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Dear Parents and Carers

Message from Mrs Rawlins – 10.6.22

I hope this finds you well! We have had a super week in school with lots going on! I have quite a few things to tell you about this week, so here goes...

Arbury Carnival: Please do come along on Saturday if you are able to for the procession – we will meet on the green at the corner of Minerva Way and Northfield Avenue from 11.30am onwards. I will bring hats, streamers and whistles!!

Scaffolding: You will have noticed scaffolding up around the building. We have been waiting a long time for roofing replacement and insulation upgrade work to be done, and the Local Authority have now got things under way. The first phase of the work will take place between now and the end of the holidays, with the second phase taking place in the same period next year. It is expected that the completed works will make the building warmer and more energy efficient.

Reading newsletter: Mrs Dowdall has put together our latest reading newsletter. I have attached a pdf version, and you will see that it is full of interesting information on what books we are enjoying in school at the moment.

Empathy Day: Yesterday was Empathy Day nationally, and in our assembly, I was able to share ideas from several books which can help us to understand how others are thinking and feeling. There is a useful 'Read for Empathy' booklist which I have attached as it includes some great books. One of the ones we talked about yesterday was 'Barbara Throws a Wobbler' – it's a great story!

Medals: Your child may have come home wearing a Cambridge Half-Marathon medal – the reason for this is that I was contacted by the City Council to see if we could use some of their many surplus medals. I asked for 400 and got them! We haven't been able to meet up with other classes for so long, that I thought that we could pair classes up to have a lovely walk together on the field and then celebrate by having a medal to keep! It also helps to reuse the surplus medals! I will put some photos onto the school website so you can have a look. Some classes are having their walk next week, so won't get their medal until then!

Things coming up next week:

Sports festivals: We have been able to take part in some year group sports festivals this term, which are organised by Chesterton Community College for local primary schools. Next week, Y5 children will go to their Rounders festival on Wednesday.

Class photos: We will have class photos taken on Wednesday morning (Y5 will have theirs done before they go to Rounders).

Fitzwilliam Museum: We have 10 children from Y5 taking part in a project at the Museum to be artists in residence for a week. It looks very exciting and I am sure it will be a fantastic experience to work with experts throughout the week! We are the first primary school they have ever chosen to work with in this way. (They will also have their class photo taken before leaving for the Museum.)

Wear Yellow Day: On Friday, children are welcome to wear something yellow to school if they wish to. This is in support of Cystic Fibrosis awareness.

Other things to note:

Year group information letters will be coming out to you (hopefully later today) to let you know about the curriculum and learning experiences for your child's year group over the coming weeks. It's certainly going to be a busy time!

Refugee Week and Languages Week: During the week beginning 20th June, we are having a focus in school to celebrate the many different languages spoken by our families. We love our diverse community and we also thought there was a good link with Refugee Week, when we will think about being welcoming to new people. If you have a home language other than English, we would love you to share a picturebook or short story in that language if you would like to. There are two ways you could do this:

- Video yourself reading the story and then upload it to your child's page on Seesaw, so it can be shared with your child's class.
- You may like to come into school and read a story to your child's class in person – if so, please talk to your child's teacher to agree a suitable day and time.

Sorry for such a lengthy letter! Wishing you a very 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 and for anything specifically involving KS2, please contact me at drawlins@arbury.cambs.sch.uk.

Kind regards
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