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Dear Parents and Carers

Message from Mrs Rawlins – 8.12.23

I trust that this finds you well. The weather has been very cold this week, but it was good to see a bit of sunshine this morning!

Thank you for your support a few weeks ago with the Royal British Legion poppy appeal. We have heard back from their admin people that our school raised £154.15.

This week in school:

On Tuesday, our Year 4 classes were visited by local author John Barnett. He has written two lovely books and all of the profits from the book sales go to Addenbrookes. If you think you might like to buy one of John's books, here are links to find them:

- <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Windy-B-The-Christmas-Lights>
- <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Windy-B-The-Snow-Race>

KS2 Disco today, 5.30pm – 7pm: The children are really excited about the KS2 Disco later. We will be opening the door at **5.30pm**, and children need to be collected at **7pm**. Please also check that children bring a **water bottle** with them. We are very grateful to the parents and carers who have volunteered to be here this evening so that this event can happen – thank you!

Next week in school:

Switching on of the Arbury Court Christmas tree lights: On Wednesday 13th December, the North Cambridge Community Partnership have organised an event at Arbury Court, beginning at 3.30pm. Our school has made decorations to go on the tree, so please do go along if you are able to. Free refreshments are provided (hot chocolate and mince pies).

Year 1/2 production: We wish Year 1/2 children well as they prepare to perform 'Lights, Camel, Action' next week. On Monday morning, they will perform to the school, on Wednesday afternoon at 2.15pm will be a performance to parents and carers of children in Year 1 (2 guests per child), and then on Thursday at 2.15pm, there will be a performance to parents and carers of children in Year (again, 2 guests per child). The children and staff have been working so hard, the singing is amazing... we are sure you will love it!

Friday 15th December – a very busy day indeed!

- **Christmas / Winter Jumper Day:** Children may want to wear a Christmas or Winter-themed jumper to school on Friday.
- **Year 4/5/6 choir singing in assembly:** Parents and carers of children who are part of the Year 4/5/6 choir are invited to come along to our whole-school assembly on Friday. The assembly starts at 9am in the Expressive Arts hall.
- **Christmas lunch:** We will be having our Christmas lunch on Friday also. A reminder that you do not need to book Christmas lunch in advance (although due to larger numbers of lunches than usual, we will not be offering a pasta or jacket potato option on that day). Also, we will do a swap so that we have our usual Friday lunch of fish fingers, veggie nuggets or baguettes on Thursday 14th.

Storytelling session tomorrow: Tomorrow, Saturday 9th December, between 10.30-11.30, it's 'Time for a Story' at Milton Road Library, with Marion Leeper and friends. Marion says: 'Expect stories about presents, boxes and giving, with talented new storyteller Marion Brethe and puppeteer Laura Ungvary.' Families are welcome to drop into this free session; the last one for this year.

Education Inclusion Family Adviser (EIFA) newsletter: Please see the attached newsletter from Amanda Gilbert, our school's EIFA.

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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