



# INFORM



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy first week at school. Children have started to master their new class routines and everyone is very motivated to earn house points for showing our school values. **4CM have started their curriculum swimming lessons** at Leon Leisure pool in Bletchley and they behaved exceptionally well on our first school visit of the year.

Thank you for your support with ensuring a smooth start to the school day by dropping your child at the gate in the mornings. **Please remember the main school gates are open from 8:45am to 8:55am every morning.** Please help your child to have a positive start to the school day by making sure they arrive on time.

Please see below the dates of our upcoming **'Meet the Teacher'** sessions. This is an opportunity for you to meet your child's Teacher and the year group staff, and also, to find out a bit more about expectations for the year group. The first part of the meeting will take place in the school hall. **Please collect your child as normal and enter the school hall via the side hall doors at the back of the school. Do not enter through reception.** There will be a presentation by the Teachers, followed by an opportunity to visit your child's classroom if you wish. **Parents of children in 5KH and 6DT are welcome to attend the presentations on the planned days, but are invited to meet their child's Teacher on 19th September instead.**

Today you should have received your **curriculum newsletters** for your child's year group, and also a homework grid for those in years 4, 5 and 6.

Over the last week, we have been busy planning for a busy autumn term. **Please see page 3 of this newsletter for a list of some key dates for the remainder of the term.** This includes the dates for our parents' consultations, which will take place the week before half term, and the dates for our Year 3 Nativity. More details to follow nearer the time of each event.

If your child is interested in **Saturday morning music lessons**, please find attached to this newsletter information about brass, woodwind and percussion sessions led by Milton Keynes Music Hub. Sessions take place at Shenley Brook End School and can be booked directly by following the link in the flyers.

The weather has been very changeable this week. During the school day, children will go outside where possible. **Please ensure that they have a waterproof coat in school every day.**

Have a great weekend,

Mrs White  
Executive Headteacher

## GOLD AWARDS

**Year 3: Rose 3JT, Stacy 3JP, Kaitlyn 3JR, Tulio 3EM**

**Year 4: Alice 4CM, Sophia 4LS, Diya 4GB, Henry 4BM**

**Year 5: Deri 5AR, Mavis 5BF, Jack 5NB, Megan 5KH**

**Year 6: Shrey 6LF, Evie 6AM, Jensen 6DC, Eden 6DT**

**Music Awards: Julia 3JT, Takuma 4GB, Robert 5BF, Marcus 6LF**



<b>16th September 2024</b>	<b>Year 6 Meet the Teacher 3:30-4:00pm</b>
<b>17th September 2024</b>	<b>Year 5 Meet the Teacher 3:30-4:00pm</b>
<b>18th September 2024</b>	<b>Year 4 Meet the Teacher 3:30-4:00pm</b>
<b>19th September 2024</b>	<b>Year 3 Meet the Teacher 3:30-4:00pm</b>

## Home Time Arrangements Survey

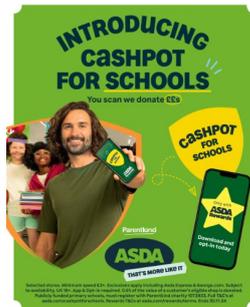
Thank you very much to those who have clarified the home time arrangements for your child(ren). As a quick reminder, we expect Year 3 and 4 children to be met at the school door unless you tell us otherwise. Year 5 and 6 children are allowed out alone unless you specify otherwise. For any children with permission to meet their responsible adult at the school gate – your child needs to know who is collecting them as the member of staff on the gates regularly change and they do not know every family. **If you haven't yet filled it out, here is the link: <https://forms.office.com/e/TpXYi1WMB>**

## End of day collection

Please could any adults collecting at the end of the school day please ensure that they **do not congregate outside classrooms (particularly 6AM and 3JR, which are at the end of each side of the building)**. The conversations can be heard inside the classrooms and this causes disruption to learning.

