

22.11.24

Dear Parents and Carers

**Message from Mrs Rawlins – 22.11.24**

We have had our Anti-bullying week in school this week, with the theme being 'Choose Respect'. I will add some information to the website when I have a chance later to share a few of the key things we hope children have understood from this week. We shared a lovely book together by the author/illustrator Christian Robinson, called 'You Matter'. This helped us to think about the importance of each person who makes up our school community – we all matter, and we all deserve to be treated kindly and with respect. Here is the link to a video of Christian Robinson reading and talking about the book: [You Matter | Read Along with Christian Robinson](#).

**Next week in school:**

We will be having our 'Take One Picture' week next week – I will send you some information on Monday about the focus for this year.

**Tuesday 26.11.24 – Open Classrooms:** Parents and carers are invited to pop into your child's class so that they can share a piece of their work with you. This runs between 3.25pm and 3.55pm.

**Wednesday 27.11.24 – 'Paint What Matters':** Our Year 4 children will be having their 5<sup>th</sup> session with Josh Bilton, and we will also be working for a second time with Daisy May Kemp, a dancer and choreographer.

**Thursday 28.11.24 – Year 4 Dance Festival:** Our Year 4 classes will be going to Chesterton Community College for the morning to take part in a dance festival with other local primary schools. The children will be back in school in time for lunch as usual.

**Friday 29.11.24 – Year 3/4 Level 1 Bikeability:** Look out for reminder information from Mrs Dowdall/Mrs Oram about this training, which will take place on the school playground during the day for those children who have been booked on to take part in this training.

**Friday 29.11.24 – KS2 Maths workshop:** Next Friday, we will be holding a Maths Workshop for KS2 parents and carers in the Expressive Arts Hall from 2:30pm. In the workshop, we will explain how we teach maths at Arbury Primary School and some of the methods that we use. We will also share tips and resources so that you can support your child at home with maths. The workshops will consist of a short presentation, followed by practical opportunities to find out more, including the chance to have a go at some maths problems and puzzles yourself! However, please do not worry, participation is entirely optional and you may prefer to just listen and have a look at some of the resources we use in school. **Key Stage 2 Workshop:** Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November from 2:30pm- 3:15pm. We really hope that you will be able to join us for the workshop and look forward to seeing you there.

**Smartphone-free childhood – The Parent Pact:** Mr Tull has asked me to draw your attention to the letter from CB4 schools, which was emailed out today, regarding issues related to the safety and use of smartphones by children and potential action which could be taken. He has also added it to the 'Letters' page of the school website.

It is looking like quite a stormy weekend – wrap up well if you are out and about! 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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