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Dear Parents and Carers

Message from Mrs Rawlins – 19.11.21

As I write this, I can hear the sounds of clapping, music and lots of fun things going on in classrooms as children share a remarkable range of talents with their classmates! Children in Need day is always a special one in school - lots of spots, furry ears and practising of skills. I am sure Mrs Whiting will have lots of great photos to add to the website! Just a few things from me this week:

News and events on the school website: Mrs Whiting has been extra busy this week, adding photos of school events. Things you may wish to browse through are on this page: [November 2021 - News and Events](#).

Anti-bullying fortnight: Next week, we will have another week in school where we will be especially helping the children to know what to do if they think that bullying is happening to them or to another child. This week, the children made Chains of Kindness on Wednesday lunchtime, where they wrote kind words or phrases and then we joined them into long chains. It was a lovely way to remind ourselves of the sort of kind things we can say, which will make a difference to how others feel. We do have lots of amazingly kind children in our school!

Decorations for Arbury Court Christmas tree: We were pleased to be asked by Kettle's Yard if we would like to make some decorations for the Christmas tree at Arbury Court, so we are hoping to be able to work with an artist to do that at the end of next week!

Bikeability for Year 5/6 children: A final reminder is coming home with children who have places booked for this training next week. If the letter doesn't reach you, please check the Letters section of the school website for a pdf version.

Equalities Gold award: I recently shared with you that Mrs Whiting had worked incredibly hard to provide evidence for us to be given the Equalities Gold award. They have now sent us a banner, and we would like to have a public sharing of our banner next Friday, 26th November. The banner will be attached to the railings in the KS1 playground in the morning from 8.50am - 9.00am for people to come and see. At home time, in the KS2 playground, as close to 3.15pm as we can, we would like to try and do a large, socially distanced group photo for anyone who would like to come along. We will really be able to spread out to keep us all Covid-secure, and all are welcome to come along, smile for the camera, and have a clap and a cheer to celebrate our award!

Wishing you a very lovely weekend! Do contact Kathy Whiting (kwhiting@arbury.cambs.sch.uk) if you have any questions about things related to EYFS/KS1, and me if I can help with anything linked to KS2 (drawlins@arbury.cambs.sch.uk).

Best wishes

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