## Asda Cashpot for Schools

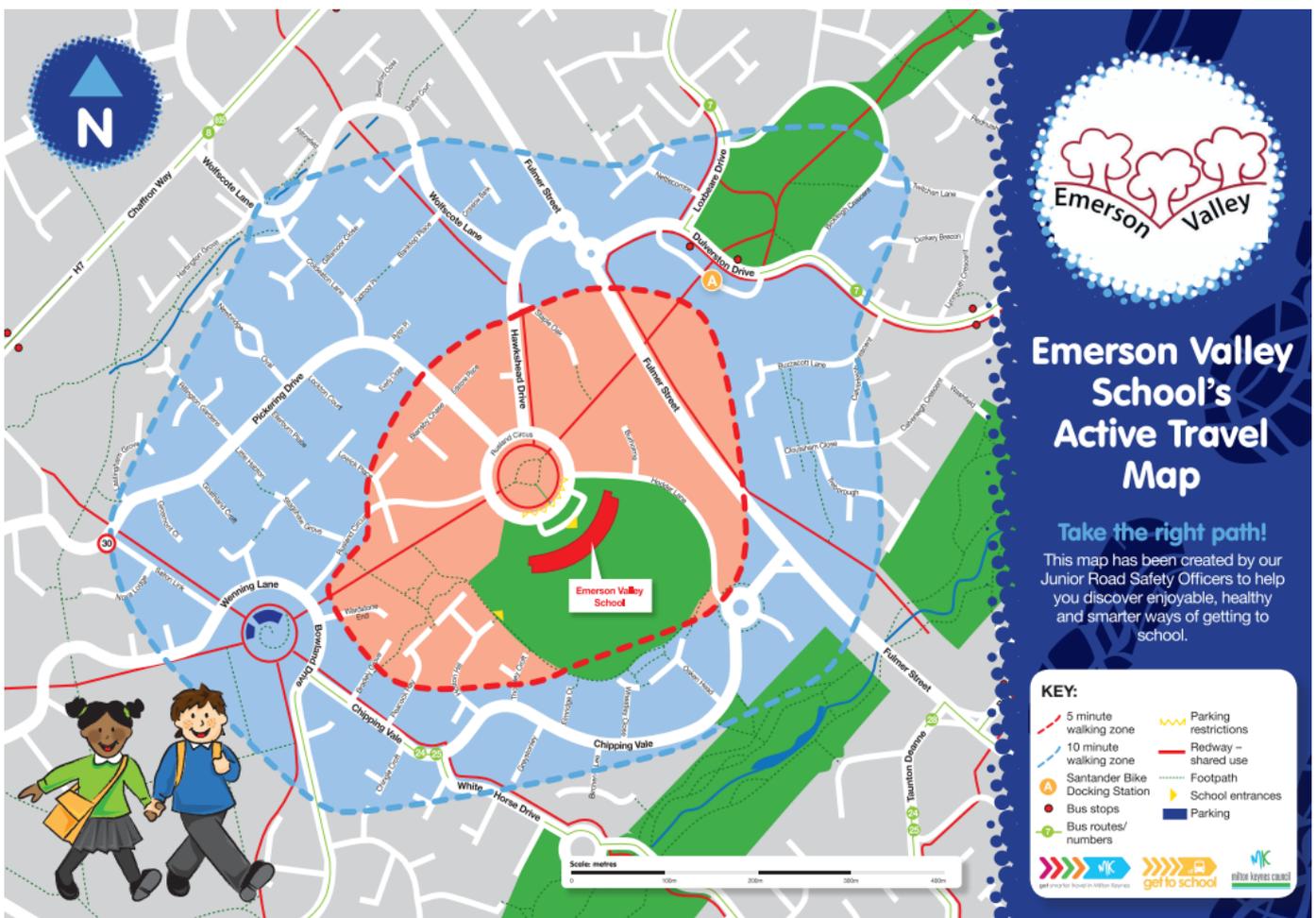
Please refer to the letter from Miss Bennett earlier in the week regarding this new fundraising initiative from Asda. It is simple to do. You just need to download the Asda rewards app and opt in to the cashpot for schools. You then select a school and each time you shop at Asda, you scan the app and then the school will receive a percentage of the amount you have spent. **So far our EVS 'cashpot' is already at nearly £100 from everyone that has registered.**



## After School Club

**Wrap Around Care** – all school children are to leave via the classroom door at 15:25. If you are unable to collect your child at 15:25 and have not given permission for them to leave alone, you **must make alternative arrangements** or your child will be put into Afterschool club and you will be charged £11.50 for the session if there is space. If wrap around care is full, you will still be charged a late collection fee – but your child will not be able to join in the club activities due to not enough staff to supervise.

