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Dear Parents and Carers

Message from Mrs Rawlins – 10.2. 23

Already, we have reached the end of the first half of the Spring Term, and school will be closed next week for the half-term holiday. Please note that children are back in school on **Tuesday 21st February**, as we have a staff training day on the Monday.

This week has been a busy one, with trips for Year 1 and Year 4. We were delighted that in both cases, members of the public commented to teachers on the wonderful behaviour of the children. We have also had a bit of a focus on Children's Mental Health week and Safer Internet Day in our assemblies and we had a lovely time this morning, as Class 1 presented their assembly to the school and to lots of parents and carers. Today is also the final day of the teaching placement for Miss Smit and Miss Herring in Class 9 – we wish them well for the rest of their training and their future careers as primary teachers.

Next week: During half-term, you may want to check out some of the wonderful activities organised by the University of Cambridge Museums. There is lots of information here about 'Twilight with the Museums' [Twilight with the Museums | University of Cambridge Museums](#).

After half-term:

Menu change on Tues 21st: As it is Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day) on the 21st, there is a slight change to the school lunch menu for dessert, which will be pancakes. The main course options remain the same, and there will still be fruit available instead of pancakes for dessert as usual.

Friday 24th February - Class 12 assembly: We look forward to Class 12 presenting their assembly to us. The assembly starts soon after 9am and parents and carers are warmly invited to come along. Please come to the Expressive Arts hall door near the main entrance to the school and we will let you in (we will open the doors at 8.50am).

Friday 24th February: During the afternoon, our Reading Ambassadors will have a meeting with Mrs Dowdall. They will no doubt be looking ahead to the following Friday, 3rd March, when we will be celebrating World Book Day in school!

Seesaw Learning platform: Please note that we will be finishing using Seesaw, as we are not delivering remote learning, so it does not make financial sense to keep on the subscription. If you do want to access anything from your child's portfolio, you will be able to do so until February 24th.

Information from local authority Education Inclusion Family Advisor (EIFA): I have attached 3 pdf documents from the EIFA, Amanda Gilbert, who has asked us to share these with you. They offer details of support being offered to parents/carers and families.

Earthquake in Turkey: As you will be aware, there was a devastating earthquake on Monday in Turkey, which has caused enormous loss of life in Turkey and in Northern Syria. There are lots of ways in which people can give locally to help with providing relief to those communities, but I hope you do not mind me sharing the link to the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC), which works with 15 prominent charities to get help to where it is needed most. The link is here: [DEC Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal | Disasters Emergency Committee](#). We are thinking also at this time of those families in our school community who have links to Turkey and Syria and may be concerned for family and friends.

Wishing you a lovely half-term. As always, 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 particularly involving KS2, please contact Kate Dowdall at kdowdall@arbury.cambs.sch.uk.

Kind regards
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