



INFORM



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that everybody had an enjoyable break over the Easter holidays. It is hard to believe that we are into the final term of this academic year, which apparently means we are in the summer term... although the weather would have us believe otherwise! We are eagerly awaiting a return to the field for break and lunchtimes but in the meantime, whilst the field continues to dry out, children are enjoying the use of the new outdoor classrooms. As the weather is so changeable, **please ensure that your child has a waterproof coat in school every day to enable them to be outside during social times**, and for PE lessons, at this time of year.

From next week, there will be some changes to the way PE is taught at EVS. **Mr Moloney** has decided to leave EVS after 10 years as a Sports Coach at our School. He will be sadly missed, but we wish him well in his new role working with older children. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Moloney for his hard work across our Federation during his time with us, both in curriculum PE lessons and in extra curricular clubs and festivals. **Mr Bolesta**, will also be leaving EVS later on this term after almost 2 years. Due to this additional change, some PE across the school will be taught by Teachers for the remainder of this term. This will not change our PE offer for children, and they will continue to have access to 2 hours of high quality PE every week (weather permitting!). It does however mean some small changes to PE days for some year groups. From Monday, PE days are as follows:

Year 3	Tuesday and Friday
Year 4	Monday and Wednesday
Year 5	Monday and Friday
Year 6	Tuesday and Wednesday



On the note of PE, we are busily planning for our annual sports day and other end of term events. **Please look out for an updated dates list next week, which will give an overview of everything that is happening between now and the end of this academic year.**

You may have noted that the 'Parking Buddies' have returned to EVS and can be seen at the front of the school. Please remember to park safely and legally to ensure the safety of children (and adults) in our school community. This is everyone's responsibility! If you would like to bike to school as the weather improves (we hope), **please see page 2 and the attachment regarding an offer from Cycle King, a local bike shop.**

On Wednesday we were delighted to welcome our Local Authority Improvement Partner into school for our Annual Evaluation visit. This is a thorough assessment of all aspects of school life including safeguarding, behaviour and the curriculum. As part of the visit, lessons are visited and children are spoken to. **I am delighted to report that the progress that the school has made since the last OfSTED Inspection in October 2022, where the school was graded as a Good school, was really noted.** Children's behaviour for learning in classrooms and the progress that has been made with Reading and Design & Technology (the 2 subjects that were focused on) were celebrated. Well done to everyone in the EVS community for their continued hard work!

Next week, our **summer term clubs start**. Please make sure you familiarise yourself with your child's clubs so that they are collected on time from any clubs they are attending.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs White

Executive Headteacher

GOLD AWARDS

Year 3: Aleksandra 3JT, Manas 3EM, Marnie 3JP, Sophia 3JR

Year 4: Stanlee 4CM, Ollie 4PH, Christa 4NB, Lilla 4BM

Year 5: Jason 5AR, Zack 5LF, Jaques & Bea 5LS, Oliwia 5KH

Year 6: Skye 6RR, Joshua 6DC, Alvin 6AM, Adeena 6GB

PE awards: Tilly 6GB, Zhanara & Hugo 6RR, Lilly 6DC, Travis 5KH

Music Awards: Oji 3JT, Zhanara 6RR



LET'S RIDE

ACTIVE KIDS, HEALTHY MINDS

Cycle King in Stony Stratford are offering our EVS families Free bike safety checks for any child's bike. The voucher attached to this newsletter also entitles your family to several special offers for our school, including £5 off any bike helmet, and money off new bikes.

If you are interested, please print the voucher or take a screenshot of it on your mobile phone or tablet and show it in store. All offers are valid until 1st September 2024.



Merevalley Federation: Spring and Summer term 2024



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

23rd April 2024	Year 6 Parents Residential information evening 5pm
24th April 2024	Year 1 Maths Parents workshop 8:55-9:55am
29th April 2024	Early Years Maths Parents workshop 8:55-9:55am
30th April 2024	Relationships & Sex Education Parents information session at EVS 5pm
1st May 2024	Year 2 Maths Parents workshop 8:55-9:55am
6th May 2024	May Day Bank Holiday. School closed.
9th May 2024	Parent & Carer coffee afternoon at EVS 2pm
13th—16th May 2024	Year 6 SATS
22nd—24th May 2024	Year 6 Residential
27th—31st May 2024	Half term break
3rd June 2024	Children return to school.

TERM DATES 2023-2024

Spring Term	8th January 2024 – 28th March 2024
Summer Term	15th April 2024– 19th July 2024