



# INFORM



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that everyone had a fantastic summer break! Although school has been closed over the summer break, Mr Thompson and the cleaners have worked hard to get the school ready for the new term. Year 5 has been painted and Teachers have set up their classrooms ready for the new term. The school is looking great!

We have had an exciting first 2 days at EVS. Children have settled well into their new classes and everyone has focused on our school values: **Community, Pride, Aspire**. In addition to these values, we will also be focusing on a different value each month across the Federation, and we have started with **Respect** for the month of September. We have also introduced our **new reward system** as part of our updated behaviour policy. The new policy can be found on our school website, but separate communication will be coming out on Monday regarding this. Please ask your child what they are saving their Merevalley money for!

As well as our new year 3 children, **we have welcomed a number of new staff**. Miss Bennett joins us as Assistant Headteacher, working across Years 5 and 6. Miss Bennett will also be teaching 6LF on a Friday. Mrs Terry (6DT) and Miss Fortune (5BF) have also joined us as Teachers. Mrs Wakeman has joined us in our school office, and Mr Timmins and Mr Williams have joined us as Sports Coaches. They will teach PE to all classes across the school each week. **Welcome to all of our new staff, children and families.**

Children look very smart in their new uniforms, but we have already had some unnamed jumpers found around the school. Please ensure that **everything your child brings to school (including their jumper!) is named** so that if lost, it can be returned to its owner.

Thank you for your support with making sure your children arrive at school on time. Please remember that **morning drop off is 8:45-8:55am**. The school gates are not manned before 8:40am and therefore children (or adults) should not be on site before this time. The **walking bus** still operates from outside Merebrook School every morning. 2 members of staff will be ready to walk children to school from this point at 8:40am. There is no need to book, just arrive ready to leave at 8:40am. **From Monday, all parents and carers are asked to drop children at the gates. This helps ease congestion in the mornings and develops children's independence.** Staff are on duty on the gates and on the playground doors to supervise children and help ensure that they get into the building safely. **End of day collection is at 3:25pm** and parents and carers are able to come on site to collect children. Please be considerate with regards to your parking if you are driving to collect your child. There is plenty of parking in the local area, so there is no need for anybody to park illegally by parking on the markings at the front of the school or blocking people's drive. **Please look at our active travel map on page 2 for possible places to park.**

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. 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.**

**Thank you for bearing with our office team during this busy start to the school term.** All of our communication to families, including our newsletter which is sent out every Friday, will be sent by parentmail. If you need to email the school office for any reason, please use [parents@emersonvalley.org.uk](mailto:parents@emersonvalley.org.uk) or [learningmentors@emersonvalley.org.uk](mailto:learningmentors@emersonvalley.org.uk) if you wish to contact out Learning Mentors.

Next week, look out for communication regarding clubs, which start on the week beginning 23rd September.

**Thank you to everyone in our school community for such a successful first few days of term!**

Mrs White  
Executive Headteacher

<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>

## PE starts from next week

On PE days your child should come to school wearing their PE kit. Days for this term are as follows:

Year 3	Tuesday and Friday
Year 4	Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 5	Monday, Thursday (5BF & 5KH) and Friday (5NB & 5AR)
Year 6	Monday and Wednesday



## TRIM TRAIL

Please could any adults collecting at the end of the school day ensure that younger children DO NOT go on the **trim trail**. This is only to be used by EVS children under the supervision of our staff.

## Break time snacks

During morning break, we ask that children bring in a healthy snack. This should not include chocolate or crisps. If children are taking a snack out of their lunchbox, staff will ensure that it is a piece of fruit or a healthy snack such as a cereal bar or rice cakes.

