

17.5.24

Dear Parents and Carers

**Message from Mrs Rawlins – 17.5.24**

We had a great start to Friday with a super assembly presented by Class 7! They shared about their Geography topic on Sustainability, told us about the bean plants they have been growing in Science, and finished by singing a great song about being cool! Thank you to the many parents and carers who came along to support – we are sure you felt very proud of your child! Mrs Dowdall has added photos to the school website here: [Arbury Primary School - Class 7 Assembly](#)

**Year 6 SATs:** Our Year 6 children have completed their statutory tests this week. They worked extremely hard and definitely did their very best. We are incredibly proud of them.

**Special appeal for donations of food from our Eco-Committee:** Mr Sapsford has asked me to share with you details of a special project our Eco-Committee have been planning. The class reps have chosen to offer support to the local community and would like us to collect food items which will be passed on to the Cambridge Foodbank. We will be collecting food items in school during next week, from 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> May, and any donations would be very much appreciated. Please see the attached flyer with messages from the children and a list of the food items the Foodbank needs most. On behalf of Mr Sapsford and the Eco-Committee, thank you in advance for your support! There will be a box near the KS1 and the KS2 entrance for tins and packets to go into, or they could go into the green box by the school main entrance. You could even bring a tin along to the half-termly tea next Friday!

**KS2 disco:** We will be having a KS2 Disco on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June, from 5.30pm – 7.00pm. I have emailed all KS2 parents/carers about this today, and the children will be bringing home a hard copy of the flyer with the form you need to return if you would like your child to come to the disco.

**Next week in school:**

**Walk to School week:** May 20<sup>th</sup>–24<sup>th</sup> is Walk to School week nationally, and is about promoting active travel to and from school, eg walking, cycling or scooting wherever possible. In our assembly on Monday, we will talk about some of the advantages of having time daily walking to and from school. We will also do a quick hands-up survey at the start of each day in class to see how many children walk/cycle to school. The Living Streets website has some interesting information and activities for parents and carers to consider using with children when you are out walking (see link here: [Parents and carers \(livingstreets.org.uk\)](#)). There is an interesting #TRY20 section, which has 20 tips/ideas to encourage 20 minutes of walking per day – link here: <https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/walk-to-school/parents-and-carers/>. I have also attached a couple of documents with activity ideas which you may find useful.

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May – EYFS trip:** Classes 1 and 2 will be visiting the Botanic Gardens for their trip. The children are very much looking forward to it!

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Leah Manning project:** Mrs Ford and I have been running an after-school club with a group of Year 4 and 5 children, where we have been learning about the life and work of Leah Manning, a teacher who trained at Homerton College in the early 1900s. Leah was passionate about the importance of education for all children, and went on to be an inspirational leader and MP. She was a very interesting woman indeed. We have had a short play written for the children to

perform, and they will have the chance to show this to classes at school on Wednesday, with another performance after school to parents, carers and invited guests at 4.30pm.

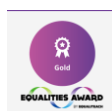
**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Class 10 assembly:** We look forward to watching Class 10's assembly, as they share aspects of their learning with us. Parents and carers are warmly invited to come along. The assembly starts at 9am in the Expressive Arts hall – do come along to the hall door near the school main entrance and we will let you in!

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Friends of Arbury half-termly tea:** Do come along after school to our half-termly tea if you can, from 3.25pm–4.15pm. We are delighted that we will be able to celebrate our recent project work with our Year 4 classes, King's College and Cambridge Curiosity and Imagination (CCI). CCI will be giving us a set of fabric banners created from the Year 4 artwork, there will be two artists providing an art activity, plus a crop scientist who will have microscopes for children to examine fungi samples! Definitely worth a visit!

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](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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