



INFORM


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Dear Parents and Carers,

Parents have been treated to **music showcases from our Year 5 and 6 classes** this week. Thank you for supporting your child and attending if you were able to. I am sure that you will agree that everyone performed brilliantly. Classes have worked very hard in their music lessons to practice, but it's only when they all come together in front of a live audience that we really appreciate how talented our children are. **Well done to everyone in Year 5 and 6 for these performances—you were amazing!**

This afternoon we are looking forward to finishing the week off with one final music extravaganza with a **performance by our Rock Steady bands. Please note that this is at 2:30pm, not 2pm as mentioned in last week's inform.**

Over the last 2 weeks we have seen a real increase in the number of families arriving at school late. A reminder to all that morning drop off is 8:45am to 8:55am. **The school gates close each day at 8:55am. If your child arrives after this time, they will need to enter via reception.** Being punctual for school means making sure your child is at school on time and ready to learn. There are many ways to ensure your child is on time for school, from making sure their school bags are packed the night before to making sure they get up with plenty of time to eat and get ready and defrost transport. Lost minutes mean lost learning. **Did you know that being late 15 minutes every day is the same as missing 2 whole weeks of school over a full academic year?** Thank you for your support in ensuring your child is in school on time each day.

As we head towards the end of term, next week we will follow our normal timetable in school. The last school day of this term is **Friday 22nd December 2023**. Children return to school for the start of the spring term on **Monday 8th January 2024**.

Enjoy your weekend,
Mrs White
Executive Headteacher

All things Christmas!



Children had a fabulous **Christmas lunch** on Wednesday this week.

Our catering team decorated the hall and lots of children enjoyed

a special Christmas meal. In the afternoon it was great to see so many parents, carers and grandparents at school to hear our **Year 3 and 4 children sing their Christmas Carols**. They have been working very hard with Mrs Bosdet to learn the words and I am sure that you will agree they performed brilliantly. Well done to everyone in Year 3 and 4, including our wonderful children, for making this such a special event!

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: Cindy 3JT, Samu 3EM, Teddy 3JR, Charles 3JP

Year 4: Anastasiia 4CM, Chase 4PH, Cole 4NB, Lilla 4BM

Year 5: Archie 5AR, Esmae 5LF, Scarlett 5LS, Dionell 5KH

Year 6: Ishta 6RR, Eugene 6DC, Logan 6AM, Kai 6GB

PE awards: Paris 6AM, Austin 6RR

Music Awards: Godswonder 5KH, Mya 3EM



Merevalley Federation: Autumn / Spring Term

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



15th December 2023	Flu vaccinations for children at Emerson Valley Rocksteady Concert 2.30pm
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 at 1:30pm
22nd December 2023	Last day of the autumn term.
8th January 2024	First day of the spring term
19th—23rd February 2024	Half term week. School closed.
28th March 2024	Last day of the spring term
29th March—12th April 2024	Easter holidays. School closed.

TERM DATES 2023-2024

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