



INFORM



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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we have marked National **Anti-Bullying week** across the Federation. On Monday, Miss Roche led an assembly reminding children what bullying is so that children can recognise and report bullying if it happens. We saw many children wearing odd socks to school on Tuesday to symbolise everyone's uniqueness.

Also on Monday, we held a whole school assembly to mark Remembrance Day. Everyone observed a 2-minute silence, and this was concluded by Mr Benger playing 'The Last Post'. Please have a look at our school Facebook page to watch this performance. Thank you Mr Benger - this really helped us to capture the moment.

Last term, Mrs Pitcher held a pre-loved uniform shop after school. Not only did this enable lots of Parents and Carers to purchase a cheap, new school jumper for their child, but this event also **raised £86 for our school community**. Mrs Pitcher will be spending this money with our School Council. Thank you to everybody that donated or purchased items for this event.

Please note that we have changed the time of our planned celebration of work events for years 4, 5 and 6. These will now take place at the end of the day, after collection at 3:25pm, rather than at 2:30pm. Please see the dates list on Page 3 for a reminder of which days these are happening on. More details to follow in a couple of weeks. Please note that there is no date for a Year 3 celebration of work this half term as Year 3 are busy working on their Nativity!

We have noticed a marked difference in the calmness at the start of the school day following our change in morning routine. Thank you for your support with this. Please can I remind Parents and Carers that children should not be dropped off to school before 8:40am. Staff are not on duty before this and it becomes a safeguarding concern if children are arriving prior to this and are unsupervised by an adult, so please support us with this by ensuring that your child is arriving no earlier than 8:40am.

Have a good weekend,

Mrs White
Executive Headteacher

You might have seen Miss Roche's communication last week about discounted tickets for the **MK Breakers vs Reading Rockets** game on **Saturday 23rd November**, taking place at Bletchley Leisure Centre starting at 5pm (doors open 4:15pm). Mr Williams and Mr Timmins have secured us a discount code if you wish to attend the game to support and see our sports coaches in action on the court!

Discounted ticket link: <https://sport.lokkaroom.com/mk-breakers/tickets/mk-breakers-vs-reading-rockets-V26x1bs?p=emerson>



Thank you to those of you that have respected that we have decided to close our school car park at the end of the day. **The cones to close off the school car park are there for a reason - please do not move them to park in the school car park unless you have a blue badge.** It is disappointing that some Parents and Carers have been quite unpleasant to members of staff who have reminded them of this. Please consult our active travel map, arrive earlier for collection and park and walk to school where possible. This really eases the congestion (and pollution) around our school site. Thank you for your support with this.



GOLD AWARDS

Year 3: Michal 3JT, Sofia 3JP, Aava 3JR, Aurora 3EM

Year 4: Jamie 4CM, Bradley 4LS, Aleksandra 4GB, Andrei 4BM

Year 5: Natalie 5AR, Esme 5BF, Rex 5NB, Harris 5KH

Year 6: Paige 6LF, Sophia 6AM, Millie 6DC, Blessing 6DT

PE awards: Abbie 3JR, Jasmine 4LS, Andre 5BF, Sam 6DT

Music Awards: Ivy-Rose 3JT, Danny 4LS, Jada 5BF, Bronte 6AM





Our Movie nights for this term kick off next week on **Monday for Year 3** and on **Thursday for Year 4**. When the films finish at 5pm, please collect your child from Reception.

If your child is in Years 5 or 6 and they would like to take part in their year group's movie night, please **complete the consent form sent via parentmail and make a £4 payment by the end of Wednesday 20th November**.

NO NUTS PLEASE!

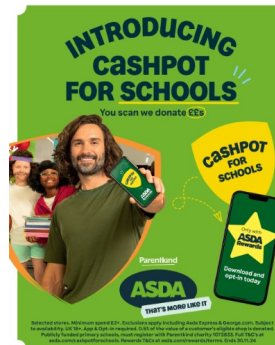
Please remember that **we are a NUT FREE SCHOOL**. We have some children with severe nut allergies in school. Children therefore cannot have any items in their packed lunch that contain nuts. **THIS INCLUDES CHOCOLATE SPREAD**. Please help us to keep our school community safe by adhering to this rule.



Wonka chocolate bar fundraiser

It was lovely to see children coming into school on Monday morning clutching their winning tickets! **Congratulations to our winners:** Mrs Wakeman, Vlad V 3JR, Josh M 3JT, Paul M 3JP, Matilda B 3JR, Imogen H 4BM, Kevin P 4LS, Kevin F 4CM, Alice R 4CM, Max W 4GB, Savannah G 5AR, Finn C 5AR, Malik E 5KH, Esme T 5BF, Aleah M 6DC, Lola W 6LF, Zack P 6DC and Bethal O 6DT. **We still have one prize awaiting collection...**

Asda Cashpot for Schools



Our Asda Cashpot is currently sitting at almost £250. This initiative closes at the end of November and we would really like to get £500. Help us by choosing us as a school in the app and remembering to scan it every time you shop at Asda.



One of our wonderful EVS children, Harper S in 4CM, is raising money for this fantastic charity. Sadly we have a number of children in our school community that have experienced the loss of a parent. Children's Grief Awareness Day is an opportunity to make sure that grieving children receive the support they need.

If you would like to support Harper in her fundraising for this worthwhile charity, that supports several of our EVS children, please click here to access her [Go Fund Me page](#).



Merevalley Federation: Autumn Term 2024



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

18th November 2024	Movie night for Year 3 until 5pm
19th November 2024	Year 1 local area walk
20th November 2024	8:50-9:10am 'How to support your child with writing' for Merebrook families
21st November 2024	Movie night for Year 4 until 5pm
25th November 2024	Movie night for Year 5 until 5pm
26th 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 3:25pm. 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 3:25pm. Parents and carers invited.
4th December 2024	Christmas dinner day Year 6 celebration of work at 3:25pm. Parents and carers invited. CHoMS film night after school at Merebrook
10th December 2024	Year 3 Nativity at 2pm. Parents and Carers of 3JR and 3EM only.
11th December 2024	Year 3 Nativity at 2pm. Parents and Carers of 3JP and 3JT only.
17th December 2024	Christmas shop day. EYFS Christmas Performance at 9:15am Key Stage 1 Carols at 2:15pm
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. Merebrook winter disco
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