



INFORM



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Dear Parents and Carers,

EVS has been a hive of activity this week. On Tuesday, children across the school visited the **Christmas shop** to buy presents for their family members. The hall looked fantastic and children enjoyed choosing from the fantastic selection of gifts available. **Thank you to the Friends of EVS for organising this event, wrapping all the presents and helping to raise £1000 for our schools.**

On Wednesday, everyone was treated to a performance of the **pantomime 'Sleeping Beauty'** to truly get into the spirit of Christmas.

Well done to everyone in Jupiter, who between them, have earnt 9045 house points this half term and were all treated to a hot chocolate and movie afternoon yesterday. The totals were very close this term with Mars earning 8847 house points, Saturn earning 8767 and Neptune earning 8690 house points. Well done to everyone!

Today we say goodbye to Mr Roxburgh as he moves on to his new school as Assistant Vice Principal, and Mrs Protheroe, as she moves to be with her family in Lincolnshire. On behalf of our whole school community, I would like to thank them for their hard work and dedication. We will miss them, but wish them well in their news ventures. **In the new year, we welcome Mrs Pearce as SENCo for both schools in our Federation.** Mrs Pearce will be working 4 days, and won't be in school on Thursdays. She can be contacted using the same senco@merevalley.org.uk email address. Until a replacement Teacher can be found for 5AR, Miss Bennett will be taking on the teaching in 5AR and also leading the Year 5 Team.

Today is the last day of this term and our office will close today at 3:30pm, and will not reopen until 9am on Monday 6th January 2025.

On behalf of our school community, I would like to wish all of our families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Tuesday 7th January 2025.

Have an enjoyable time with your families,

Mrs White
Executive Headteacher



Merevalley Christmas Raffle

Thank you to everybody that helped raise money for our schools by buying a raffle ticket. The raffle was drawn on Tuesday and all lucky winners have been notified.

You can watch the draw on our Facebook page if you have not already. **Thank you to the staff that contributed the prizes and helped us to raise £540 for our schools.** What an excellent example of everyone demonstrating our 'Community' value!



PARENT PARKING FORUM

I am sure you can see that the parking situation in our school community is not getting any better. This week once again staff and parents have been subject to verbal abuse by parents parking illegally. Our EVS community is absolutely committed to making this a safe place for all children and I would like to thank those parents that have offered to help add to our capacity to do this. **I will be holding a meeting for any interested parties on the first day back after Christmas, Tuesday 7th January 2025, in our EVS school hall.** There are 2 sessions (please see the attached flyer for more information. We know what the issues are—**please come along if you have suggestions about what we can do to make this a calmer, safer and more pleasant environment for everyone.**



END OF TERM AWARDS

In today's Celebration assembly, we celebrated **351 children** receiving their Bronze Certificate for collecting 100 house points this term. We also were delighted to award **Priyasha and Amber (from 6DC)** silver certificates for earning 250 house points: a superb achievement. All of the winners got to visit the Merevalley shop today. Some children chose to spend their Merevalley Money whilst others chose to save it up to be able to buy a bigger prize. Congratulations to all of our winners! We also handed out staff gold awards and a huge well done to Mr Salmon and Miss Fortune.





Merevalley Federation: Spring Term 2025



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

20th December 2024	Last day of the autumn term.
7th January 2025	Children return to school. Spring term begins.
13th January 2025	EVS Young Voices Concert
14th January 2025	Year 6 SATs Information session for parents at 5pm
20th January 2025	6DC to Bletchley Park
21st January 2025	6DT to Bletchley Park
22nd January 2025	Jamie Knight Football Freestyler assembly & workshops at Merebrook Jamie Knight Football Freestyler assembly & workshops for years 5&6
23rd January 2025	Jamie Knight Football Freestyler assembly & workshops for years 3 & 4
27th January 2025	6AM to Bletchley Park
28th January 2025	6LF to Bletchley Park
3rd—7th February 2025	Children's Mental Health Week
3rd February 2025	Year 1 celebration of work at 2:40pm
5th February 2025	Reading Parent workshop for Years 3 and 4 at 3:35pm
10th February 2025	EYFS Forest School celebration of work from 1:30pm
11th February 2025	Year 2 celebration of work at 2:40pm
12th February 2025	Reading Parent workshop for Years 5 and 6 at 3:35pm CHoMS Movie Night for Merebrook children
6th March 2025	World Book Day. More information to follow.
10th March 2025	Year 6 Mock SATS week
21st March 2025	Red Nose day—non-uniform
24th March 2025	Parent consultation meetings 3:30-6:00pm EVS Mother's Day Shop
25th March 2025	Parent consultation meetings 3:30-6:30pm
28th March 2025	Merebrook PE Pirates festival
4th April 2025	Last day of Spring term.
22nd April 2025	Children return to school. Start of the Summer term.