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Dear Parents and Carers

**Message from Mrs Rawlins – 3.3.23**


Thank you to those of you who were able to come along to Open Classrooms on Tuesday after school. It was lovely to see you and we know the children do enjoy sharing their work with you.

We have just had our World Book Day assembly, and it was great fun to see so many children celebrating a favourite character from a book. We had dragons, dinosaurs, witches and wizards, animals and superheroes... to name but a few! Today, classes will be having a 'booknic' in the Expressive Arts hall with other classes, and they will have the chance to read lots of brand-new books. Do remember that the World Book Day vouchers for the special £1 books are valid until 26<sup>th</sup> March.

**Next week:**

**Parent/carer consultations on Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday:** Please remember to book your appointment through the school website – booking is open until this Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> March, at 12 noon. Do contact the school office if you have any questions about booking online.

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March - NSPCC assemblies:** On Monday, KS1 (Years 1&2 – EYFS are not included) and KS2 (Years 3-6) will be having a short video assembly produced by the NSPCC as part of their 'Speak Out. Stay Safe.' Programme. This is something we have offered in school (as do most other primary Schools) every 2 years as part of our Safeguarding offer to help children learn to keep themselves safe. The aim of the programme is to support children in knowing that they have the right to speak out and be heard, to be safe, and to get help when they need it. Children are reminded to think of who their trusted adults are at school and at home; they are also taught about Childline as another potential source of support. Please see the attached information for parents and carers, and do talk to Mrs Dowdall or Mrs Morris if you have any specific questions.

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Maths Day:** We are having a focus on Maths on Wednesday, based on the lovely book '365 penguins' by Jean-Luc Fromental. This book lends itself to lots of discussion and practical Maths. There is a video recording of the book here in case you would like to share it with your child: [365 Penguins!](#)  - YouTube

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March - Y2 trip to Church Farm:** Year 2 will be looking forward to a great day visiting Church Farm on Thursday.

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Y3 visit to the Fitzwilliam Museum:** Year 3 will be spending the day at the Fitzwilliam Museum as part of their topic about Ancient Greece.

**eSafety update – Roblox:** Our Safeguarding Team have asked me to pass on this information to you about Roblox.

*It has come to our attention that there is some disturbing content on the online game platform, Roblox. Although some of the games on this platform are aimed at children as young as 7, Common Sense Media suggests that the recommended age range for using Roblox is 13+. Please do ensure that you are aware of the content that your child is accessing online at home and check that any devices have the appropriate safety restrictions activated.*

**Cambridgeshire Constabulary Safer Schools Newsletter:** Mrs Din has asked me to share the March Safer Schools Newsletter with you, which is attached. The subjects covered in their newsletter are as follows:

- *Antisocial Behaviour: What can I do as a parent/carer*
- *E-Scooters - reminder about the law*
- *Keeping children safe online – FREE virtual workshop for parents/carers*
- *KOOTH – Digital Mental Health Support Service*
- *Child car seats & belt safety – The Law*
- *Parenting guide to Whizz App*

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose Day:** On Red Nose Day, the 17<sup>th</sup> March, children are welcome to wear something red if they wish to. More information next week about that, but I did want to mention that on Red Nose Day, we will be holding our 'A' Factor talent show. This is different from our 'Do Your Thing' assembly for Children in Need, in which anyone and everyone can take part. For the 'A' Factor, children from Years 3-6 can audition to take part, but they do need to be prepared for a 'proper' performance (singing, dancing, magic, comedy etc). We will choose 10 finalists who will perform on the 17<sup>th</sup> on Red Nose Day. I will be explaining more to children about this today at lunchtime and on Monday in assembly. I hope to hold auditions next Friday, so children might like to think if they want to audition and can prepare so they are ready.

Wishing you a good weekend, and lots of luck to any of you who are running in the Cambridge Half-Marathon on Sunday!

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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