



# INFORM


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Dear Parents and Carers,

The Children's Commissioner for England has recently launched '**The Big Ambition**' to hear directly from children, young people and parents across the country. They want to hear from all children, in every part of the country and in every setting. Children or parents can complete the survey here: [www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition), or scan the QR code on the attached flyer for more information, to share their views.

Last Thursday, our fabulous Friends of EVS held their autumn term disco at school. **This raised £1055.25 for our school funds.** Thank you to everybody that helped make this event happen.

Today in assembly, I have spoken to everyone about our **new plan for lunchtimes**. At this time of year, we are unable to use our lovely school field for break and lunchtimes as it is too boggy, which limits us to the playgrounds. From Monday, our outdoor space will be zoned and different activities will be taking place in these zones. There are spaces for children to enjoy structured games, to organise their own games or just to have quiet time with their friends. We will be talking to our School Council about these plans and reviewing children's views on how the activities are working between now and Christmas.

Congratulations to **Selena 6DC, our new House Captain for Saturn**, as voted by the members of her house.

Have a relaxing weekend,  
Mrs White  
**Executive Headteacher**



Well done to our wonderful school community for their fundraising efforts last Friday in aid of the BBC's Children in Need appeal. **A total of £347 was raised in school for this worthwhile charity.** Thank you to our School Council members for their work on this, and to everybody that made a donation.

## Winter plan to help most vulnerable



This winter, one in five people are expected not to be able to heat their homes properly, and one in 20 will not have enough food.

Vulnerable people, such as those with disabilities or health conditions, are disproportionately affected. The cost-of-living crisis is one of the reasons that MKCC have a surge in demand for their services, so for the second year they are committing funding to help residents facing food and energy insecurity.

They are doing this to support residents, but also to try to prevent some of the pressure on essential services such as hospitals. The MKCC Winter Plan was received by Cabinet last week. Find it [here](#) alongside useful links to services and support.

## Applying for a school place for a child starting school for the first time or joining year 3 in September 2023?

Please click [here](#) to view the guide for parents and carers on the MK City Council website. This talks you through how to apply. **The deadline for applications for children starting school in Early Years, or children moving from Year 2 to Year 3, is 15th January 2024.**



### GOLD AWARDS

**Year 3:** Joey 3JT, Isla-Rose 3EM, Effie 3JP, Millie-Rose 3JR

**Year 4:** Cole 4CM, David 4PH, Sophie 4NB, Sofia P 4BM

**Year 5:** Olina 5AR, Zoya 5LF, Mia 5LS, Erin 5KH

**Year 6:** Elijah 6RR, Dami 6DC, Elton 6AM, Sienna 6GB

**PE awards:** Cobey 3JT, Elsie-Louise & Paul 5AR, Micaiah 6DC

**Music Awards:** Luca 4PH, Bethel 5LS



### Merevalley Federation: Autumn Term 2023

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



<b>7th December 2023</b>	<b>Christmas jumper day</b>
<b>8th December 2023</b>	<b>Visiting Pantomime to school</b> (EYFS, Yr 1, Yr 2 and Yr 3 morning, Yrs 4-6 pm)
<b>12th December 2023</b>	Year 5 music showcase at 2:45pm. Parents and Carers invited.
<b>13th December 2023</b>	<b>Christmas dinner day</b> <b>Year 3 &amp; 4 Carols on the playground</b> 3:25pm
<b>14th December 2023</b>	Year 6 music showcase at 2:45pm. Parents and Carers invited.
<b>15th December 2023</b>	<b>Flu vaccinations</b> for children at Emerson Valley
<b>19th December 2023</b>	<b>EYFS Christmas performance</b> 9:15am <b>Key Stage 1 Christmas carols</b> 2:15pm
<b>21st December 2023</b>	<b>EYFS celebration of work</b> afternoon
<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 2023
<b>Spring Term</b>	8th January 2024 – 28th March 2024
<b>Summer Term</b>	15th April 2024 – 19th July 2024