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Dear Parents and Carers

**Message from Mrs Rawlins – 4.10.24**

After some horribly rainy weather, it has been lovely to have a couple of days where it has been dry and we have seen a little bit of Autumn sunshine! Our Year 4 children have been on their visit to Colchester Castle today, and they were very much looking forward to that visit.

**School Gateway update:** Mrs Black, our Finance Administrator, has asked me to let you know you that the option to pay by bank transfer within the School Gateway app is no longer possible. Payments now need to be made by debit or credit card.

**Next week in school:**

Classes have been choosing their class representatives and this week, I will be meeting with School Council on Monday afternoon, then on Wednesday afternoon, Mrs Dowdall will be meeting with class Reading Ambassadors and on Friday afternoon, Mr Sapsford will have the first meeting of this year with our Eco-Schools committee. The children are very good in letting us know their opinions about school and are always full of great ideas too.

**Monday afternoon, Year 1 phonics workshop:** Parents and carers of children in Classes 3 and 4 are invited to attend a short workshop at 2.45pm in the Expressive Arts hall (come to the side entrance to the hall near the school front door, and we will let you in there). This will share information on the Little Wandle phonics scheme which we use, and will help you to know how you can support your child at home.

**Tuesday – Year 3 trip:** Year 3 classes are visiting Flag Fen, as part of their History topic.

**Tuesday and Wednesday mornings – EYFS local walks:** Class 2 will go for a short local walk on Tuesday morning and Class 1 on Wednesday morning, as part of their learning about our local area.

**Wednesday – Year 5 trip:** Year 5 classes will be visiting Sutton Hoo, as part of their History topic.

**Thursday morning – Individual photographs:** Children's individual photographs will be taken on Thursday morning – we will start as soon after 9am as we can.

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October – Half-termly tea:** All are welcome to come along to our Friends of Arbury half-termly tea at the end of school on Friday in the Expressive Arts hall, between 3.25pm and 4.15pm. Do come along with your children for a drink and a little snack. It is a good chance to meet other parents and carers and have a chat, especially if you and your family are new to the school. We are grateful to have our Friends of Arbury parent/carers volunteers to run this event, and I know they would be happy to chat to anyone who is keen to be involved!

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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