

29.11.24

Dear Parents and Carers

**Message from Mrs Rawlins – 29.11.24**

This week, we have combined making our Christmas displays with our 'Take One Picture' week. This year, we haven't chosen a famous piece of artwork, but we have been finding out about the work our Year 4 classes have done recently as part of a lovely project with Kettle's Yard called 'Paint What Matters'. All of the children in school have made a bird for our Christmas displays, and each bird is carrying a message about something which matters to the child who made the bird. We will be putting up the displays after school today, and the children will see them on Monday. We will add photos to the school website.

**Christmas cards:** As we have done for the past couple of years, we are encouraging families to consider the environmental impact and cost of children sending lots of Christmas cards in school. Children will be able to make a card for their class in their Golden Time if they would like to, and I talked with them in assembly today about only giving out cards after school if they really do want to send cards. We won't be sorting and delivering them in school this year.

**This afternoon at 2.30pm - KS2 Maths workshop:** Just a reminder that the Maths Workshop for KS2 parents and carers will take place in the Expressive Arts Hall from 2:30pm. This is a good chance to find out about how we teach Maths, as well as to ask questions and increase confidence in being able to support your child at home with maths. Mrs Dowdall and Miss Bright will be leading the workshop.

**Fantastical Forest – tomorrow, 30.11.24 from 10.30am to 3.00pm:** Cambridge Curiosity and Imagination have let us know about their Fantastical Forest event being held tomorrow at Wandlebury Country Park, in the Beech Avenue. Their 117 Fantastical Forest hangings will be displayed, including the 4 made earlier this year by our present Year 5 children. The event is free, and there is more information about the event here:  
<https://www.cambridgeppf.org/Event/fantastical-forest-exhibition-2024-celebrating-tree-charter-day>

Next week in school:

**Monday 2.12.24 – Y1/2 dress rehearsal:** Our Y1/2 classes have been busily rehearsing their production of 'Prickly Hay!'. I have just walked along the corridor past the hall, and the singing sounds fantastic! We look forward to the school being able to watch this performance.

**Tuesday morning, 3.12.24 - Y5 Nrich workshops:** Year 5 classes will have a Maths workshop run by Nrich.

**Tuesday afternoon, 3.12.24 – Y1/2 performance:** Parents and carers of children in Year 1 are invited to come and watch this performance of 'Prickly Hay', which starts at 2pm. There are 2 audience places available per child.

**Wednesday 4.12.24 – Y4 local walk:** Year 4 classes will go on their local walk which had to be postponed last week. This is part of their Geography work about the local area.

**Wednesday afternoon, 4.12.24 – Y1/2 performance:** Parents and carers of children in Year 2 are invited to come and watch this performance of 'Prickly Hay', which starts at 2pm. There are 2 audience places available per child.

**Thursday morning, 5.12.24 - flu vaccinations:** Flu vaccinations are taking place in school for children who have been booked in to have it.

**Thursday afternoon, 5.12.24 – Year 4 author visit:** Year 4 classes will be having a visit from local author John Bartlett.

**Friday, 6.12.24 after school – half-termly tea:** All are welcome to come along to a half-termly tea on Friday at the end of school. We are very lucky to have our school choir singing for us. Do drop in to hear the choir and to have a drink, a biscuit and a chat! All welcome!

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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