiful banners (The Fantastical Forest) made over recent years by different schools and

community groups can be seen. There is also a family workshop at Arbury Library on Wednesday 29th May, from 10.30am-12.30pm, although I think this might already be fully booked (but worth asking at the library in case there is still a chance to go along!). Link here is to the CCI website with more information: [Fantastical Forest | Cambridge Curiosity and Imagination \(cambridgecand.org.uk\)](https://www.cambridgecand.org.uk) I have attached a flyer from CCI about these events, and you can see 3 of our banners on the flyer too!

In school, week beginning 3rd June:

Wednesday 5th June, 3.30pm-4.30pm, Arbury Carnival Art workshop: Arbury Carnival is taking place on Saturday 8th June. The theme this year is 'We love the 80s and 90s'. You are welcome to bring children along to this free drop-in workshop led by Kettle's Yard to make a prop to take on the carnival procession!

Thursday 6th June - Y6 transition support coffee morning: Year 6 parents and carers have had information emailed out regarding this event, which is being run by the local Mental Health Support Team.

Friday 7th June – Year 3 trip to BeWILDerwood: This trip is always a fantastic one, and we are sure the Year 3s will have a brilliant day!

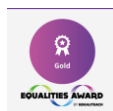
Friday 7th June – KD2 disco: Thanks to Friends of Arbury for organising another KS2 Disco, running from 5.30pm-7.00pm.

Saturday 8th June – Arbury Carnival: I don't have any exact information at the moment, but if you want to come on the carnival procession, I understand that it will leave from Nun's Way Pavilion at 12 noon.

Wishing you a lovely half-term! 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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