



INFORM


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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the **last 2 weeks of this term**, we will be continuing with our normal day-to-day routines and teaching a full curriculum in school right up until the end of term. We know that children benefit from structure and routine in school and with all the excitement that surrounds this time of year, this helps ensure that children have a positive end to the term.

Next week, we are welcoming parents and carers into school for the following events: **Tuesday—Year 5 Music showcase, Wednesday—Year 3 and 4 Carol Concert** and **Thursday—Year 6 Music showcase**. These events will all take place in the school hall, and will start promptly at 2:45pm. Doors will open 10 minutes before the performances start. The performances will be finished by 3:05pm, and parents and carers will be dismissed straight away to allow for collections from the Infant Schools. I know that children are looking forward to sharing these performances with you, so please attend if you are able to.

In addition to these performances, there will be a **Rocksteady concert on Friday afternoon in the school hall, starting at 2pm** for parents and carers of children that take part in these lessons.

We understand that parents and carers like to **take photos of their children at these events**, but I would like to remind you all that **these are for your own personal use and should not be shared on any social media platforms**.

Today we say goodbye to **Mrs Goldsmith**, one of our Teaching Assistants, as she pursues a Teaching career. We wish Mrs Goldsmith all the best in her new role and thank her for her wonderful work with our Year 5 and 6 children over the past year and a half.

This term is an incredibly long one, but the spring term is much shorter. We are in the process of planning our spring term dates for events across the Federation, and these will be communicated with you before the end of this term. As we look ahead to next term, we have already planned our after school clubs. A letter will be sent via Parentmail on Monday with details of these clubs, and how to book a space for your child.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs White

Executive Headteacher



All things Christmas!

Yesterday, children enjoyed wearing their festive **Christmas jumpers in support of the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day**. Funds raised will be help children facing issues such as war, hunger and poverty.

Today all children across the Federation have enjoyed a performance of the **pantomime 'Peter Pan'**. Thank you to our Friends of EVS for their contribution towards the cost of this.

Next week is **Christmas Dinner Day on Wednesday 13th**. If you have not already ordered your child's meal, the deadline has now passed. However, all children will eat in the hall regardless of whether they are having a cooked Christmas dinner or not.

You Tube

We know that many of our children are accessing inappropriate content on their devices at home through You Tube. Please find attached to this newsletter a parent factsheet on You Tube. This helps to explain how you can **protect your child when they are using YouTube apps or the website**.

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: Daisy 3JT, Aarvi 3EM, Mustafa 3JP, Sofia 3JR

Year 4: Nicholas 4BM, Fahim 4CM, Camden 4PH, Lauren 4NB, Sami 4BM (1.12.23)

Year 5: Marelli 5AR, Zoya 5LF, Amber 5LS, Holly 5KH

Year 6: Zhanara 6RR, Amelia 6DC, Olivia 6AM, Sai 6GB

PE awards: Dara 4NB & Selena 6DC

Music Awards: Hazel 6AM & Izza 4BM



Merevalley Federation: Autumn / Spring Term

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



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 Carol concert 2:45pm. Parents and Carers invited.
14th December 2023	Year 6 music showcase at 2:45pm. Parents and Carers invited.
15th December 2023	Flu vaccinations for children at Emerson Valley. Rocksteady Concert 2pm.
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.
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 2023
Spring Term	8th January 2024 – 28th March 2024
Summer Term	15th April 2024 – 19th July 2024