



INFORM


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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy week in school. On Monday, our whole school community celebrated being unique by wearing odd socks to mark the start of **Anti-Bullying week**. Across the school, all classes have focused on the theme for this year's week which is 'Make a noise about bullying'. Within these sessions, all adults have reminded children about the importance of sharing any worries with adults in school so that they can be dealt with at the time. We are very lucky to have such dedicated staff that put child's views at the centre of everything they do. In school we have reminded children that our Learning Mentors in particular are ideally placed to help children with these worries. Miss Durrant, who is based in year 3 and 4, and Mrs Pitcher, who is based in years 5 and 6, are outside every break time and lunchtime. Please remember that they can be contacted directly using the learning mentors email address: learningmentors@emersonvalley.org.uk if you have any concerns. They are also able to offer support for any challenges at home, so please to reach out to them if you need any help.

Our PE coaches and children across the school have been busy! Well done to the following children from Year 4 and 6, who have all recently taken part in **Basketball festivals at Shenley Brook End School: Year 4** - Giovanna D, Alex W, Amelie M, Taylor G, Zasmina S, **Year 6** - Amy B, Logan W, Serah G, Andrei G, Redie Y, Huw J, Zhanara D

It saddens me to say that several members of my staff team have been verbally abused by parents in recent weeks, either on the telephone or on our school site. We teach children to have respect for themselves and each other and I would ask all members of our school community to show respect for each other. We of course want parents and carers to communicate with us and would encourage you to speak to us if you have any queries or concerns, but ask that you do so in a polite and courteous manner. Shouting and the use of abusive language will not be tolerated. **Please can I ask all parents and carers to familiarise themselves with our parental code of conduct, which can be found on our school website.** Thank you to those parents and carers who do not demonstrate these behaviours.

We are aware that there was a problem with ordering school meals on Tuesday last week.

Please can I ask all parents and carers to check their child's order for Wednesday 13th December, which is Christmas lunch day, as Chartwells have informed parents and carers that there may also have been an issue with lunches ordered for this day. If you have not already ordered your child a Christmas lunch and you would like them to have one, this order must be placed by 28th November. Late orders cannot be accepted, due to the number of meals that are being prepared and cooked.

Thank you to our fabulous school council for their fundraising for Children in Need today. I will update you about how much money we have raised in the newsletter next week.

Mrs White

Executive Headteacher

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Thank you to Mr Bengner for playing a beautiful rendition of the 'Last Post' on his trombone on Friday morning as part of our Remembrance Assembly. He played it outside so that members of our community could hear it before we observed two minutes silence. If you would like to keep up to date with what is happening in school, and want to see Mr Bengner's fantastic performance, please view the **Emerson Valley Junior School** Page on Facebook.



Emerson Valley Junior School

Email address

Please can I remind parents and carers to use the parents@emersonvalley.org.uk email address and NOT office@emersonvalley.org.uk email address if they need to contact via email. Our main office email gets in excess of 200 emails every day, most of which are trying to sell us something, and it can be very easy to miss important correspondence from parents. The parents@ email address is only used by parents and it is therefore much more likely that your email will be picked up and responded to if this address is used. Thank you for your support with this.





On **Thursday 23rd November 2023** our Federation SENCo, Mrs Protheroe, is holding a coffee morning in our EVS hall from 9-10am. Come and join us for a drink, cake and a chat with a focus and short presentation on 'Routines and Structure'. Also attending to answer questions is Natalie Lord, the Transition SENCo for 5 Dimensions Trust (Shenley Brook End School and Hazeley Academy), which may of particular interest to current Year 6 parents. We are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

GOLD AWARDS

Year 3: Sophia 3JT, Amelia 3EM, Dhanvith 3JP, Olivia 3JR

Year 4: Zach 4NB, Jack 4PH, Alex 4BM, Lydia 4CM

Year 5: Kesna 5AR, Blessing 5KH, Dario 5LF, Zayd 5LS

Year 6: Zhanara 6RR, Amy 6GB, Selena 6DC, Alfie 6AM

PE awards: Tamarokuro 5LS, Shrey 5LS

Music Awards: Eliza 4BM, Charlie 5AR



Merevalley Federation: Autumn Term 2023

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



22nd November 2023	Year 3 Stone Age day
23rd November 2023	SENCo Coffee morning 9am
7th December 2023	Christmas jumper day
8th December 2023	Visiting Pantomime to school (EYFS, Yr 1, Yr 2 and Yr 3 morning, Yrs 4-6 pm)
12th December 2023	Year 5 music showcase at 2:45pm. Parents and Carers invited.
13th December 2023	Christmas dinner day Year 3 & 4 Carols on the playground 3:25pm
14th December 2023	Year 6 music showcase at 2:45pm. Parents and Carers invited.
15th December 2023	Flu vaccinations for children at Emerson Valley
19th December 2023	EYFS Christmas performance 9:15am Key Stage 1 Christmas carols 2:15pm
21st December 2023	EYFS celebration of work afternoon
22nd December 2023	Last day of the autumn term.

TERM DATES 2023-2024	
Autumn Term	5th September 2023 – 22nd December 2023
Spring Term	8th January 2024 – 28th March 2024
Summer Term	15th April 2024– 19th July 2024