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Dear Parents/Carers

Message from Mrs Rawlins

I hope this finds you and your family well, and that you have had a good week!

Learning at home

Teachers will be putting weekly tasks onto eSchools for next week, but we will not be putting on any content for the last 2 days of term on the 20th/21st July. Please do use this content to select tasks for children to work on as you wish. It is almost time for a summer break! We have our final virtual school trip next week, and it is Harry Potter-related! Look out for the information on the eSchools group page for that trip.

Moving Up - transferring to new classes in September

This coming week, we will be using eSchools class pages to provide a few things which we hope will help the children to feel as prepared as they can be, given the current circumstances, to move up to their new class in September. Teachers are also meeting over the coming days to have handover meetings in preparation for the Autumn Term.

Key points to note for next week are:

- **Monday 13th July:** my Monday assembly will have a focus of 'moving up'; the current class teacher will put a video onto eSchools
- **Tuesday 14th July:** the new class teacher will put a welcome video onto the child's current eSchools class page (including Miss Joomun, who will be teaching in Class 14 next year); there will also be a template for an 'information about me' sheet, which children could complete for their new teacher. If you want them to complete this sheet, you could take a photo and send it in via eSchools or email it to the school office, or they could write their new teacher a message instead via eSchools. They could even bring the sheet in with them in September, if you prefer – any and all methods are welcome! I have attached a copy of the sheet for you to see. The object is to give a channel for the child/parent to pass on information which either or both of you would like the new teacher to know before September.
- **Ongoing through the week:**
 - children can write messages to our Year 6 children, as they prepare to leave us and transfer to secondary school; the Y6s can also write messages to the school
 - teachers will be responding to messages from children via eSchools and answering questions they may have
 - my Thursday assembly will also focus on 'moving up'
 - Information will come out to Y6 parents/carers towards the end of next week with details of how you can watch the end-of-year Y6 Leavers' video!

APS Rainbow Challenge

Thank you to those of you who have sent in photos for our APS Rainbow Challenge, but we could certainly do with a few more! Here is the information again: At the start of lockdown, rainbows drawn and painted by children appeared everywhere, in windows around the country, as a symbol of hope in difficult times. On the school website, in the Home Learning Hub area, I have created an 'APS Rainbow Challenge' page (link here:

https://www.arbury.cambs.sch.uk/website/aps_rainbow_challenge/495887). The idea is to take close-up photos of things at home, in the garden or out and about, showing one of the colours in the rainbow (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet) – no faces, please – and then email them to me at this address: rainbow@arbury.cambs.sch.uk. I hope that by the end of term, we will have gathered lots of colourful photos to make our own Arbury rainbow, as an expression of the special community we are. Please do send us in a photo if you can!

Wishing you a lovely weekend!

With best wishes

Diane Rawlins

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