



# Arbury

## Primary School

# Newsletter

October 2015

### Autumn Term First Half

It has been a very positive start to the school year. I hope that children and staff enjoy the well-earned rest next week in half term.

Please remember that there is no school for children on **Friday 23rd October** due to our staff training day.

We hope you all have a lovely half term and look forward to seeing children on **Monday 2nd November**.

### Parent/Carer Consultations

We are due to see the vast majority of parents this week for consultations. If you haven't been able to make an appointment yet, please do speak to your child's class teacher and try to see them after half term.

### Website Update

We continue to update our website and hope that parents/carers are finding the information useful.

**'Information for Parents and Carers'** - Here you will find useful information including policies, forms, performance data, school dinner menus and child care booking sheets.

**'News and Events'** - Lots of lovely photos celebrating school life and school events.

**'Calendar'** - Advanced notice of school events, including trips, inset days, class assemblies, holidays, photographs and parent consultations.

**'Curriculum and Learning'** - Starting points for helping you support your child's learning at home.

[www.arbury.cambs.sch.uk](http://www.arbury.cambs.sch.uk)

### Earrings Reminder

Thank you for continuing to support the school with following the county guidance on the wearing of earrings for sporting activities.

Many parents/carers have taken the step of not sending children to school with earrings on PE days.

### KS2 Playground

The new playground is now in full use both in the curriculum and at lunchtime. With phase 1 complete, we are now moving to phase 2 which is adding back some equipment into the space and providing some colourful playground markings. The children have been clear about what they would like. The play equipment should be completed within start of the first week back and will include 'Monkey Bars', 'Parallel Bars' and 'Chin-up Bars'.

### Trips

This year we are trying to ensure that each class has a trip to support their learning each term. I want to take the opportunity to reassure parents/carers that we will continue to keep the cost to a minimum and will always limit the contribution to £10.

The main cost of trips are the coaches. We seek the best price when booking travel and change companies if we can get a more competitive price.

The funded places for pupil premium children are covered entirely by the pupil premium funding received.

To make the costs transparent, we will add the costing of trips to the letters so that everyone can see that we don't seek to recover the full cost in contributions and round down not up.

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20th October 2015

### Diary Dates

- ☺ 23rd October - Staff Inset Day
- ☺ 26th - 30th Oct - Half Term Holiday
- ☺ 5th November a.m. - Individual Photos
- ☺ 12th November 3.30pm - Sibling Photos
- ☺ 20th November 9.00am - Class 8 Assembly
- ☺ 2nd December 3.15pm - Open Classrooms
- ☺ 4th December 9.00am - Class 7 Assembly
- ☺ 4th December 6.30pm - Friends of Arbury Fair
- ☺ 10th December - Christmas Dinner
- ☺ 11th December 2.00pm - Reception Play
- ☺ 15th/16th Dec 2.00pm - KS1 Production
- ☺ 17th December 6.00pm - 'Taste of Christmas'
- ☺ 18th December - Last day of Term
- ☺ 4th January - Staff Inset Day
- ☺ 5th January - Term Starts
- ☺ 12th February - Staff Inset Day
- ☺ 15th - 19th February - Half Term Holiday
- ☺ 24th March - Last Day of Term
- ☺ 25th Mar - 8th Apr - Easter Holiday
- ☺ 11th April - Staff Inset Day