



INFORM



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that everyone had a good half term break! It has been a busy first week back, but children have settled back into school life well. **Thank you for your support with our change of morning routine - this has meant a calmer start to the school day.** Please remember that children should not be arriving at school before 8:40am. The official drop off time is 8:45-8:55am. The gates to our school site will be opened at 8:40am and at this point children are invited to come onto school site to line up with their Teachers. **We would like to encourage all families to aim for their child to arrive by 8:45am so that they are able to walk in with their class.** Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Unfortunately, there has been an increase in inconsiderate parking at the end of the school day. Parents and Carers are once again blocking the school car park, making access to the school unsafe, difficult and meaning that staff and visitors cannot leave the school easily at the end of the school day. **We have therefore made the decision to, once again, close the car park at the end of the day.** If you do need to use the disabled bays in the car park and possess a Blue Badge, please make yourself known to our school office team so that they can advise you how to access our car park.

Our Friends of EVS, ably supported by our Learning Mentors, have been busy this week, preparing all of the **Wonka Bars**. These will be delivered to children today. If you have a golden ticket in your bar, please let us know so that your prize can be selected. **This fundraiser has made £632 for our school—which is amazing!** Thank you to those of you that purchased your MK Pantomime tickets through school. **This has raised a further £438 for our school. What a great start to the year!** These funds will go towards school events later in the year.

It has been great to see more children enjoying accessing our **extended Wrap Around Care club**. Remember that booking takes place via Parentmail. **Details of themed nights can be found on the attached flyer.**

You may have noticed that we didn't participate in the MK Food Bank Harvest appeal this year. This is because we wanted to support the **Food Bank's 'Reverse Advent' campaign**. Our School Council will be asking for donations of packet and tinned foods to come into school during the week of 25th November, ready for them to make into Christmas Hampers, which will be delivered to the food bank the following week. **Please see the attached flyer for more information.**

This term is incredibly busy, and next week is no exception! **Please see page 2 of this newsletter for details of Anti-bullying week, Odd Socks Day (Tuesday) and Children in Need Day (Friday).**

Have an enjoyable weekend,

Mrs White
Executive Headteacher

This year we are bringing back our **Year 3 Nativity**. Due to space restrictions in our hall, we need to limit tickets to each of the two performances. Therefore, **parents and carers of children in 3JR and 3EM are invited to attend the performance on Tuesday 10th December. Parents and Carers of children in 3JT and 3JP are invited to attend the performance on**

Wednesday 11th December. Both performances start at 2pm, and all classes will take part in both performances. The performances are for adults only—we cannot accommodate younger siblings, so please make alternative arrangements. **Each child will be allocated 2 tickets for their classes' day.** This arrangement gives us the maximum amount of seating for the performances, as we know they are always well attended. If you absolutely cannot attend on your child's day and if there are spare tickets available, we **may be able** to accommodate you on the other day. Please note the dates—more information to follow at the end of the month.



GOLD AWARDS

Year 3: Scarlett 3JT, Milo 3JP, Omar 3JR, Jodie 3EM

Year 4: Daisy A 4CM, Erianna 4LS, Amalia 4GB, Sofia A 4BM

Year 5: Cole A 5AR, Kelton 5NB, Zach 5KH, Alinah 5BF

Year 6: Scarlett 6LF, Kesna 6AM, Priyasha 6DC, Erin 6DT

PE awards: Tate 3JR, Amal 4BM, Riley B 5NB, Bronte 6AM

Music Awards: Jamie 4CM





Our Movie nights for this term kick off on Monday 18th November. **Letters for children in Years 3 and 4 have been sent out this week.** If your child wishes to take part, please complete the consent form and make the £4 payment by the end of Wednesday 13th November. **This takes place on Monday 18th for Year 3 and Thursday 21st November for Year 4.** Information regarding the film nights for Years 5 and 6 will be sent out next week.

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

On Friday 15th November, we are supporting BBC's Children in Need. **On this day, children can come to school in non-uniform, wearing spots and / or something yellow, or just non-uniform, for a cash donation (suggested donation: £1).** Donations can be given straight to class teachers when children arrive at school. If your child has PE on this day, please ensure their outfit is suitable for PE and that they are wearing trainers.



Next week, we will be participating in the national Anti—bullying week. This year's theme is 'choose respect'.

Odd Socks Day is on Tuesday 12th November and we encourage all children (and adults!) to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us unique. School uniform as normal—just odd socks please!

This month's value is...

Humility

- Owning up when you've done something wrong.
- You listen to other people's kind comments and opinions.
- Identifying other people's strengths and weaknesses.
- Saying thank you politely when someone has helped you.
- Admitting when you need help when you're not sure.
- Working as a team player and saying it is ok if you lose.



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.**

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
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 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. 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.
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