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Dear Parents and Carers

**Message from Mrs Rawlins – 6.5.22**

Despite having just 4 days in school this week, it has felt just as busy as a normal week! Children have been working hard and making the most of our lovely field space at lunchtimes.

**Y6 SATs:** Next week, our Y6 children will take their statutory end of Key Stage assessments (SATs). We are proud of how hard they have been working this year, and wish them well. This is the first time since 2019 that the SATs have taken place for children in Year 6.

**Year 5 Maths Challenge:** Last Friday afternoon, 4 of our Year 5 children took part in an online heat of the Local Authority Year 5 Maths Challenge. Miss Bright, who was with the team, was very pleased with their Mathematical knowledge, but also with their excellent teamwork. We are proud to report that they won their heat and are now through to the final in early July – a fantastic achievement!

**Warm weather reminder:**

Mr Tull has asked me to give a little reminder of the main things to remember on these warm days:

- Sunhats can really help, but please make sure that they are named, as this makes it much easier for us to reunite lost hats with their owners.
- Named water bottles need to be in school every day; bottles can be easily refilled in classrooms whenever needed.
- Sun cream – ideally, please apply any sun cream on your child before they come into school. However, if needed, children can apply their own cream in school at lunchtime. Please ensure that any sun cream sent into school is clearly named. As children will be applying their own cream, do go through with them how to apply it.
- Clothing and footwear: please check that shoulders, tummies and tops of legs are covered, and that children can run about in their footwear (flip flops are not suitable for school, as they don't allow children to be able to do the full range of movement required as part of the school day) – we also advise socks are worn if children are wearing open-toed sandals.

**Safety on site:** Thank you for helping to keep us all safe by wheeling bikes/scooters whilst on site, but please do take extra care if you are going through the KS1 playground to go home – it is a very busy area, and we cannot have children or adults cycling/scooting through.

**Inspire: Nature – Take One Picture:** You may remember that last term we had a lovely week in school learning about a painting 'Rough Sea by a Jetty', and being inspired to create artwork, poetry, Science and writing in response. Well, the painting is now part of an exhibition at the Fitzwilliam Museum which opened earlier this week. The exhibition is open until 29<sup>th</sup> August and is called 'True to Nature' (link here: [The Fitzwilliam Museum - True to Nature: Open-air Painting in Europe 1780-1870 \(cam.ac.uk\)](https://www.cam.ac.uk/true-to-nature)) Excitingly, class poems written by our Year 4 classes are displayed in front of the painting. I have attached a photo, but you would get a clearer view if you were able to visit and see it in person!

Have a good weekend! 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](mailto:smorris@arbury.cambs.sch.uk) and for anything specifically involving KS2, please contact me at [drawlins@arbury.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:drawlins@arbury.cambs.sch.uk).

Kind regards

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