**Wrap around care is very popular at the moment – so if you do need to use it, please make your bookings as soon as you can to avoid disappointment.** Refunds are not given for unused sessions, but you can amend your bookings up to 24 hours before if required.





## Merevalley Federation: Autumn Term 2024



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

<b>16th September 2024</b>	<b>Year 6 Meet the Teacher</b> 3:30-4:00pm.
<b>17th September 2024</b>	<b>Year 5 Meet the Teacher</b> 3:30-4:00pm.
<b>18th September 2024</b>	<b>Year 4 Meet the Teacher</b> 3:30-4:00pm.
<b>19th September 2024</b>	<b>Year 3 Meet the Teacher</b> 3:30-4:00pm.
<b>23rd September 2024</b>	<b>Year 2 Meet the Teacher</b> 3:15-3:45pm.
<b>25th September 2024</b>	<b>Merebrook EYFS Phonics and Reading workshop at 8:50am.</b> Parents and carers invited. <b>Year 1 Meet the Teacher</b> 3:15-3:45pm.
<b>3rd October 2024</b>	<b>Prospective parent tours at Merebrook and Emerson Valley for September 2025.</b> Please book a place with our school office.
<b>9th October 2024</b>	<b>Merebrook Year 1 Phonics and Reading workshop at 8:50am.</b> Parents and carers invited.
<b>15th October 2024</b>	<b>Year 4 Roman Day.</b>
<b>16th October 2024</b>	<b>School Council Cake sale</b> in aid of Macmillan. EVS Hall at 3:30pm
<b>21st October 2024</b>	<b>Parents' consultations.</b> 3:30-6:00pm
<b>22nd October 2024</b>	<b>Parents' consultations.</b> 4:00-7:00pm
<b>23rd October 2024</b>	<b>Year 5 Space Dome.</b>
<b>24th October 2024</b>	<b>Winning house prize day.</b>
<b>25th October 2024</b>	<b>Emerson Valley school photographs</b>
<b>6th November 2024</b>	<b>Prospective parent tours at Merebrook and Emerson Valley for September 2025.</b> Please book a place with our school office.
<b>12th November 2024</b>	<b>Odd socks day</b> <b>Flu vaccinations</b> for children at Emerson Valley
<b>13th November 2024</b>	<b>Merebrook school photographs</b>
<b>15th November 2024</b>	<b>Non uniform day for Children in Need</b>
<b>29th November 2024</b>	<b>Merebrook flu vaccinations</b>
<b>2nd December 2024</b>	<b>Year 4 celebration of work</b> at 2:30pm. Parents and carers invited.
<b>3rd December 2024</b>	<b>Year 5 celebration of work</b> at 2:30pm. Parents and carers invited.
<b>4th December 2024</b>	<b>Christmas dinner day</b> <b>Year 6 celebration of work</b> at 2:30pm. Parents and carers invited.
<b>10th December 2024</b>	<b>Year 3 Nativity</b> at 2pm.
<b>11th December 2024</b>	<b>Year 3 Nativity</b> at 2pm.
<b>17th December 2024</b>	<b>Christmas shop day.</b>
<b>18th December 2024</b>	<b>Visiting Pantomime to school</b> (EYFS, Yr 1, Yr 2 and Yr 3 morning, Yrs 4-6 pm)
<b>19th December 2024</b>	<b>Winning house prize day.</b>
<b>20th December 2024</b>	<b>Last day of the autumn term.</b>

TERM DATES 2024-2025	
<b>Autumn Term</b>	5th September 2024 – 20th December 2024
<b>Spring Term</b>	7th January 2025 – 4th April 2025
<b>Summer Term</b>	22nd April 2025– 23rd July 2025