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Dear Parents and Carers

Message from Mrs Rawlins – 25.11.22

I hope that you have had a good week! Some of you have begun to ask us about children sending Christmas cards to classmates this year. We didn't do this in 2020 and 2021, as we were still very much under strict Covid guidance. This year, though, if your child would like to bring in Christmas cards, here are a few points we would ask you to consider to help things run smoothly:

- Please do not bring cards into school until Monday 5th December onwards
- Cards need the name of the recipient and their class number on, to help us with sorting/delivering them
- Please do not give out cards in the school playground – children should take their cards into class

Giving Christmas cards is not something which is expected, but we know that it is something which many children like to do. Our Eco-Committee representatives would be very pleased if you would think about whether it is possible to recycle / cut down on the number of cards sent. Perhaps children could send just one card to their whole class...?

This week in school:

'Do your thing' assembly today: What a great assembly we had! Having checked the list of acts, I think we had around 170 children in total taking part and having a go!

Anti-bullying week 2: This week, we have been thinking a bit more about what we can do if we think that bullying is happening to us or someone we know, and talking about what we do at school if someone shares a concern about bullying with us. As we know, as children get older, they need to learn how to keep themselves safe online. Last year, we shared a link to 'Interland' with children and families, and I thought it was worth sharing it again. It is a fun and interactive game, particularly suitable for KS2, and it really does help children and their grown-ups to have those conversations about staying safe online. Here is the link: [Play Interland - Be Internet Awesome](#)

Next week in school:

Rehearsals are under way for our EYFS and our Year 1/2 productions. School events continue across the year groups – it is a busy time of year! Our Reading Ambassadors will be meeting with Mrs Dowdall on Monday afternoon. They are doing lots in school to help look after our books and sharing the importance of reading with children throughout school.

Visits: Year 1 are going to Ely Toy Museum on Monday, Classes 1 and 2 are off to Audley End on Tuesday morning – very exciting! A Year 6 team is participating in a Cross-Country event on Monday morning and our Year 2 children have a Multiskills festival at Chesterton on Thursday morning to enjoy.

Awards:

Eco-Committee: Mrs Griffin has asked me to let you know about the work that Committee will be engaged in this year as they work towards the renewal of their 'Green Flag Award'. Here is what she says:

*This year's Eco-Committee have already had two meetings since they were elected in September and have wasted no time in getting started with their important work. They are working towards re-applying for our 'Green Flag Award' which recognises the work we do at our school to make our school community more environmentally friendly. The committee members completed an Environmental Review of our school and, using that, decided three key areas for us to focus on this year: **energy, litter and water**. The committee worked together to decide on projects that they, and the rest of the school, will carry out this year, and we will keep you updated regularly. If any parents/carers have particular interest or expertise in these areas, the committee would love to hear from you. Please get in touch with Mrs Griffin at ggriffin@arbury.cambs.sch.uk.*

Artsmark: We have just begun our 'journey' towards the renewal of our Artsmark Award. Over the next 18 months, we will be considering the impact of Arts and Culture on the education of the children at our school, and evaluating a range of aspects of the provision we make. This is something I will be responsible for, and I will keep you updated from time to time!

Wishing you a lovely weekend. 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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