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Dear Parents and Carers

**Message from Mrs Rawlins – 18.10.24**

Thank you to our Friends of Arbury volunteers for making our half-termly tea last Friday such a lovely occasion! It was super to have so many parents, carers and children dropping in for a chat and a biscuit!

**Today in school we are having an Imaginarium Day!** We have invited local artist Hilary Cox-Condron to spend the day with us in school, creatively thinking and making some collaborative artwork in Hilary's 'Imaginarium' style! Inspired by the life of Leah Manning, who was the subject of a drama-focussed project involving children from Years 4 and 5 last term, we will be imagining what school, our local area and our world could be like and what we could do to make wonderful things happen! **You are very welcome to bring your child/children and pop into the Expressive Arts hall at the end of the school day (until 3.45pm) to see what we have created.** Hilary will also be at Kettle's Yard this Sunday, running two free 'Studio Sunday' art workshops. There is a 1-hour session from 12 to 1, which is suitable for children who have additional sensory needs and would benefit from a relaxed approach (places need to be booked for this session), followed by an open session between 1pm-4pm (no booking needed). This link gives more information: [Studio Sunday at Kettle's Yard](#).

**Year 6 residential trip:** Our Year 6 children have been very active at Kingswood in Norfolk since Wednesday. There are some super photos on the school website, and it certainly looks like they are having a marvellous time! They will be back at school by the end of the school day on Friday, and I am sure they will have lots to tell their families. It has definitely been quieter in school without them (probably at home too!)...

**Next week in school:**

Next week is the final week of school for this half-term and we will finish for our half-term week's holiday next Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> October.

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October:** Woodgreen Animal Centre staff will be in school during the morning to run workshops for Classes 1 and 2 ('People who help us') and Classes 9 and 10 ('Staying safe around dogs'). This is a really good opportunity for the children to learn from people who do such great work to care for animals each day.

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – 'Paint What Matters':** Our Year 4 classes will be having weekly creative workshops on 6 Wednesday mornings, with artist Josh Bilton, as part of a special project being run by Kettle's Yard. This is an exciting opportunity, as Kettle's Yard will be holding their first-ever exhibition of work by children and young people between 4 and 21 next February to March and we are very hopeful that work from children in our school will feature in that exhibition! (If you have a child who loves art, you can submit a piece of their work yourself for consideration – link here for more information: [Paint What Matters - Kettle's Yard \(cam.ac.uk\)](#).)

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October – Year 6 assembly:** Parents and carers are warmly invited to come along to the Expressive Arts hall as Classes 13 and 14 will present an assembly all about their Kingswood residential trip. Come to the side door of the Expressive Arts hall and we will let you in there from 8.50am.

**Half-term holiday lunches:** Mrs Din has asked me to share the information on the attached flyer with you, which highlights free activity and lunch options available in the north of Cambridge during half term.

**New school lunch menu:** I have also attached the new school lunch menu, which will be offered from the Monday after half-term until the end of the Spring Term. There are relatively few changes from the current menu.

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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