



INFORM


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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that everyone had a fantastic summer break! Although school has been closed over the summer break lots of work has been done on site. Our Year 4 classrooms and our school office have been redecorated and we have had new flooring in some of our year 5 and 6 classrooms and in our wrap around care room. Our meal provider, Chartwells, has also converted part of our hall into an on-site kitchen. This gives our children better quality meals at lunchtimes and brings with it some additional choices from the salad cart.

It has been a great start to the new term. Children have settled well into their new classes and as well as starting their learning for this term, classes have focused this week on our school values: **Community, Pride, Aspire**. In addition to these values, we will also be focusing on a different value each month across the Federation, and we have started with **Respect** for the month of September.

As well as 120 new year 3 children we have welcomed a number of new staff. Miss Murphy (3EM) and Mr Benger (6GR) have joined us as Teachers. Mrs Moore and Mrs Grant have joined us in our school office. **Welcome to all of our new staff, children and families.**

Children look very smart in their new uniforms, but we have already had some unnamed jumpers found around the school. Please ensure that **everything your child brings to school (including their jumper!) is named** so that if lost, it can be returned to its owner.

Thank you for your support with implementing the slight change to our school day. I know that has meant some change to the morning routine for families. Please remember that **morning drop off is now 8:45-8:55am**. The school gates are not manned before 8:40am and therefore children (or adults) should not be on site before this time. The **walking bus** still operates from outside Merebrook School every morning. 2 members of staff will be ready to walk children to school from this point at 8:40am. No need to book, just arrive ready to leave at 8:40am. **From Monday, all parents and carers are asked to drop children at the gates. This helps ease congestion in the mornings and develops children's independence.** Staff are on duty on the gates and on the playground doors to supervise children and help ensure that they get into the building safely. **End of day collection is now 3:25pm** and parents and carers are able to come on site to collect children. Please be considerate with regards to your parking if you are driving to collect your child. There is plenty of parking in the local area, so there is no need for anybody to park illegally by parking on the markings at the front of the school or blocking people's drive. **Please look at our active travel map on page 2 for possible places to park.**

Today you will receive the **curriculum newsletter** for your child's year group. This is an overview of the learning that will take place in your child's year group this half term. Next week you will receive information about our **after school clubs for this term**. We have made some changes to our school office and **we are now cashless, any payments made to school for any reasons need to be made electronically.**

Next week we invite all parents and carers into school at the end of the school day for our **'Meet the Teacher'** sessions. This is an opportunity for you to meet your child's Teacher and the year group staff, and also to find out a bit more about expectations for the year group. The first part of the meeting will take place in the school hall. **If you are able to attend, please collect your child as normal and then enter the hall via the side doors on the back playground ready for the start of the meeting.** There will be a presentation by the Teachers, followed by an opportunity to visit your child's classroom if you wish.

Thank you for bearing with our office team during this busy start to the school term. I know that we are not the only school that has experienced a few technical difficulties this week! Apologies to our new year 3 families, many of whom have encountered difficulties with our parentmail and school meal ordering system this week. Today, this newsletter has been printed for you but from next week this will only be sent via Parentmail so please make sure that you **connect your parentmail account for this school**. This will enable you to receive all of our communication electronically moving forward. If you need to email the school office for any reason, please use **parents@emersonvalley.org.uk** or **learningmentors@emersonvalley.org.uk** if you wish to contact out Learning Mentors.

Thank you to everyone in our school community for such a successful first week of term!

Mrs White
Executive Headteacher

Monday 11th September 2023	Year 6 Meet the Teacher 3:30-4:00pm
Tuesday 12th September 2023	Year 5 Meet the Teacher 3:30-4:00pm
Wednesday 13th September 2023	Year 4 Meet the Teacher 3:30-4:00pm
Thursday 14th September 2023	Year 3 Meet the Teacher 3:30-4:00pm

GOLD AWARDS

Year 3: Hena 3JT, Taylor 3Em, Olivier 3JP, Anson 3JR.

Year 4: Jahithan 4NB, Lilly 4CM, Rishit 4PH, Eliza 4BM.

Year 5: Finley 5AR, Theo 5KH, Ahiyan 5LF, Lilith 5LS.

Year 6: Caitlin 6RR, Aria 6GB, Harley B 6DC, Lorena 6AM.

PE awards: Taleah 6RR, Ollie 6AM.

Music Awards: Jaiden 3JR, Nahia 5LF.



TRIM TRAIL

Please could any adults collecting at the end of the school day ensure that younger children **DO NOT** go on the **trim trail**. This is only to be used by EVS children under the supervision of our staff.

Break time snacks

During morning break, we ask that children bring in a healthy snack. This should not include chocolate or crisps. If children are taking a snack out of their lunchbox, staff will ensure that it is a piece of fruit or a healthy snack such as a cereal bar or rice cakes.

