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Dear Parents and Carers

Message from Mrs Rawlins – 4.2.22

First of all, I'd like to wish a Happy New Year to all of our families who have been celebrating Chinese New Year this week!

Lateral Flow testing: Thank you all for your support with lateral flow testing at home – we are pleased that numbers of positive cases in school have come down significantly this week. We will continue to be vigilant to keep adults and children as safe as we can.

Take One Picture (from the Fitzwilliam resources INSPIRE – Water): We have had some lovely creative experiences this week in school. We have set up a page in the 'News and Events' section on the website and will be adding photos and examples of work over the coming days. Please do take a look!

Phonics and reading workshops: EYFS and Year 1 parents and carers will have received an email with information about phonics workshops taking place on Zoom on Monday 7th February. If you are not able to attend the meeting at the time, you will be able to access a recorded version of it. There will be lots of ideas and guidance on how to support your child as they are learning those very important skills to help them read!

Safer Internet Day: On Tuesday, it is Safer Internet Day nationally. In school, on the day and during the week, we will give the children a chance to continue to learn how to be safe online. I have attached a letter from Sophie Morris, Assistant Headteacher, which has some useful links and information. Do contact us if you have any questions about how to help keep your child safe online.

Year 6 work in relation to Holocaust Memorial Day: I was very lucky to be able to spend an afternoon with each of our Year 6 classes recently. We were learning about Holocaust Memorial Day, which is held every year on January 27th. We also had a chance to respond to what we had learned in a creative way. I was delighted with the mature and respectful way the children engaged with the lesson, and I have added some photos onto the website here: [Year 6 learning about Holocaust Memorial Day](#).

Children's Mental Health Week: Ongoing nationally next week is Children's Mental Health Week. We will be using some assembly times to share resources and ways to understand and look after our mental health and wellbeing.

'Be The Rainbow': For a number of years in February, we have invited parents, carers, children and staff to come and be part of a 'Be The Rainbow' photo in the Expressive Arts hall to mark LGBTQ+ History Month. Last year, we were not able to do this, due to Covid and the fact that school was only partially open to children. (You can see our website page from last year here: ['Be The Rainbow' 2021](#)) This year, though, we would love to invite you to come and be part of our 2022 photo **next Friday, 11th February** – all adults and children are welcome! Details are:

- Place: KS2 playground
- Time: Friday 11th February at 3.20pm –ish
- Please feel free to wear a colour from the rainbow!
- All are welcome to be part of our photo – what a lovely end to the half-term!

With just a week of school left now before our half-term break, we thank you for your continued support and wish you a happy weekend! I will probably be spending a good bit of time becoming an expert on Winter Sports by watching the Olympics...

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 specifically involving KS2, please contact me at drawlins@arbury.cambs.sch.uk.

Kind regards

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