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Dear Parents and Carers

Message from Mrs Rawlins – 1.12.23

Time seems to be going by so quickly at the moment and it is amazing that we are now in December! Christmas displays went up after school on Thursday and Mr Tull will be taking some photos to go on the school website so you can see them.

Christmas cards: Just a little reminder about children bringing Christmas cards for friends into school. We do encourage families to consider the environmental impact and cost of cards. Children may wish to write one card to their class instead of individual ones – children will also have the chance to make a card for their class in their Golden Time.

However, if your child would like to bring in Christmas cards, here are a few points we would ask you to consider to help things run smoothly:

- Cards need the name of the recipient and their class number on, to help us with sorting/delivering them
- We are not able to send home any lists of names of children in classes
- Please do not give out cards in the school playground – children should take their cards into class and they will take them to our school post box with an adult from their class
- On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, Year 6 children will be working with me to get cards sorted and delivered

A few extra things to share with you this week:

Christmas lunch – Friday 15th December: I have attached a flyer with the menu, but wanted to point out that due to the large numbers of children having school lunch on that day, we are not able to offer the 3rd option as we would usually do. You do not need to book Christmas lunch in advance. Also, we will do a swap so that we have our usual Friday lunch of fish fingers, veggie nuggets or baguettes on Thursday 14th.

Switching on of the Arbury Court Christmas tree lights by the Mayor: On Wednesday 13th December, the North Cambridge Community Partnership have organised an event at Arbury Court, beginning at 3.30pm. Our school will have made decorations to go on the tree, so please do go along if you can. Free refreshments are provided (hot chocolate and mince pies) and apparently, you may even see Santa! I have attached their flyer with all of the information.

NSPCC online safety workshops: We have been asked by the Local Authority PSHE Service to let you know about a series of online workshops being run by the NSPCC. There is no charge for the workshop, and you can book a place by following the link in the attached flyer. There is a workshop on Monday at 6pm, and 2 alternative ones in February and March. The focus for the workshop is keeping children safe online. Do note that the workshop is intended for adults (parents, carers, family members) and not for children.

Raising children course: The Red Hen project are running their 'Raising Children' course on Fridays between 19th January and 22nd March at the Church of the Good Shepherd hall between 9.45am and 11.45am. Please see the attached flyer about this course and how to sign up.

Next week in school:

Year 4 author visit: Year 4 classes will have an author visit on Tuesday 5th during the afternoon.

Wednesday morning – Y6 virtual author event: Our Y6 classes will be part of an online author event with Katherine Rundell.

Friday 8th December – KS2 Disco: Children are very much looking forward to the disco! If your child is planning to come, please return the slip from the letter to school by Wednesday to help us with our organisation. A reminder, also, that we are asking children to bring a named water bottle with them to the disco.

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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