



INFORM


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Dear Parents and Carers,

It might be the last week of this half term but it has definitely been the busiest! This week **Year 5 enjoyed visiting the Space Dome** as part of their Science work. Our **School Council have worked hard this week collectively to make Remembrance Day wreaths** for the Mayor of MK, Councillor Marie Bradburn, to lay at a number of ceremonies over Remembrance weekend. Everyone in **Mars** has enjoyed a reward for being members of the first winning house of the year. **See page 2 for the run down of the scores** - it was very close, but Mars took the first trophy with a collective total of 8961 house points this term. Across this half term children have been working hard to earn their own house points and we are very proud of everyone in our school community for their efforts this term. **Across the school, 90 children have earned over 100 house points and enjoyed their first visit to the Merevalley shop. Well done to everyone!** If you want to see photographs of any of these wonderful events, please look at our **Emerson Valley School facebook page**.

Today your child has had their **individual photograph taken**. They should have brought home a QR code which will allow you to view their photograph online and order copies of the photograph as you wish. Please give the system a couple of days to update following today as there tends to be a bit of a delay with uploading the photos. If you have any problems accessing your child's photograph, please speak to a member of the office team after half term.

Today children were surprised with an extra treat—a **performance of 'Beauty and the Beast' by M&M productions**. This pantomime was performed to our school community free of charge and was a fantastic end of term treat for everyone. Children across the school have worked incredibly hard during this busy first half term of the year, and we have really seen an improvement in children's learning behaviours. The whole staff team have enjoyed a positive start to the school year and I would like to thank every single parent and carer for their engagement with our school. It was lovely to see so many of you this week at the first parents consultations of the year, and see happy, smiley children leaving after the appointments.

I hope that everyone enjoys a restful half term break before we return for an equally busy second half of the Autumn term on **Tuesday 5th November 2024**.

Happy half term!

Mrs White
Executive Headteacher

Changes to our morning routine

After half term there is going to be a change to the start of our EVS school day. Despite many reminders about drop off time (which is 8:45am to 8:55am), we are seeing an increasing number of children arriving before this time. These children are unsupervised as staff duties do not start until 8:40am. This does not support a smooth start to the school day. Therefore, **from 5th November, the gates will not be opened until 8:40am**. This is still 5 minutes before official drop off time. They will be opened by the member of staff on duty at each gate and **ONLY CHILDREN are able to enter the school site**. Children will be met by their teachers on the playground and lined up ready to enter the school building calmly at 8:45am. This is an important change for our school and will help to ensure a positive start to the school day for all children. If you have a message to pass on to your child's teacher, you can continue to speak to the member of staff on the gate, or pop in to reception. This should not be a big change for most children and families as staff already request that children walk to the playgrounds on their own without parents. Teachers will be talking to children about this tweak to the morning routine today.



Due to an increase in numbers, our Wrap Around Care club is expanding! **Please see the attached flyer regarding additional activities planned for each night of the next half term**. We are also pleased to be able to offer a homework club for those children who wish to use this time to do their homework. Booking is still via parentmail. Please try to book as far ahead as possible to help us have an oversight of numbers.



Applying for a secondary school place in Milton Keynes.

If your child is currently in Year 6, you need to apply for their place at Secondary School by **31st October 2024**. Applying before this deadline is important so that your child has the best chance of a place at your preferred school.

Applications can be made online through the Milton Keynes City Council website or by clicking [here](#).

MEREVALLEY FEDERATION


OPEN MORNING FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS AND CARERS

NEW DATE
2nd December 2024
 9:30am at Merebrook School and 10:15am at Emerson Valley School



6th November 2024
 9:30am at Merebrook School and 10:15am at Emerson Valley School

Is your child due to start school in Reception or are they moving into Year 3 in September 2025?

We are two schools with one shared vision. We welcome parents to visit our schools, meet our Senior Leaders and see our fantastic school sites. We encourage you to visit both schools to see all of our Primary provision. Our Executive Headteacher will walk with you from Merebrook to Emerson Valley if you would like to visit both schools.

Please make a call to one of our school offices if you would like to book a space on either day.

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COMMUNITY, PRIDE, ASPIRE.




A message from MK City Council regarding FSM vouchers

Whilst the Government has extended the Household Support Fund until March 2025, the funding we are receiving will be used to support those households in crisis or financial difficulty. This is in line with the guidance from the Government.


Unfortunately this means we are not in the position to offer FSM vouchers for families over the October Half Term break. Families who are struggling can access our cost-of-living webpage for information on support available to them.

[Cost of living support | Milton Keynes City Council \(milton-keynes.gov.uk\)](#)



Week	Jupiter	Mars	Saturn	Neptune
Week 2 (Wb 9.09)	1631	1845	1740	1563
Week 3 (wb 16.09)	1126	1183	1230	1090
Week 4 (wb 23.09)	1420	1356	1355	1266
Week 5 (wb 30.09)	1537	1452	1404	1322
Week 6 (wb 07.10)	1354	1334	1284	1230
Week 7 (wb 14.10)	1789	1791	1748	1735
Week 8 (wb 21.10)				
Total	8857	8961	8761	8206

If you are interested in supporting your child's love at reading at home, you may find this link to the Book Trust website helpful. They have an up-to-date list of the [100 best children's books](#) for different age ranges. Whether you're planning a trip to the library in half term or want to add some books to your child's Christmas list, this site shares with you a range of age-appropriate books, with a little synopsis.



FAST TRACK SWIMMING



Monday 28th October-Friday 1st
November

9.30-12.00

Enquire at the reception or via email for
specific stage timings!

5 x 30 minute
lessons for
£27.50!

- ☑ Boost confidence and build stamina
- ☑ Great introduction for new swimmers
- ☑ Improve stroke weaknesses with less time between lessons to forget



For swimmers stage 1-5

4-15 years

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Merevalley Federation: Autumn Term 2024



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

25th October 2024	Emerson Valley school photographs
6th November 2024	Prospective parent tours at Merebrook and Emerson Valley for September 2025. Please book a place with our school office.
12th November 2024	Odd socks day Flu vaccinations for children at Emerson Valley
13th November 2024	Merebrook school photographs
15th November 2024	Non uniform day for Children in Need
18th November 2024	Movie night for Year 3 until 5pm
19th November 2024	Year 1 local area walk
21st November 2024	Movie night for Year 4 until 5pm
25th November 2024	Movie night for Year 5 until 5pm
27th November 2024	Year 3 Stone Age workshop (in school)
28th November 2024	Movie night for Year 6 until 5pm
29th November 2024	Merebrook flu vaccinations
2nd December 2024	Year 4 celebration of work at 2:30pm. Parents and carers invited. Prospective parent tours at Merebrook and Emerson Valley for September 2025. Please book a place with our school office.
3rd December 2024	Year 5 celebration of work at 2:30pm. Parents and carers invited.
4th December 2024	Christmas dinner day Year 6 celebration of work at 2:30pm. Parents and carers invited. CHoMS film night after school at Merebrook
10th December 2024	Year 3 Nativity at 2pm.
11th December 2024	Year 3 Nativity at 2pm.
17th December 2024	Christmas shop day.
18th December 2024	Visiting Pantomime to school (EYFS, Yr 1, Yr 2 and Yr 3 morning, Yrs 4-6 pm)
19th December 2024	Winning house prize day.
20th December 2024	Last day of the autumn term.

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