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Dear Parents and Carers

**Message from Mrs Rawlins – 8.7.22**

Thank you for making our first Open Classrooms visit such a memorable one – so many of you in school enjoying seeing what your children have been doing! We know that some of you were disappointed not to be able to attend, but from September, we are hoping to return to our usual practice of having an Open Classrooms visit every half-term, and we will try to make sure that the dates are fixed as early as possible. We hope that will help those of you who need to be able to plan far ahead to have time off work.

We also had a great Year 5/6 Sports Day event and were glad that it could go ahead at the second time of asking! Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed their day at Shepreth Wildlife Park on Tuesday! On Wednesday, our Year 5 Maths Challenge team took part in the online final against 16 other teams from Cambridgeshire. There were 4 very tough rounds to work through, under tight time constraints. They worked brilliantly as a team and represented us so well!

End of year reports: Children will bring home their reports today and we are sure you will enjoy reading about the progress they have made this year. There is much to celebrate! Well done also to Year 2 and Year 6 children, who have had SATs assessments to complete for the first time since 2019, plus our Year 4 children, who have taken the multiplication check test for the first time ever. If you add in Year 1 phonics testing and the EYFS Early Learning Goals, you can see that the children and staff have been involved in quite a range of statutory assessments. Along with great support from home, it is clear how much of a team effort it takes to make super learning happen!

Platinum Jubilee books: The Government have sent maintained schools in England and Wales a copy of a book for each child, to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Children will be bringing them home today or Monday.

ReadingZone picturebook competition: Mrs Dowdall says, "For World Book Day, back in March, we had a whole school project where each class worked collaboratively to create a picture book. Every class created a gorgeous book which we then entered into an international competition run by ReadingZone. We are very excited to announce that our entries did really well and that Class 4 won their category 'Young Creators' with their beautiful book 'Moonlight and the Storm'. They have won £100 worth of books for Key Stage 1. Class 10 and Class 13 also got 'Honourable Mentions' in their category and have won some fiction books for Key Stage 2. Every book our school created was wonderful and we are so proud of every class. Today we held a special assembly to celebrate the achievements of our creative, imaginative children. Well done, Arbury!" If you would like to read Class 4s winning entry and read the judge's lovely comments, please visit: <https://www.readingzone.com/news/winners-of-the-readingzone-picture-book-competition-2022/>

Excellent running: Connor, one of our children in Year 6, took part in the Race for Life on Sunday, running in the 10k race. He was the youngest 10k runner taking part, and finished the race in a time of 49mins 24 secs. He came 11<sup>th</sup> out of all of the 2700 entrants (adults and juniors) – what an amazing achievement! Connor also told me that he left his Mum behind about 10 seconds after the race had started...!

Next week:

Meet the new teacher: On Monday morning, 11<sup>th</sup> July, the children will spend some time with their new teacher in their new classroom. At the end of the school day, you are invited to pop in to the new classroom and meet the teacher.

Half-termly tea: Tuesday looks as if it could be incredibly hot, but nevertheless, on 12<sup>th</sup> July from 3.15pm to 4.00pm, you are invited to come along to the KS2 playground for a short half-termly 'tea'. This will be very simple, but we will have some cold water and squash, plus some biscuits and maybe even an ice pop to help keep you cool! We will also have pre-loved books and school uniform items which you are welcome to take if they are of use to your family. There is no charge for anything - we'd love to see as many of you who are able to pop along for a little while. If you are new to the school, you will be able to meet members of Friends of Arbury and let them know if you are interested in getting involved with some of their activities next academic year.

Hot weather: We are anticipating quite a run of very warm weather. Please continue to send children in with sun hats, shoulders covered, water bottles filled and sunscreen applied. We will be encouraging the children to make good use of the shade during their time outside at lunch, and will continue to follow the official guidance for primary age children's safety in hot temperatures.

We wish 'Eid Mubarak' to our families who are celebrating Eid al-Adha tomorrow!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend – keep well hydrated and as cool as you can! 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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