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Dear Parents and Carers

Message from Mrs Rawlins – 9.9.22

Welcome back to a new academic year! We hope you have had a good break over the summer. It has been great to welcome our children back to school this week, and especially to begin to get to know our new EYFS children and a number of other children who have joined us this term.

In my assembly this morning, I talked gently to the children about the news relating to the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II and the fact that we now have a new King. It may be that the amount of coverage on the news over the coming days has an impact on some children. We will be sensitive and very low-key about what we do in school, whilst acknowledging the role the Queen has played in the life of the nation over past years. If we receive any specific guidance from Government or the Local Authority, we will keep you informed.

Year 6 residential: Next week, our Year 6 children are away from Monday to Friday on their residential trip to Kingswood in Norfolk. They will have the chance to take part in many different adventurous activities – it will be a fantastic experience for them! We are so pleased that this can go ahead, after 2 years where Covid prevented the trip from taking place.

Information about what is going on in school this half-term: I have emailed some documents to you this afternoon, which let you know about the curriculum for this half-term for your child's year group. You can also find those documents here: [Half-termly Year Group Information](#). We have added dates to the website calendar for a number of experiences and events in school. Just look at the calendar on the website homepage and click on any dates which are blue, to see details of what is happening on that date.

Family events to enjoy: I just wanted to share with you a couple of nice things which came through to me for families to go along to.

1. Time for a Story!

Come for a FREE Saturday morning of family storytelling, once a month in Milton Road Library: stories from around the world told, read and sung, with maybe a bit of drawing and a snack added into the mix. Check out the stories any time between 10.30-11.30, or stay for the whole hour. Drop in on the day, or sign up on the [library web page](#) to be doubly sure of a place. Children need to be accompanied, please.

Dates of sessions: 17th September, 15th October, 19th November, 17th December
AT Milton Road Library, Ascham Road, Cambridge, CB4 2BD

<https://www.library.live/calendar/time-for-a-story-at-milton-road-library>

September 17th: Conkers Acorns and generally completely NUTS!

October 15th : Dragons and Deserts

November 19th: Parties and peculiar presents

December 17th: Winter Sparkles

- 2. Fitzwilliam Museum family events:** Please do have a look at this link to find out about free family events and activities organised by the Fitzwilliam Museum: [The Fitzwilliam Museum - family events and activities](#)

The children (and staff!) are feeling tired after a very busy first week back, so we wish you all a 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 particularly involving KS2, please contact Kate Dowdall at kdowdall@arbury.cambs.sch.uk.

Kind regards
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