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Dear Parents and Carers

Message from Mrs Rawlins – 16.12.22

What a very cold and icy week we have had! Hopefully, things will warm up a bit for the last few days of term! A reminder that our last day of school is next **Wednesday, 21st December**. Children return to school on **Thursday 5th January 2023**.

Christmas lunch and Christmas / Winter jumper day: We have had a lovely time today watching the Year 1/2 production and then having our Christmas lunch wearing a range of lovely party hats! It's been lovely to see lots of children wearing festive jumpers! I will add some photos into the news and events section of the website when I have a chance later!

Switch on of lights on Arbury Court Christmas tree: Thank you to everyone who came along on Tuesday after school, especially those who came and sang along so that I did not need to sing a solo! I have added some photos of our decorations on the tree to the school website here: [Arbury Primary School - Switching on of Christmas tree lights at Arbury Court](#).

Autumn Term 2 Reading Newsletter: I have attached a pdf copy of Mrs Dowdall's Reading newsletter, which is also on the website. It gives you a lovely update on some of the things we do in school to encourage a real love of reading in all our children.

TTRockstars: Miss Bright, our Maths Lead, spoke to KS2 children in assembly on Monday about TTRockstars, a platform we use to help support learning and quick recall of times tables facts to 12 x 12. We will be awarding a trophy in assembly on Mondays to celebrate the work children do at home and at school on TTRockstars. We will give some more information on how it will all work at the start of next term.

Next week in school:

Monday at 2pm: Performance of the Year 1/2 production, 'A Midwife Crisis'. Year 1 parents and carers are invited to come to this performance.

Tuesday at 2pm: Performance of the Year 1/2 production, 'A Midwife Crisis'. Year 2 parents and carers are invited to come to this performance.

Wednesday: Last day of the Autumn Term. We will be watching a live screening in the Expressive Arts hall of an online pantomime called 'Pantoland', which will be a fun way to end the term!

Cost of living crisis: Mrs Din, our Inclusion and Safeguarding Lead, has asked me to pass on the information below to you: *We are aware that there are many families struggling with the current cost of living crisis with many turning to schools for support, so here are some links which may help you or someone you know over the holidays.*

- **Food Bank:** <https://cambridgecity.foodbank.org.uk/locations/>
- **Cost of Living:** <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/communities-localism/support-with-the-cost-of-living>
- **Free school meals support:** School-aged children and young people in both primary and secondary settings who are in receipt of benefit-related free school meals can receive **4 sessions** at one of the holiday provisions during the Christmas holidays at no cost. The sessions will include a range of activities and all food is also included for free. There are a range of provisions across the city. Parents/carers book a place directly with their chosen provision using this link: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/communities-localism/support-with-the-cost-of-living/holiday-activities-and-food-programme>

Wishing you a good weekend, with, hopefully, some warmer weather which will last into next week! Happy Hanukkah to our families who will begin celebrating at the weekend!

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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