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Dear Parents/Carers

Message from Mrs Rawlins

I hope this finds you and your family well, and that you have had a good week!

Learning at home

We have sent home our final paper copies of Home Learning Ideas packs this week. Thank you to those of you who were so appreciative to the Teaching Assistants who have been undertaking the mammoth task of coping and delivering them in person! The packs are also on the Home Learning Hub in the year group pages if you want to access them electronically. We will continue to update the content on eSchools class and group pages over the next 2 weeks, which you can use to select tasks for children to work on as you wish.

Transferring to new classes in September

Of course, this year, we have not been able to do our usual work with children on preparing to move up to a new Year group and class. However, in the week beginning 13th July, we will be using eSchools class pages to provide a few things which we hope will help the children to feel as prepared as they can be. More detailed information from me about that will come next Friday, the 10th July.

I also just wanted to reassure you that, at the core of our preparations for a full reopening in September (now that the Government guidance has been issued in relation to that), is the wellbeing of our children. We know that there will be gaps in learning, and things to catch up with, but we also know that we are ready to work with you and the children to make the return to school the best it can be – children, staff and family members have all been missing the routine of school as well as being part of the Arbury Primary School family.

APS Rainbow Challenge

Linked to that idea, I am inviting you to take part in our APS Rainbow Challenge, which will run until the end of term. At the start of lockdown, rainbows drawn and painted by children appeared everywhere, in windows around the country, as a symbol of hope in difficult times. On the school website, in the Home Learning Hub area, I have created an 'APS Rainbow Challenge' page (link here: https://www.arbury.cambs.sch.uk/website/aps_rainbow_challenge/495887). The idea is to take close-up photos of things at home, in the garden or out and about, showing one of the colours in the rainbow (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet) – no faces, please – and then email them to me at this address: rainbow@arbury.cambs.sch.uk. I hope that by the end of term, we will have gathered lots of colourful photos to make our own Arbury rainbow, as an expression of the special community we are.

Summer Reading Challenge

We have had a request from Cambridgeshire Libraries to remind families about this challenge, which runs until September. This is the link to the main website <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/home-zone-src>, and to the Cambridgeshire Libraries page: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries/library-news/summer-reading-challenge>.

Wishing you a lovely weekend!

With best wishes
Diane Rawlins
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