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Dear Parents and Carers

Message from Mrs Rawlins – 25.10.24

Thanks to our Year 6 classes for sharing their Kingswood residential trip adventures with us in assembly today. They had a great time at Kingswood, and certainly had lots to tell us about. Thank you to the many parents and carers who were able to come along and support. Mrs Dowdall has added photos to the school website here: [Year 6 Assembly 25.10.24](#).

We had a very enjoyable time in school last Friday, when local artist Hilary Cox-Condron joined us for an 'Imaginarium' day. An Imaginarium is a place devoted to the imagination, and we were imagining what our school, our community and our world could be like if they were full of kindness. Have a look here to see Hilary creating the tree from the children's writing and drawing, and to see the enormous kindness map of Arbury which we made: [Imaginarium Day - 18.10.24](#).

Today is the last day of this long half-term. We wish you a good half-term break – school starts again on **Monday 4th November**. Don't forget that the clocks go back an hour at 2am this Sunday!

Parent/carer consultations: A letter was emailed out yesterday about parent and carer consultations, which will be running for all classes after school on Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th November 2024. The consultations will be held in person at school.

Key information is:

We are continuing to use the online booking system delivered through the school website. To book online, you will need to go the school website and click on 'Login'. Please remember to use your parent/carer account and not your child's account. It may be a good idea to check that your account works before booking opens. There is an option to reset your password.

The booking window will be open from 3.00pm on Friday 25th October until 10.00am on Monday 11th November. We encourage you to book an appointment to discuss how your child is progressing this year. If you have any further questions about the booking system, please email the school office (office@arbury.cambs.sch.uk).

In school, week beginning Monday 4th November:

Poppies will be on available in school this week, leading up to Remembrance Day the following Monday, 11th November. Children may bring in a small donation if they wish to buy a poppy (poppies will be brought round to classes during the day). The donations go to support the work of the Royal British Legion.

Tuesday 5th November – meeting for parents/carers of children in Classes 1 and 2, 9am – 10am: On Tuesday, 5th November, the Education Inclusion Officer (Amanda Gilbert), the Mental Health Support Team (MHST), and the Red Hen team will be in school to meet new EYFS parents. They will explain what services they offer and how you can access them. Please come to the side door of the Expressive Arts hall, near the school front door and we will let you in that way.

Tuesday 5th November, 3.30pm – 4.30pm: Please see the attached flyer about Red Hen sessions at Arbury Community Centre, called 'Active Together'. Sounds like a great event!

Friday 8th November: Wear Red Day in support of 'Show Racism the Red Card': Children (and adults) are invited to wear something red on Friday 8th November if they wish to, in support of 'Show Racism the Red Card' and their work to challenge racism, particularly racism in sport. We will have a special assembly to ensure that we are all agreed that, in our school, we really try hard to make sure that everyone is treated equally and fairly and that we say NO to racism.

New school lunch menu: Just a reminder that the new school lunch menu starts on Monday 4th November. Here is the link to the new menu on the school website: [Arbury Primary School - School Meals](#).

Wishing you a happy and healthy half-term! 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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