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Dear Parents and Carers

Message from Mrs Rawlins – 14.10.22

With just one week to go until half-term, we can see that the children are becoming tired and ready for a break. We look forward to next week bringing the first half of the Autumn Term to an end in a celebratory fashion – see more about that below!

This week in school:

Filming at Kettle's Yard: On Monday afternoon, a small group of Year 4 children went to Kettle's Yard to be filmed making carnival masks with John Lyons, an incredible 89-year-old artist and poet. When finished, the video will be part of Kettle's Yard's series of 'Art To Go' short films. You can see some photographs of the children here: [Year 4 group of children - 'Art To Go' filming at Kettle's Yard](#)

Year 4 trip to Colchester Castle: Year 4 had a wonderful time at Colchester Castle yesterday, learning all about the Romans.

EYFS Reading Café: Also yesterday, loads of parents, carers and extended family members came along to the EYFS Reading Café. There were drinks and biscuits, a lot of stories were shared, the Little Red Hen story was retold by everyone – I understand it was great fun all round! Thank you for supporting your children and this event.

Things happening next week:

Flu vaccinations: On Tuesday 18th, flu vaccinations will be taking place in school. Mrs Schwarz in the school office has emailed the information out again today. You are able to sign up online until 3.45pm on Monday 17th if you would like your child/children to have the nasal spray flu vaccination.

Individual photos: On Thursday morning, the photographers will be here to take individual photos of the children. We are not able to offer sibling or family photos.

Wear Red Day / Show Racism the Red Card: To end our week with a bit of a celebration, children (and adults) are invited to wear red on Friday if they wish to, in support of 'Show Racism the Red Card' and their work to challenge racism, particularly racism in sport. We are planning to decorate our playgrounds in red before school on Friday morning – please do come and have your photo taken at drop-off time to show your support too! We are pleased that Hilary Cox-Condron, our local Councillor, is coming along to our assembly so we can show her that in our school, we really try hard to make sure that everyone is treated equally and fairly and that we say NO to racism. Also on Friday, we are planning a 'Friendship Run' if the weather is good, with a chance to celebrate a happy and productive half-term by running for 10 minutes!!

Ms Evans' last day: On Thursday, it will be our last day with Ms Evans working in school. Since September 1995, we have all benefitted from the work she has done as a class teacher and then as our Inclusion and Safeguarding Lead. We are sad she will be leaving us, but also wish her well for everything to come her way in the future.

Things coming up soon:

Carnival! Senate House projection: Last year, our Year 3 pupils (now in Year 4) took part in some workshops in school with the community artist (and our local Councillor) Hilary Cox-Condron. They listened to a piece of music called *Carnival of the Animals* and produced some wonderful artwork inspired by the animals depicted in the music. Now their paintings, along with those of children from Galfrid, St Matthews and Castle schools, have been turned into a spectacular animation by the award-winning company NOVAK for Cambridge Music Festival – and next month it will be projected onto one of Cambridge's most recognisable buildings, the Senate House in King's Parade. Here is some information from the organisers about coming to see the projection:

CARNIVAL! As darkness falls, the lions begin to prow! Wrap up warmly and come along with your family and friends to see for this light and sound spectacular that will bring the children's artwork to life through digital animation. Outside the Senate House, King's Parade, Cambridge, on Thursday 10th & Friday 11th November. The projection is free to watch and runs from 4.30pm – 9pm on both days (the projection is repeated every 20 minutes). Here is the link to the event on the Cambridge Music Festival website: [Carnival! – Cambridge Music Festival](#)

Making a bird box: We received some information from the Friends of Logan's Meadow Nature Reserve about a family event on the last Saturday of the half-term break, making a bird box. I have attached a flyer, and the information they sent through is as follows:

Friends of Logan's Meadow Nature Reserve has a half-term event aimed at children (and adults) of all ages. Make a Nest Box! Saturday October 29th from 10am-midday at Logan's Meadow near the swift tower. Make your very own nest box from our cut-to-size kits. We will have 30 nest boxes with different hole sizes, suitable for a variety of garden birds such as Robins, Wrens, Blue Tits, Great Tits and Sparrows.

Please sign up at friendsoflogansmeadow@gmail.com stating the nest box you would like. We will confirm your choice is still available. Come on the day at your allotted time slot to assemble your box (hammers and nails provided), then take it home and put it up in your garden or give it as a Christmas present. There is a voluntary charge of £5 per box to cover materials.

Wishing you a good 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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