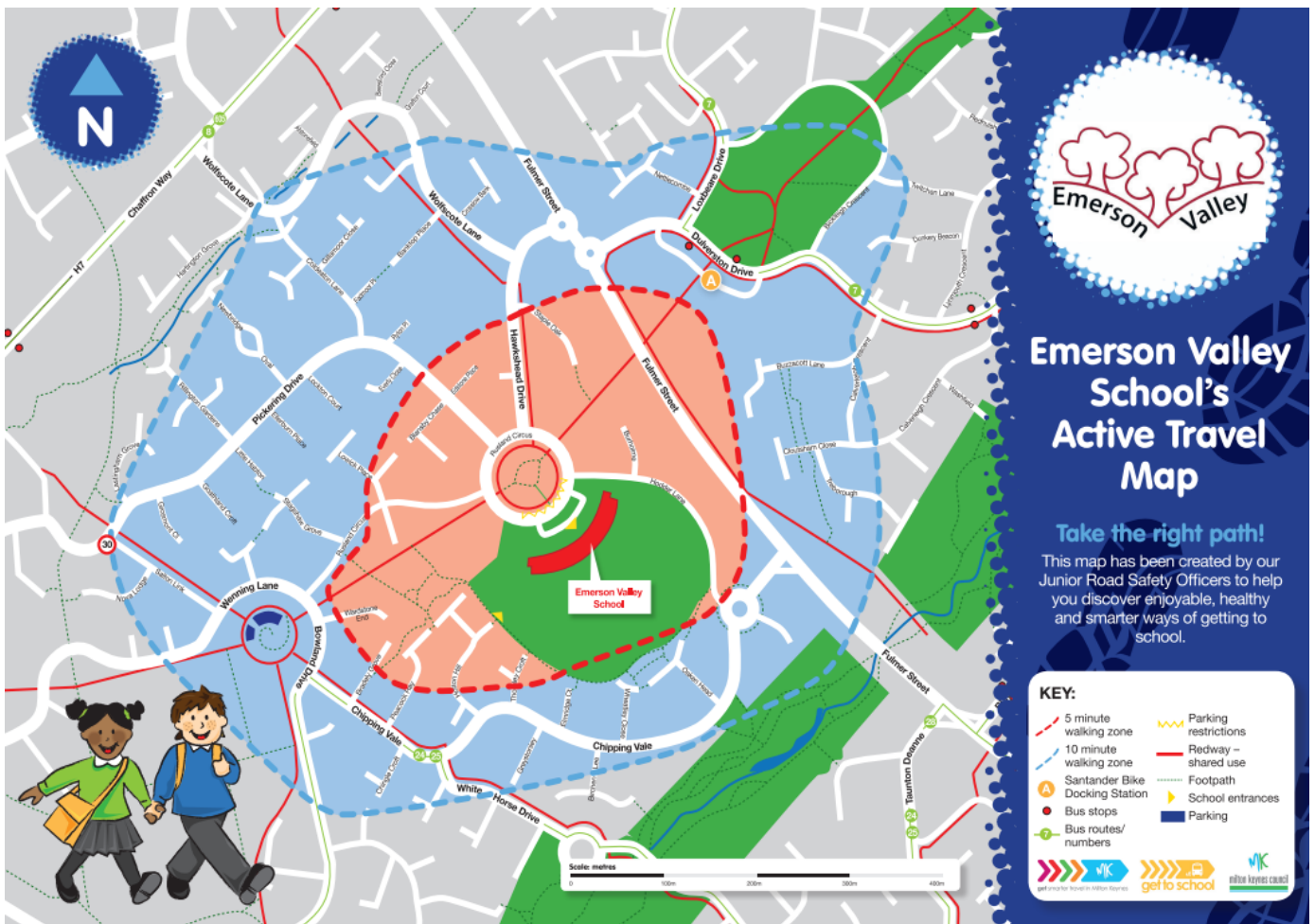


**Please remember that we are a NUT FREE school as we have a number of children with severe nut allergies.** This means that children should not be having chocolate spread sandwiches for their lunch.

## Bikes and scooters

If your child is riding a bike or scooter to school please ensure that they are wearing a helmet. **When entering school site at the front of the school, children should walk their bike down the ramp, not ride it.**

Please help us ensure the children keep themselves and each other safe at the busy start and end of the school day.





**MEREVALLEY FEDERATION**  
**Term Dates 2024/2025**



<b>Autumn Term 2024</b>	
<b>INSET day – school closed</b> <b>INSET day – school closed</b> Open on the morning of: Closed at the end of the afternoon of:	<b>Tuesday 3rd September 2024</b> <b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024</b> Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2024 Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2024
Half term	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2024
<b>INSET day – school closed</b> Open on the morning of: Closed at the end of the afternoon of:	<b>Monday 4th November 2024</b> Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November 2024 Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024
<b>Spring Term 2025</b>	
<b>INSET day – school closed</b> Open on the morning of: Closed at the end of the afternoon of:	<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025</b> Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2025 Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
Half term	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2025
Open on the morning of: Closed at the end of the afternoon of:	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2025 Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
<b>Summer Term 2025</b>	
Open on the morning of: Closed at the end of the afternoon of:	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025 Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025
Half term	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
<b>INSET day – school closed</b> Open on the morning of: Closed at the end of the afternoon of:	<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025</b> Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2025 Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2025