

17.11.23

Dear Parents and Carers

**Message from Mrs Rawlins – 17.11.23**

Our Children In Need 'Do Your Thing' assembly was a brilliant way to start our Friday and end the school week! We enjoyed about 90 minutes of wonderful and varied talents! Thank you to all of the children who took part.

**Half-termly tea – today after school from 3.25pm:** All are welcome to come along to our half-termly tea today. Do drop in for a while for a drink and a chat.

This week in school:

**Anti-bullying week ('Make a Noise about Bullying') and Odd Socks Day:** On Monday, we began a fortnight of work to consider what bullying is and how we deal with any allegations of bullying in our school. We also are supporting children to be proud of their uniqueness, and along with wearing odd socks last Monday to emphasise this, in all classes, we are also sharing the book 'It's okay to be different' by Todd Parr. This is a simple text with a very clear way of celebrating difference. Mrs Armitage has made us a lovely film of her reading the book, which you may like to watch with your child(ren) at home too (link here: <https://safeshare.tv/x/ODUaCnSOJGA>). Next week, I will be talking in assemblies about issues around 'banter' and how easily this can escalate into things being said which are unkind and upsetting.

Next week in school:

**School Council:** I will be meeting with the School Council on Monday afternoon. We will be sharing ideas about how children are challenged in their learning and how teachers support this.

**Wednesday 22.11.23 – EYFS trip:** Classes 1 and 2 will be visiting Audley End on Wednesday. This is always a very exciting trip!

**Year 5 Science – Thursday:** Our Year 5 classes are working with Cambridge Science Centre on the first step of a special Science project.

**Friday – second round of Flu vaccinations:** Mrs Schwarz has emailed out information about this; do check in with her if you have any questions.

**Ofsted report:** Following the short inspection we had at the end of September, the Inspector's report has now been published and we can share it with you. This was our second short inspection in a row, indicating the level of confidence Ofsted have in the provision we offer (our last full inspection was 9 years ago). We continue to be a good school. You can read the report here: [Arbury Primary School - Reports and Data \(eschools.co.uk\)](https://eschools.co.uk/Arbury-Primary-School-Reports-and-Data)

**EYFS and KS1 performances:** This week, Sophie Morris has emailed out the dates and times for parents/carers to come and watch the upcoming performances in EYFS and KS1. Just to remind you, information for the KS1 performances is as follows: we are offering two guests per child (due to limitations on seating capacity). Year 1 audiences are invited to attend at 2:15pm on Wednesday 13th December and Year 2 audiences are invited to attend at 2:15pm on Thursday 14th December. You will not require a ticket as we will check guests off for each child on arrival.

The EYFS performance information is: You are invited to attend a performance of the EYFS nativity on Tuesday 19th December at 2:15pm. Due to limitations on seating capacity, we are offering two guests per child. You will not require tickets as we will check guests off for each child on arrival.

**Website calendar:** School is always a busy place, but we do try to make sure we keep you informed about key dates and events. We are generally trying to work on making sure that key dates (class assemblies, performances etc) are in the school website online calendar up to a term in advance. Please do check the calendar regularly.

**Red Hen project competition:** Children will bring home a dot-to-dot sheet today with details of a competition Red Hen are running. They will be coming to school next Wednesday to collect any entries, so if your child wants to enter, they will need to bring in their entry by Wednesday morning.

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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