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Dear Parents and Carers of children in Year 6

Information about end of Year 6 arrangements and Secondary Transfer

As we are now in the last half-term of this school year, it is, of course, approaching the time for our Year 6s to leave Arbury. Some of you have been asking about how we plan to mark the end of this year group's time with us. Whilst Mrs Dowdall and Ms Joomun are very aware of the importance of keeping the children calm and to sustain their learning, there are also many things going on in school over the coming weeks.

Secondary transfer

The prospect of transferring to Secondary school can be quite worrying for some children, and support is provided in a range of ways in school: for example, weekly transition lessons in class, and having time to talk with a school adult if children would like to. The class teachers are also liaising closely with the 10 different schools we are transferring children to this year. Mrs Dowdall and Ms Joomun have been meeting online or on the phone with teachers from the new schools.

NCA Transition Event – Monday 21st June

If your child is transferring to NCA, you will have received information about this event, which runs from 3.15pm to 4pm. If you are planning to take your child to this event, please let us know, and you can collect them from the KS2 playground when we open the afternoon gates at 2.55pm. We are not able to release children to walk round to NCA by themselves, as it is before the end of the school day.

Other end of Year 6 events

We have been waiting to get updated guidance about how Covid-19 control measures in schools might be relaxed. As a local authority school, the message to us has been to keep to the current measures until stage 4 of the roadmap. Whilst the date for this was given as no sooner than 21st June, there have been increasing questions over the deadline being pushed back. We have therefore proceeded with planning which will work under the current restrictions, should they continue until the end of term.

Production and Leavers' Assembly

We are planning to put on a small-scale production based on the events of the past year, called 'Wow! What A Year!'. The children will perform on their last day, Thursday 22nd July, at 9.30am. We will stream this performance on Zoom so that all of the classes in school can watch, as well as parents/carers and family members. We hope that giving you advance notice of the day and time will help you in being able to plan ahead to be able to watch on the day. This will be combined with elements from our leavers' evening.

Trip to Grafham Water

We have managed to book a day of adventurous activities at Grafham Water for Friday 16th July. We will send you more information soon, when we have received the timetable of activities. We know this doesn't make up for the loss of the Kingswood week in September, but we hope it will be an exciting day for the children and something to look forward to.

Other events and activities

We will let you have more information soon on other, smaller events in school which will help our school community to celebrate our Year 6 children.

Please feel free to email me if you have any specific questions which we may be able to answer:

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Kind regards

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