



INFORM


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Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe we are already into December! Although we still have 3 weeks left of term, there is lots going on in school, so I would like to draw your attention to some key dates over the coming weeks. Next week, **Christmas Jumper Day is on Thursday 7th December**, so get your best festive jumper at the ready! Children can come into school wearing a Christmas jumper rather than their school uniform on this day. Should you wish to make a donation to the Save the Children charity, please bring this to school in cash form on the morning, however there is no requirement to do this to participate in the event.

Next Friday, all of the children across the Federation will be treated to a performance of the pantomime '**Peter Pan**' which will take place in our school hall. We are all really looking forward to this special treat!

On **Wednesday 13th December**, we invite parents and carers of children in years 3 and 4 to attend our **Christmas Carol concert. This will take place in the school hall at 2:45pm. Please note the change of time for this.** Following the concert, children will be dismissed as usual from their cloakrooms at the end of the school day.

Mr Burdett, our Computing lead, has shared with me that **97 of our EVS children have entered the Purple Mash Christmas card design competition.** The winning design, chosen by Purple Mash, will become the official Purple Mash festive card! Plus the winners will receive 50 copies of their card, a £20 Amazon voucher and a 2Simple Goody Bag. Fingers crossed for a winner from our school community!

The weather has really taken a turn this week and it has been extremely chilly. Whilst outside on duty at lunchtimes, I have been surprised at the number of children that have not brought a coat to school. **Please can you ensure that your child has a coat in school every day**, as all children spend a proportion of their day outside.

And finally, our **Friends of EVS have made a donation of almost £2000 to our school to fund new equipment for children to use at break and lunchtimes.** Thank you to everybody involved with the Friends for their fantastic fundraising efforts. The Friends' next fundraising event is the **Christmas shop which is taking place in school on Wednesday 20th December.** The order form for this will be sent to you via Parentmail later today.

Have a relaxing weekend,

Mrs White

Executive Headteacher

Football news!



Last Thursday our Year 5 & 6 boys took part in the third round of the football league. The boys played two games and after losing the first one, they recovered and won the second game, scoring 8 goals in the process! Well done to the following children: **Elijah 6RR, Jackson 6GB, Ahiyan 5LF, Huw 6DC, Logan 6AM, Kai 6GB and James 6RR.**

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.**



Applying for a primary / junior school place in Milton Keynes

This month's value is...

Patience

(Being able to wait for something without getting upset or frustrated)



You may have to be patient waiting for lunch.



You may have to be patient to take turns in a game.



You may have to be patient at the doctors surgery.



You may have to be patient waiting to speak to a teacher.



Being patient with everyday things, will enable you to reach your goal.



You may have to be patient when doing work; sometimes it might take a long time

Christmas Cards!

From Monday 4th December, our Christmas post box will be in reception and children are invited to bring in Christmas cards if they wish to post to their friends. Please remember to put the child's **class name** on the envelope as we have many students in our school community with the same first name and we want the children's cards to go to the correct recipient!



GOLD AWARDS

Year 3: Oliver O 3JT, Mya 3EM, Henry 3JP, Jaiden 3JR,

Year 4: Natalie 4PH, James H 4CM, Jada & Malik 4NB, Alex & Sami 4BM

Year 5: Zainab 5AR, Preetkamal & Nahia 5LF, Bea 5LS, Bronte 5KH

Year 6: Niruraj 6RR, Nisha 6DC, Omid 6AM, Angelica 6GB

PE awards: Anais 5KH, Serah 6RR, Luke 4NB, Daniel 5AR, Elijah 5LF

Music Awards: Paris 6AM, Thea 3JT



Merevalley Federation: Autumn Term 2023

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



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 Year 3 & 4 Carol concert 2:45pm
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
20th December 2023	Friends of EVS Christmas Shop for children in Year 3-6.
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