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Dear Parents and Carers

**Message from Mrs Rawlins – 17.12.21**

Today is the last day of the Autumn Term, and it has, indeed, been a very busy term! Thank you for working with us to offer the best provision in school for our children. We are very proud of all of their achievements and look forward to continuing to work with them in 2022! Teachers have a staff training day on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022, with the first day for children being Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2022.

A few things to share with you this week:

EYFS and KS1 productions: It was wonderful to share with so many of you on Zoom as we watched the children share their songs, acting and dancing. We know that many family members from other places in the UK and around the world were able to join in and watch too – how great to be able to use technology in this way!

Website: do check the 'News and Events' section on the school website for information and photos of things going on in school this week.

Reading newsletter: I have attached Mrs Dowdall's Autumn 2 reading newsletter. It is full of lots of information and ideas to inspire reading!

KS2 Christmas songs: For the last couple of weeks, Mrs Ford has been teaching each KS2 class a Christmas song during their Music lesson with her. Last week, she recorded them singing (apart from Class 12, but we have added a singalong track of their song), and we thought you might like to be able to listen to them at home! Mrs Ford thought they might form the basis of a CD entitled 'Now That's What I Call an Arbury Christmas!' We hope you enjoy the songs – link here: [KS2 Christmas songs](#).

Message from Mrs Whiting: As you know, today is Mrs Whiting's last day with us here at Arbury. We wish her well for the future, and she wanted me to share this message to you from her:  
*'Just a huge thank you for all the kind messages I have received this week. I have read and cherished every single one. This is a very special school and it has been my privilege to work here for so many years, with such wonderful children, staff and families. I will remember my time at Arbury as a real highlight in my long career. I will definitely keep in touch and keep you posted about my future travels on a bike.'*

And finally: In my video assembly this morning, I was talking to the children about the importance of noticing the things we have to be thankful for. I really do feel thankful to work in such a vibrant and caring community of adults, children and families, and would like to wish you all a restful break and a Happy Christmas. See you in 2022!

Kind regards

Diane Rawlins  
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