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Dear Parents and Carers

Message from Mrs Rawlins – 20.9.24

It was so lovely this morning to welcome Classes 1 and 2 into our whole-school assembly for the first time, as we were thinking about International Day of Peace, which is tomorrow. It always feels like the school year has properly started when we have our new EYFS children joining with the rest of the school in assembly!

Next week in school:

Tuesday afternoon – Open Classrooms, between 3.25pm – 3.55pm: All are welcome to come along to Open Classrooms, when you can pop into your child's classroom and they will be able to share a piece of work with you which they are proud of.

Friday - Harvest celebration assembly at the Church of the Good Shepherd: As I mentioned in my letter last week, we will be having our annual Harvest celebration assembly on **Friday, 27th September at the Church of the Good Shepherd**, when our school assembly will be focussed on giving us time to think about what we are thankful for in our lives. You are welcome to drop off your children at school and then head round to the church. We will be leaving school around 9am, and we hope to be able to start our assembly at about 9.30am. The assembly should all be over by 10.30am. This is always a lovely school occasion, and we are grateful to Revd David Maher, our Chair of Governors, for making the church available for us to use.

Collection for Cambridge Foodbank: As part of our Harvest celebration, we will be having a collection of food items to be passed on to Cambridge Foodbank. I have attached the most recent list of the kind of items which the Foodbank is in particular need of. (If you have any spare 'bags for life' which you are able to donate, they are very useful too.) From Monday to Friday next week, items can be dropped off in the collection boxes just inside the KS1 and KS2 entrances. Thank you for your support with this.

Friends of Arbury request for coats and shoes: We will be having a half-termly tea on Friday 11th October, run by our Friends of Arbury group. If you have any children's preloved coats or shoes/boots/wellies, we would be pleased to have them so that they can be passed on to new owners at that tea.

Nurturing parenting course: The Grove School are hosting a Nurturing Programme course for parents and carers. The course begins quite soon, so if you think this is something you might find useful, please see the attached document, which explains more about the content of the course.

Wishing you a happy (and peaceful!) 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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