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Dear Parents and Carers

Message from Mrs Rawlins – 30.9.22

Thank you to everyone who was able to come along to our Harvest assembly this morning at the Church of the Good Shepherd. We had such a lovely time together, and it reminded us of the importance of being able to gather together, in person, as a school community – we have all really missed that! Mr Tull took lots of photos, and we will add them to the website on Monday in the 'News and Events' section. Thank you also to the parents and carers who helped us with our safety ratios by walking to and from the church.

We are incredibly grateful too for your generous donations of food items which we will pass on to the Foodbank. We know they will be well used to offer support to families in our area in these challenging times. On the subject of challenging times, I have attached a flyer sent to us, which has details of some 'Cost of living pop ups' taking place across the city. On 19th October and 1st November, there are sessions in our area, and they do look interesting and useful.

At the beginning of this afternoon, we had a lovely whole-school walk together on the KS2 playground, just to celebrate the fact that we are thankful to be part of Arbury Primary School. Again, we will add photos to the website as soon as we can in the 'News and Events' section.

English Touring Opera workshops: On Monday morning, our Year 5 classes worked with Noah and Abigail, the composer and director of a new opera for children called 'The Wish Gatherer'. They were hoping to gather ideas about wishes for our world from the children, and to get some feedback on songs from the show. It was great fun, and, of course, our children were full of fabulous ideas! It was a lovely way to start the week.

Also during this week, it was good to have so many of you coming to Open Classrooms on Tuesday. Additionally, we were really pleased to be able to start Year 4 swimming lessons on Thursday, for the first time since the pandemic began.

Things happening next week:

No crossing patrol: Please note that we do not expect to have our crossing patrol person next week at all, and possibly not for the week afterwards too. Please remind children who come to and from school alone to be very careful of the need to cross the road safely.

Black History Month: Each October, we take the opportunity to learn about and learn from the often overlooked stories of the lives and achievements of people of colour. I will introduce Black History Month in my assembly on Monday, and we will revisit the theme 'Time for Change – Action not Words' in assembly times during the month.

National Poetry Day: Thursday 6th October will be National Poetry Day, and the theme this year is 'The Environment'. During the day, children will have the chance to read, hear and write poetry. We will also focus on poetry in our Friday morning assembly.

Open Evening for Y6s: Chesterton Community College has an Open Evening on Thursday 6th October between 6pm and 8pm for Year 6 children and their parents/carers. It is a good opportunity to visit the school as part of the decision-making process when applying for a secondary school place.

Year 3 trip to Flag Fen: On Friday 7th October, Year 3 will visit Flag Fen, which is a Bronze Age site, as part of their 'Stone Age to Iron Age' topic.

Thank you again for your support of our Harvest celebration. 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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