



# INFORM


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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week Year 5 were sent out of this world as they explored not only our solar system, but neighbouring ones too. The children looked at the signs of extraterrestrial beings on planets and moons during their **interactive space dome experience**. They learnt about stargazing and how to find the north star. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed this experience, and demonstrated real curiosity in the questions asked to the visitors leading the sessions. Well done Year 5!

Thank you to those parents and carers that were able to support our **Macmillan coffee morning** today. Throughout the year we aim to support a range of local and national community events. See page 2 of this newsletter for information about how we are supporting the **MK Food Bank with their 'MK Can'** appeal this Harvest time.

The **Emerson Valley Parents Forum** on Facebook is run by parents, for parents. It is not connected with the school in an official capacity or monitored by our staff. It is designed to be a place for parents and carers to help each other with information about school. Please take the time to familiarise yourself with the rules of this group if you are part of it.

**As our lost property box is now overflowing, we have decided to have a lost property box in each year group. Any items without names will therefore be passed to year groups rather than held in reception.** Please help us to return lost items by naming everything your child brings to school.

Please can I remind parents and carers that **mobile phones should not be used on school site**. This includes for calls, messaging or taking photographs. There are still a number of parents entering the school site in the mornings. **Please support your child with their independence by dropping them at the gate.** When collecting at the end of the day, the trim trails should not be used by anybody as they are not supervised. Please support us in keeping everyone safe by following these rules.

And finally, well done to everyone that took the time to write their manifesto for the **School Council elections this week**. Children across the school had a very difficult decision when voting as there were so many strong candidates. Congratulations to all of our new class representatives!

Mrs White

**Executive Headteacher**

Our Value for October is...

## Responsibility

WHAT?	WHY?	HOW?
Responsibility means doing the right thing at the right time, and taking ownership of your own thoughts, actions, and words.	It makes us become a better person, it helps us make good decisions and it enables us to set goals and achieve them.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Taking care of your things</li> <li>○ Doing what you say you will</li> <li>○ Admitting things you may have done wrong</li> <li>○ Helping others and yourself</li> </ul>



## Attendance matters!

Thank you to parents and carers for their support with getting children into school on time every day. This term we have seen a reduction in the number of children that are arriving late which is great. Due to our change of school hours this term **our Attendance Policy has been updated** to reflect this. The updated policy can be found on our school website. Please remember to report your child absent on each day of absence prior to the start of the day.



## Our new SCHOOL COUNCIL representatives, as voted by their classmates, are:

**Year 3:** 3EM Alice R, 3JT Max W, 3JR Nia P, 3JP Joel O

**Year 4:** 4BM Izza A, 4CM Amato W, 4PH Natalie P,

4NB Maddie A **Year 5:** 5AR Daniel T, 5LF Claire B,

5LS Sara K, 5KH Eden A **Year 6:** 6RR Josh D, 6AM

Paris C, 6GB Nikoleta G, 6DC Alanna W.



## Starting Infant or Junior School in September 2024

Was your child born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020? You need to apply now for their school place.  
Was your child born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017? You need to apply for their Year 3 place now.

**The Citizens Portal opens on 1 September 2023 for parents and carers to apply online for a primary or junior school place. The closing date is 15th January 2024 and all applications must be made before the closing date to receive a school place offer on 16 April 2024 (national offer day).** This information only applies if you want to apply for your child to start school for the first time (children born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020) or infant school children moving up to junior school in September 2024 (children attending an infant school who were born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August).



## MEREVALLEY FEDERATION



### OPEN MORNING FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS AND CARERS

28th September 2023  
9:30am at Merebrook School and 10:15am at Emerson Valley School



2nd November 2023:  
9:30am at Merebrook School and 10:15am at Emerson Valley School

**Is your child due to start school in Reception, or are they moving into Year 3 in September 2024?**

We are two schools with one shared vision. We welcome parents to visit our schools, meet our Senior Leaders and see our fantastic school sites. We encourage you to visit both schools to see all of our Primary provision.

