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Dear Parents and Carers

**Message from Mrs Rawlins – 11.3.22**

We've had a good week in school, helped by the improving weather and seeing some blue sky most days! Our Year 1 children had a great trip yesterday to Imperial War Museum Duxford as part of their topic about flight. I understand that the children behaved wonderfully and really engaged with everything on offer. It is always such a pleasure to take our children out on visits and trips. Well done, Year 1!

**Science Week:** We've seen some lovely Science work going on in school this week, and we will be adding some photos to the website very soon. Thank you to those parents/carers who shared videos and information about their work – it's been great for the children to find out more from actual real-life scientists!

**Red Nose Day:** Next Friday is Red Nose Day, and children may wish to wear something red to school on that day. We will be having some fun activities in school, and our video assembly on Friday will help us to learn about how Comic Relief use the money raised to support children in the UK and around the world. We are not asking you to send in any donations to school this year, but would encourage you to make a donation if you are able to do so to Comic Relief, or to one of the organisations who are offering humanitarian support to families affected by the conflict in Ukraine.

**Phonics:** You will no doubt be aware of the importance of phonics in helping our youngest children to read and write. Mrs Griffin has updated the Phonics area of our website, and we would encourage parents and carers of children in EYFS and Year 1 to have a look at the resources available there. Mrs Griffin asked me to pass on this message to you:

- *Following our recent reading workshops for the parents/carers of EYFS and Yr 1 children, we have updated our Phonics area of the school website – link here: [Arbury Primary School: Phonics](#). Please do have a look - you will find video recordings of the workshops, along with other resources and tips for supporting your child with their phonics learning. As always, please speak to your child's class teacher if you would like support or guidance in how to support your child at home.*

**School Council feedback on learning:** At our Governors' meeting this week, I shared a document with feedback from our children through School Council, where I had asked them to let us know about the sort of things their teachers and teaching assistants do which really help children with their learning. The feedback is really interesting, and also shows how aware the children are about the approaches and strategies which make an impact. Link to the document is here: [School website - feedback from School Council](#).

**Covid guidance - next steps:** We have been asked by the Local Authority to keep the same guidance and procedures in place until the end of this term. However, as part of our forward planning, we are actively looking at aspects of school life which we can begin to get under way again from the Summer Term, guidance and Covid permitting. Information will be coming home soon about extra-curricular clubs we will be offering again, after a break of 2 years. In school, we will be holding assemblies in person from the Summer Term (I can't wait for the first one and hearing the children singing together again!). We will also be able to have in-person school events, and will be able to invite parents and carers to attend those. Thank you also to those of you who have been talking to us about how much you are also looking forward to us all being able to experience more of our usual community spirit! Some of you have also been asking about 'Friends of Arbury' and how they are involved in school life. Please do email me if this is something you'd like to know more about, and I can put you in touch with the right people to speak to!

Wishing you a good weekend. 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](mailto:smorris@arbury.cambs.sch.uk) and for anything specifically involving KS2, please contact me at [drawlins@arbury.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:drawlins@arbury.cambs.sch.uk).

Kind regards  
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