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Dear Parents and Carers

Message from Mrs Rawlins – 19.1.24

It has been quite a cold week at times, but hopefully we are now getting towards some slightly warmer weather! If you have children in KS2, please do come along to the Maths workshop at 2.30pm today in the Expressive Arts hall – all welcome!

I had a lovely time on Monday afternoon talking to our Year 2 classes about the History of our school – if you are a past pupil, do let thyour child/ren know what Arbury was like in your time here!

Next week in school – a very busy one...:

Ongoing throughout next week will be our annual '**Take One Picture**' week. All classes will be learning about the same piece of artwork and having the chance to respond creatively. This year, our chosen work is not a picture but a sculpture called 'Red Stone Dancer' and it can be seen in Kettle's Yard gallery. I have attached a pdf with some information. We are really pleased to have Kettle's Yard's support with this work, and to be able to benefit from the expertise of their museum educators. There is also a special event at Kettle's Yard for families on Saturday 27th January – see below!

Chicks!: On Monday, our Year 2 classes will be having some eggs to look after, and then learning about the chicks which emerge over the following couple of weeks! It is always one of the most exciting scientific projects we do in school.

Tuesday 23rd: Class 12 will be visiting Kettle's Yard in the morning

Tuesday - Open classrooms (3.25pm – 3.55pm): Do come along after school on Tuesday if you can, so your child can share a piece of their work with you.

Wednesday 24th: Class 10 will be visiting Kettle's Yard in the morning

Wednesday - Class 6 visit to Arbury Court library: Class 6 will be visiting Arbury Court library in the afternoon.

Thursday 25th: Class 7 will be visiting Kettle's Yard in the morning

Thursday afternoon: A few of our Year 4 children will be taking part in a heat of the county Y4 Maths Challenge. We wish them well!

Friday 26th, afternoon – KS1 Maths workshop: At 2.30pm next Friday afternoon, 26th January, Miss Bright and Mrs Dowdall will be leading a Maths workshop for parents and carers of children in Years 1 and 2. This workshop is a good opportunity to find out more about how we teach Maths in school and for you to ask questions. The workshop will be in the Expressive Arts hall – please come along to the door near to the main school entrance and we will let you in.

Saturday 27th January – drop-in at Kettle's Yard Museum and Gallery (Castle Street): We are really grateful to Kettle's Yard for arranging for us to have free access to come in and see 'Red Stone Dancer' in the gallery between 10am and 12pm. I will be there throughout that time, and children and families are very welcome to come and drop in for a while. You can see the sculpture and perhaps have a go at sketching it if you like (I will bring supplies of pencils and paper). There will be 'Open House' cards available so that adults have free entry (entry is always free for children). I'd be happy to see as many of you as can make it so that I am not there all of the time on my own!! The sculpture is accessible in the gallery for families with pushchairs.

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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