Our Executive Headteacher will walk with you from Merebrook to Emerson Valley if you would like to visit both schools.

**Please make a call to one of our school offices if you would like to book a space on either day.**

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**COMMUNITY, PRIDE, ASPIRE.**

## Harvest Collection

We will be supporting the 'MK can' appeal this Harvest time and would like to ask for **donations of canned food (no packets) to be brought into school on Monday 9th October 2023.** Your donations will support the MK Food Bank with their World Record attempt to gather 132,000 cans!! Our school council will then deliver the cans later that week. Please support the school council with their first venture this year.



Supported by:



# MK Can!

**Do you want to help break the World Record for the longest line of food cans?**

MK Food Bank are mobilising the Milton Keynes community to gather 132,000 cans around Campbell Park, if your business, group or charity want to join, head to our website!

## GOLD AWARDS

**Year 3:** Elsie 3JT, Veronica 3EM, Riley N 3JR, Amelia R 3JP.

**Year 4:** Victoria C 4CM, Michelle M 4BM, Taya 4NB, Jorey 4PH.

**Year 5:** Aanya J 5KH, Preetkamal 5LF, Kacey 5LS, Archie 5AR.

**Year 6:** Leo 6RR, Orlando 6GB, Aysha 6DC, Thomas S 6AM.

**PE awards:** Marcus 5KH, Paul P 5AR, Edward B 3JP, Eliza 4BM.

**Music Awards:** Lucie H 5KH, Isla-Rose 3EM.





## Merevalley Federation: Autumn Term 2023



These dates are for both Merebrook and Emerson Valley  
unless otherwise indicated. **NEW EVENTS IN RED.**

<b>4th October 2023</b>	<b>Phonics session for Cygnet parents</b> at 8:45am
<b>10th October 2023</b>	<b>Year 1 celebration of work</b> time to be confirmed. Parents and Carers invited into school.
<b>11th October 2023</b>	<b>Year 2 History day: Florence and Mary to the Rescue!</b> <b>Year 2 celebration of work at 2:40pm. Parents and Carers invited into school.</b>
<b>16th October 2023</b>	<b>Year 6 celebration of work</b> at 3:25pm. Parents and Carers invited into school.
<b>17th October 2023</b>	<b>Year 5 celebration of work</b> at 3:25pm. Parents and Carers invited into school.
<b>18th October 2023</b>	<b>Year 3 celebration of work</b> at 3:25pm. Parents and Carers invited into school. <b>Year 1 Local area walk</b> (weather permitting)
<b>19th October 2023</b>	<b>Year 4 celebration of work</b> at 2:45pm. Parents and Carers invited into school.
<b>20th October 2023</b>	<b>Last day of this half term.</b>
<b>30th October 2023</b>	<b>INSET day.</b> No children in school.
<b>31st October 2023</b>	<b>Children return to school</b> following half term break
<b>1st November 2023</b>	<b>Friends of EVS Disco</b> after school
<b>2nd November 2023</b>	<b>Prospective EYFS and Year 3 parents open mornings.</b> Book with school office
<b>3rd November 2023</b>	<b>Individual and sibling school photographs</b> for Emerson Valley children
<b>6th November 2023</b>	<b>Parents consultations</b> 3:30 - 6:00pm
<b>8th November 2023</b>	<b>Parents consultations</b> 4:00-7:00pm
<b>15th November 2023</b>	<b>Individual and sibling photographs</b> for Merebrook children
<b>22nd December 2023</b>	<b>Last day of the autumn term.</b>

### TERM DATES 2023-2024

<b>Autumn Term</b>	5th September 2023 – 22nd December 20223
<b>Spring Term</b>	8th January 2024 – 28th March 2024
<b>Summer Term</b>	15th April 2024 – 19th July 2024