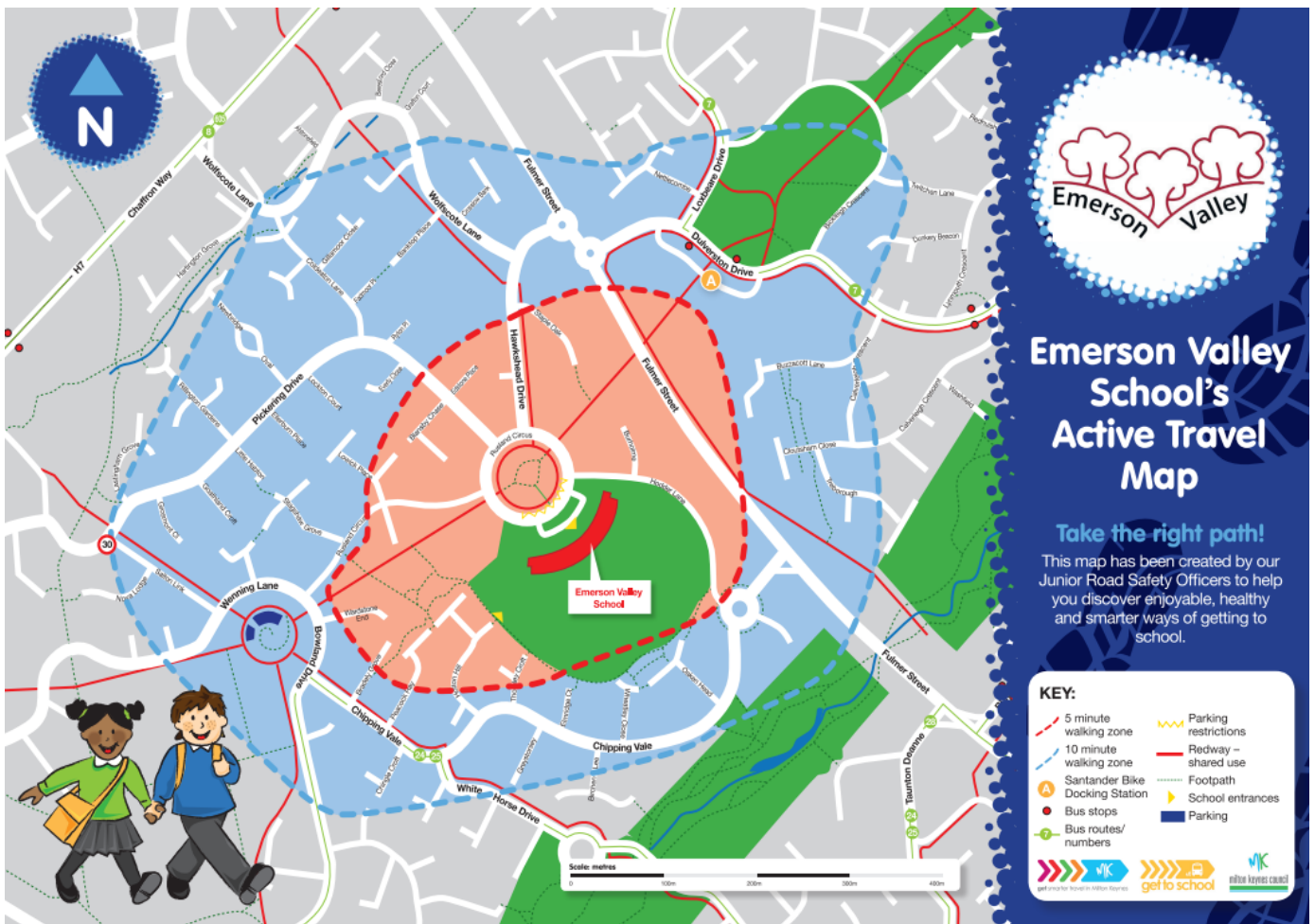


Please remember that we are a NUT FREE school as we have a number of children with severe nut allergies. This means that children should not be having chocolate spread sandwiches for their lunch.

Bikes and scooters

If your child is riding a bike or scooter to school please ensure that they are wearing a helmet. **When entering school site at the front of the school, children should walk their bike down the ramp, not ride it.** In order for children to ride to and from school, parents / carers need to obtain a bike / scooter pass. Please speak to Mrs Lawrence in the school office for a form if you do not have one.

Please help keep us keep themselves and each other safe at the busy start and end of the school day.





MEREVALLEY FEDERATION
Term Dates 2023/2024



Autumn Term 2023	
INSET day – school closed INSET day – school closed Open on the morning of: Closed at the end of the afternoon of:	Friday 1st September 2023 Monday 4th September 2023 Tuesday 5 th September 2023 Friday 20 th October 2023
Half term	Monday 23 rd – Friday 27 th October 2023
INSET day – school closed Open on the morning of: Closed at the end of the afternoon of:	Monday 30th October 2023 Tuesday 31 st October 2023 Friday 22 nd December 2023
Spring Term 2024	
Open on the morning of: Closed at the end of the afternoon of: INSET day – school closed	Monday 8 th January 2024 Thursday 15 th February 2024 Friday 16th February 2024
Half term	Monday 19 th – Friday 23 rd February 2024
Open on the morning of: Closed at the end of the afternoon of:	Monday 26 th February 2024 Thursday 28 th March 2024
Summer Term 2024	
Open on the morning of: Closed at the end of the afternoon of:	Monday 15 th April 2024 Friday 24 th May 2024
Half term	Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May 2024
Open on the morning of: Closed at the end of the afternoon of:	Monday 3 rd June 2024 Friday 19 th July 2024

***Twilights to be arranged in lieu of INSET day on Monday 22nd July 2024**