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Dear Parents and Carers

Message from Mrs Rawlins – 29.4.22

I hope this finds you well and that you had a good Easter break with your child/children! My apologies for sending you this so late on in the day. I did start writing this letter at 10am this morning, but it has been a rather busy one, so here I am at nearly 5.30pm trying to get it finished! We have had a lovely start back in school for the Summer Term, and we are enjoying being able to play on the field again at lunchtimes.

We are pleased to be able to have whole-school assemblies again, and our plan is to do this on a Monday, Thursday and Friday. After our first assembly last Thursday, a child told her teacher that her cheeks were hurting from smiling so much! I think that having assembly times together will help us to really get to know each other and continue to build our school community – it was great to see younger and older siblings/ cousins or friends looking so happy to see each other in the main hall! And of course, to hear the children singing together was just magical! KS2 children also had a live performance of a children's opera to watch last Friday morning, which was brilliant.

Skipping week: This week, we have had a focus on learning some new skipping skills at playtimes. Children have had a lot of fun, and have shown real determination to learn a number of new and challenging skills. I have attached a document which has some 'bronze, silver and gold' challenges (please just ignore page 1), in case you have a keen skipper who might want to practice new skills at home.

Safety: Some of you have been in touch to make us aware that a message has been passed around between parents of children at schools in the north of the city, and also on some school Facebook pages, about reports of a person causing concern outside a school at the end of last week. We wanted to reassure you that on the rare occasions where something like this happens, we always act on the advice of the Local Authority and Police and would pass on any information or advice to you immediately. We have not received any communication from them at this time, and we know that you, as we do, place the safety of all of our children as our first priority.

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel: Before Easter, you may remember that we were going to be counting the number of journeys to school by bike, scooter or on foot over a period of 2 weeks, taking part in the Big Walk and wheel initiative. Mrs Oram has collated our data and submitted it to Sustrans, and the results she has asked me to pass on are:

- Our final position was 217th out of 813 large primary schools
- Our daily score average was 70.89% of children walking, cycling or scooting to school

We are pleased with this and thank you for choosing those active ways of coming to school!

Wishing you an enjoyable weekend – don't forget that there is a Bank Holiday on Monday! We wish a happy Eid to our families celebrating too. We look forward to seeing all children back in school on Tuesday. As usual, 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 specifically involving KS2, please contact me at drawlins@arbury.cambs.sch.uk.

Kind regards

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