

26.5.23

Dear Parents and Carers

**Message from Mrs Rawlins – 26.5.23**

It was lovely last Friday to see so many of you at our half-termly tea. We are looking forward to continuing to develop our opportunities for school events as we go through the school year. We had fun after school on Wednesday with Hilary and Karen from Kettle's Yard, being creative with Arbury Carnival coming up soon! (I will send out information about the carnival procession just after the half-term break.) School will be open again on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023**.

**This week in school:** EYFS and Year 4 went on their trips and each had a great time at the Botanic Gardens and Wicken Fen. On Monday, our Year 5 children were making bread as part of their Design Technology work (they took their bread home with them and may well have shared it with family!). It has been our Healthy Lifestyles week also, where we have had some opportunities to learn a bit more about how to look after our physical and mental health. This morning, we had a super start to Friday by watching Classes 7 and 8 presenting a joint Year 3 assembly – they did a great job, especially when sharing their persuasive writing (trying to persuade Mr Tull to plant more trees on the school site!) and singing a song related to their Science work about what plants need to grow.

**The 'Big Battery Hunt':** Yesterday was the end of this project – thank you to everyone who sent in old batteries to be recycled. Mr Sapsford is going to have his work cut out to get them all to the recycling centre, because in total, 7,952 batteries were sent in! The class bringing in the most was Class 12, who brought in 1,706 – the children from that class will have some extra Golden Time today. Well done also to Class 6, who came second and Class 5, who came third.

In school, the week after half-term:

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Empathy day:** In school on Thursday, Mrs Dowdall will share a book in our assembly. Classes may also be able to spend some time sharing books and ideas about empathy. I have attached a pdf with a lovely collection of books which can help children to learn what empathy is all about.

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June – Class 6 assembly:** We look forward to sharing with Class 6, as they present some of their learning for us to enjoy. Parents and carers are warmly invited to come along. The assembly will start around 9am; please come along to the side door to the Expressive Arts hall and we will let you in.

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June – Y3 visit to BeWILDerwood:** We know that Year 3 will have a marvellous day on their visit to BeWILDerwood!

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June – Arbury Carnival:** I will share timings and information just after half-term, and we do hope that some of you might be able to come along on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>!

**Chesterton Community College 'roadmap':** We have been asked to share this document with families who have Year 6 children transferring to CCC in September. Please see the attached image.

**Support from Amanda Gilbert:** Our Education Inclusion Family Advisor (EIFA) has asked us to share two flyers with you, which have information about online support sessions, including a couple relating to Year 6 transition to Year 7. These flyers are attached.

We wish you an enjoyable half-term break, and look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June! 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](mailto:smorris@arbury.cambs.sch.uk) and for anything particularly involving KS2, please contact Kate Dowdall at [kdowdall@arbury.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:kdowdall@arbury.cambs.sch.uk).

Kind regards  
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