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Dear Parents and Carers

**Message from Mrs Rawlins – 15.10.21**

I write this at the end of another busy week at Arbury, just wanting to update you on a few things going on in school:

**Harvest assembly and Foodbank donations:** This morning, we had our video Harvest assembly in school, even though, like last year, it was sadly not at the Church of the Good Shepherd. I have added the assembly video to the school website in case you might like to watch some or all of it: [Harvest assembly 2021](#). Next week, we are inviting donations of items which we will pass on to the local Foodbank which operates from the Church of the Good Shepherd. Please see the attached information about the kinds of items the Foodbank is running low on (they have said they don't need beans or pasta, as they have plenty of these items). We will have a box in the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds from Monday to Friday for items to be collected. Thank you for your support of this important local service.

**Eggs and Chicks:** Year 2 children have been very excited this week, as the eggs which arrived on Monday have begun to hatch! Have a look here: [Eggs and chicks in Y2](#)

**Individual photos:** Photographers will be in school to take individual photos next Thursday (21<sup>st</sup> October). We are not having any sibling photos again this year.

**Equalities award:** Mrs Whiting has spent a lots of time over the last year gathering evidence for the Gold Equalities award, and we heard this week that her application has been successful! We are delighted to receive this award. The person who reviewed the application commented: '... you are one of the best schools we have had complete the Award (and certainly the best I have worked with)!' Thank you to Mrs Whiting for the many hours of work invested over the past months!

**Science image success:** Congratulations to one of our Y6 children, whose entry for a Science Image competition was awarded the runner-up place out of many, many entries. Images were taken using a digital microscope which had been loaned to us by the MRC Laboratory of Molecular Science. Have a look at the photo here: [Science Image photo](#)

**Earrings in school:** Just a reminder that if your child wears earrings to school, for safety reasons, they need to be studs and not hoop earrings.

**Museum of Cambridge Storytelling sessions:** The Museum of Cambridge has some free Storytelling sessions over half-term. You can book using the link here: [October Half-Term Spooky Stories Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#), using the code **Arbury2021** at checkout. For people who book using this code, they will offer the first 16 adults a free entry ticket to the Museum (£7 adult entry, children go free) to be used on another day. I have attached their flyer for information too.

**Year 5 – Children in Art project with Cambridge Curiosity and Imagination:** Last week, Year 5 classes produced some lovely art pieces, working in our KS2 Forest Area with two visiting artists. You may want to have a look on the school website here: [Year 5 Art project](#)

**Black History Month and Wear Red Day (Show Racism the Red Card):** In our assemblies, we have been learning about some very inspiring people (see the website page here: [Black History month assemblies](#)). Next Friday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> October, we are inviting children to wear something red to school, in support of the 'Show Racism the Red Card' campaign. You may even wish to wear red at home or when you go to work or do your shopping. We are going to be thinking about 'At Arbury we say NO to racism, but YES to kindness.'

Wishing you a very enjoyable weekend! As usual, do contact Kathy Whiting if you have any EYFS/KS1 queries ([kwhiting@arbury.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:kwhiting@arbury.cambs.sch.uk)) or me if you have a query relating to KS2 ([drawlins@arbury.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:drawlins@arbury.cambs.sch.uk)).

Best wishes

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