

13.12.24

Dear Parents and Carers

Message from Mrs Rawlins – 13.12.24

We are looking forward to the **EYFS production** this afternoon of 'A Wiggly Nativity'. The children have been working very hard in their rehearsals and are excited to perform for their parents and carers! Doors to the Expressive Arts hall will open from 2pm, and the performance will begin at 2.15pm.

Later on, we have a **KS2 Disco** which has been organised by our Friends of Arbury volunteers. **The doors will open at 5.30pm and children should be collected at 7pm.** Children need to remember to bring a named water bottle with them. They will not need to bring any money. We prefer that children do not bring mobile phones with them, but if it is necessary that they bring a phone, they must hand it in to us for safekeeping and it will be returned at the end of the disco.

Artsmark: For the past two years, we have been on working towards renewing our Artsmark accreditation, which is awarded by the Arts Council. It encourages and values the impact of embedding arts culture and creativity in school and in our school community. I am delighted to let you know that this week, we have been awarded the Artsmark Gold award, which is a great achievement for our school.

Next week in school:

Tuesday 17.12.24 – Reception vision screening: Screening for children in Classes 1 and 2 will take place in the morning, unless you have opted out on behalf of your child.

Wednesday 18.12.24 – Christmas / Winter jumper day and Christmas lunch: Children are welcome to wear a Christmas or Winter-themed jumper on Wednesday if they wish to. We will also be having our school Christmas lunch (I have attached the Christmas lunch menu - please note that because of the greater number of meals being served on Wednesday, there is not a 3rd option available as we would usually have). We will swap the Wednesday week 1 menu (pizza) to Thursday to avoid having roast dinners two days in a row.

Thursday 19.12.24: In the afternoon, Classes 1 and 2 will have a visit from a Jewish choir to sing some Hanukkah songs. This is part of their learning about Celebrations and Festivals.

Friday 19.12.24: Last day of the Autumn term; children return to school on Tuesday 7th January 2025.

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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