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INFORM



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had some lovely weather this week and this has meant that children have been able to enjoy the wonderful field and some **outdoor learning in our new outdoor classrooms**. Some Year 6 classes enjoyed learning the guitar in Music outside with Mrs Bosdet, and it's been great to see children making the most of this space. Year 3 also reenacted a battle as part of their work on the Iron Age which was great to watch!

This week you should have received a parentmail about how to withdraw your child from Sex Education provided at school. **This is one lesson per year group** for children in years 4, 5 and 6. **There are no lessons in Year 3 where parents/carers can withdraw their child.** Those Parents or Carers wishing to exercise this right are asked to fill out the Parental Withdrawal Form (Appendix 3 of the RSE Policy). It is the responsibility of the parents/carers to fill out this form **prior to Sex Education starting in the second half of the summer term**. Once a child has been withdrawn, they cannot take part in the specific sex education lessons until the request for withdrawal has been removed. If you already filled a form in last year to withdraw your child, you do not need to fill another one in.

Please can I remind Parents and Carers that EVS children and siblings should not be playing on the outdoor equipment at the end of the day. The school site is secured swiftly at the end of the day, so unless you need to speak to your child's Teacher, **please could I ask you to leave the school site as soon as you have collected your child**. Staff often have training at the end of the school day and this enables them to be ready on time for this. Thank you for your support and co-operation with this.

As we head towards the busy time of the school year, we have tried to provide Parents and Carers with as much notice as possible about all of our end of term events. **Please have a look at the updated dates list on page 2 that includes all of these key dates**. More details will follow about each event nearer the time.

Next week, Mrs Protheroe, our SENCo, and Mrs Faulkner, our Reading lead, will be holding a **coffee afternoon on Thursday at 2pm at EVS**. This is not just for parents of children with SEND, so please come along if you would like some strategies if your child is struggling with reading or writing at home. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Please remember that the **school is closed to everyone on Monday due to the May Day Bank Holiday**. School will be open as normal on Tuesday.

Have a lovely long weekend!

Mrs White

Executive Headteacher

GOLD AWARDS

Year 3: Thea 3JT, Demi 3EM, Amelia 3JP, Naina 3JR

Year 4: Nouman 4CM, Sagun 4PH, Ikleen 4NB, Aliya 4BM

Year 5: Archie 5AR, Marcus 5KH, Oscar 5LF, Leyla 5LS

Year 6: Ishta 6RR, Setayesh 6DC, Paris 6AM, Ethan 6GB

Music Awards: Emma W 5LF





Merevalley Federation: Summer term 2024



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

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
15th May 2024	Rearranged Year 1 Maths Parents workshop 8:55-9:55am
20th May 2024	Year 6 celebration of work 3:25pm
21st May 2024	Year 3 celebration of work 2:30pm
22nd May 2024	Year 5 celebration of work 2:30pm
22nd—24th May 2024	Year 6 Residential
27th-31st May 2024	Half term break
3rd June 2024	Children return to school.
7th June 2024	Current Year 2 transition morning at EVS
11th & 12th June 2024	Year 5 Knife Crime workshops
12th June 2024	Friends of EVS Father's Day Shop
14th June 2024	Merebrook CHoMS Father's Day Shop
18th & 19th June 2024	Year 3 to Whipsnade
19th June 2024	CHoMS Magic show (after school)
20th June 2024	Year 4 to Bradwell Abbey
	Merebrook Sports Day (9:00am EYFS, 10:30am Key Stage 1)
	Year 2 to 3 Transition meeting for parents at EVS 5pm
	Parent coffee afternoon 2pm at EVS (focus on transition & change)
25th June 2024	EYFS Trip to Woburn Safari Park
26th June 2024	Year 2 to Oxford Story Museum
28th June 2024	Emerson Valley Sports Day (9:15am Years 3 & 4, 1:30pm Years 5 &
1st July 2024	6) Federation Transition Day. Children to spend the day in their new
-	Classes.
3rd July 2024	Year 1 trip to Milton Keynes Museum
4th July 2024	Merebrook reserve sports day (only needed if 20th June is cancelled)
10th July 2024	Year 5 to Cadbury World
	Year 4 celebration of work at 2:30pm
12th July 2024	EVS reserve sports day (only needed if 28th June is cancelled)
	Year 6 BBQ and Sleepover
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17th July 2024	Year 6 Prom
	Year 2 awards & leavers assembly morning at Merebrook
18th July 2024	Year 6 awards & leavers assembly at Emerson Valley
19th July 2024	Last day of term.