



# INFORM


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Dear Parents and Carers,

**Happy New Year!** I hope that everybody had a fantastic break over the festive period. It has already been a busy start to the term and, despite a 2 week break, children have settled in to the school routines again. Although this is only a 6 week half term, there is lots going on. Please take some time to look at our **Federation key dates for this term, which can be found on page 3 of this newsletter**, so you know what is happening across the schools.

**Our School clubs start from next week.** If your child has been successful in securing a place, you will have been notified by Parentmail. Payment must be made before the club commences. You will notice that some of our Teachers are running a club in Spring 2 and these haven't proven very popular! Due to a clash with these clubs, which take place on a Monday, and the planned parents consultation dates, **we have moved the consultation dates to: Tuesday 26th March and Wednesday 27th March 2024. Please make a note of these new dates.** Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Next week we look forwards to welcoming our **Year 6 Parents in to school on Tuesday evening, at 5pm, for our SATS information evening.** This meeting will take place in the hall and is an opportunity for Parents and Carers to understand more about these national assessments, how and when they take place, and how to support your child with these at home.

It is really disappointing that we have had so many complaints from parents and neighbours this week regarding the **parking outside school**. Unfortunately some parents and carers collecting at the end of the day are ignoring the yellow zig zag markings and are parking illegally in this area at the end of the day. This is not only unsafe for your own child entering your vehicle at this busy time, but it is very unsafe for everyone in our community. **Please adhere to the highway code and use our active travel map, which can be seen on page 2, to ensure that you park safely and legally at this busy time of day.**

In the last week of term, you should have received a letter regarding the **Governing Board's proposal for Merebrook and Emerson Valley Schools to become academies and join the 5 Dimensions Trust.** Thank you to those parents and Carers that have taken the time to share their views with us. If you have not done so already, please take time to consider the FAQs sent with this, and respond to the consultation if you have any comments or questions. You can do this by clicking on this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/wY623YHijL>. The consultation closes today.

**The deadline for applications for children starting school in Early Years, or children moving from Year 2 to Year 3, is this Monday, 15th January 2024.** Please click [here](#) to view the guide for parents and carers on the MK City Council website. This talks you through how to apply. **If you do not apply by the deadline, your child may be allocated a place at any MK school with a space.** Please talk to the school office if you need any assistance with your child's application.

Have an enjoyable weekend,

Mrs White  
Executive Headteacher

## GOLD AWARDS

**Year 3: Cindy 3JT, Vladimir 3EM, Ben 3JP, Bianca 3JR**

**Year 4: Lilly 4CM, Riley 4PH, Maddie 4NB, Savannah 4BM**

**Year 5: Skye 5AR, Kritika 5LF, Arina 5LS, Lucie 5KH**

**Year 6: Harley 6RR, Alexis 6DC, Hudson 6AM, Michaela 6GB**

**PE awards: Zasmina 4NB, Khloe & James 4CM**

**Music Awards: Jadey 3JP, Alexis 6DC**



Help us keep the community safe by walking rather than driving!

The map of our local area below can be used to identify short walking routes to our school. It often takes less time to park a little further away and walk than it does to continually drive around looking for a parking space closer to school!



## Our value for JANUARY is...

## Quality

People have different qualities:

enthusiastic  
resilient  
generous  
independent  
kind  
happy  
sensible  
honest  
outspoken  
motivated  
positive  
reflective  
confident

You also may need to show neat, **quality** work in your lessons with good presentation.



You may be excellent in a certain sport,  
therefore you will be a **quality** player.



## Attendance matters!

Please remember that the school gates are open for **drop off between 8:45 and 8:55am in the mornings**. After this time, the gates will be closed and your child will need to enter through reception.

Being late for school is unsettling for children and does not provide a good start to the school day. Please ensure that your child is on time for school every day to give them the best chance of a positive day. Thank you for your support with this.





## Merevalley Federation: Spring term 2024



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

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| <b>8th January 2024</b>                | <b>All children return to school</b>   |
| <b>16th January 2024</b>               | <b>Year 6 parents SATS information evening at 5pm</b>  |
| <b>17th January 2024</b>               | <b>EYFS and new Merebrook parents Reading &amp; Phonics workshop at 8:55am</b>               |
| <b>24th &amp; 26th January 2024</b>    | <b>Year 5 classes Parks Trust trip</b>   |
| <b>29th January 2024</b>               | <b>Year 6 to Bletchley Park</b>  |
| <b>30th January 2024</b>               | <b>Young Voices Choir to the O2</b>  |
| <b>5th February 2024</b>               | <b>Children's Mental Health week</b>   |
| <b>6th February 2024</b>               | <b>Sibling photographs taken at Merebrook</b><br><b>Safer Internet Day</b>                   |
| <b>7th February 2024</b>               | <b>Year 1 celebration of work at 2:45pm</b><br><b>Year 4 celebration of work at 3:35pm</b>   |
| <b>8th February 2024</b>               | <b>SENCo coffee afternoon at <del>Merebrook</del> Emerson Valley</b>                         |
| <b>12th February 2024</b>              | <b>Year 6 celebration of work at 2:45p.m</b>   |
| <b>14th February 2024</b>              | <b>Year 2 celebration of work at 2:45pm</b><br><b>Year 3 celebration of work at 3:25pm</b>   |
| <b>15th February 2024</b>              | <b>Random Acts of Kindness Day</b><br><b>Year 5 celebration of work at 3:25pm</b>            |
| <b>16th February 2024</b>              | <b>INSET day. School closed to pupils.</b>   |
| <b>19th—23rd February 2024</b>         | <b>Half term break</b>   |
| <b>26th February 2024</b>              | <b>Year 3 and Year 4 Reading workshop 3:30-4:15pm</b>  |
| <b>27th February 2024</b>              | <b>EYFS celebration of work afternoon 1:30pm</b>   |
| <b>4th —8th March 2024</b>             | <b>Year 6 Mock SATS week</b>   |
| <b>4th March 2024</b>                  | <b>Year 5 and Year 6 Reading workshop 3:30-4:15pm</b>  |
| <b>6th March 2024</b>                  | <b>Karen Littlewood author visit to Merebrook</b><br><b>Friends of EVS Mother's Day shop</b> |
| <b>7th March 2024</b>                  | <b>World Book Day</b>  |
| <b>11th—15th March 2024</b>            | <b>Science Week</b>  |
| <b>21st March 2024</b>                 | <b>Friends of EVS Discos after school</b>  |
| <b><del>18th</del> 26th March 2024</b> | <b>Parents' consultations 3:30-6:00pm</b>  |
| <b><del>20th</del> 27th March 2024</b> | <b>Parents' consultations 4:00-7:00pm</b>  |

| TERM DATES 2023-2024 |                                    |
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| Spring Term          | 8th January 2024 – 28th March 2024 |
| Summer Term          | 15th April 2024– 19th July 2024    |