



INFORM



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school, and a **Happy New Year to you all!** I hope that everyone had a good break and that 2025 has started well.

This week we have welcomed **Mrs Pearce, our new SENCo, to our Federation.** Mrs Pearce is an experienced SENCo and has worked in Milton Keynes schools for many years so has a good understanding of her new role with us. Mrs Protheroe completed an extremely thorough handover with her, but it will take her a few weeks to get to know our school community. She will be based at Emerson Valley typically on a Monday morning, a Tuesday afternoon and all day on Wednesdays and Fridays. She can be contacted on the SENCo email address, which is

senco@merevalley.org.uk. Mrs Pearce will respond to any queries as soon as she can, but please be mindful that she does not work on Thursdays. We are also pleased to welcome Mrs Rachel Rice as the new class teacher of 5AR this term.

It is a busy term ahead, so please make note of the **key dates for this term** which can be seen on page 2 of this newsletter. Please note that there is a change to the dates for the Bletchley Park trips for 6AM and 6DT.

Please find attached to this newsletter a flyer regarding our **After School Club activities this term**, information about **parent / carer webinars led by the ADHD Foundation** and a poster advertising a **mural competition** we are holding in school to design part of our corridor.

Have a good weekend,

Mrs White
Executive Headteacher



PARENT PARKING FORUM

Thank you to those parents that were able to attend on Tuesday, and to those who shared their suggestions outside of this meeting. We were also able to welcome local Councillor Peter Cannon to the meeting and together we have created a plan with a number of actions that are all focused on eradicating unsafe parking and driving around our school. Expect to see regular updates in the newsletter about our plans. In order for us to implement some short term measures, **we are looking for 'Parent Parking volunteers' to work with us at the end of the school day from 3pm.** If you are able to offer some time either on an ad hoc or a regular basis, please email learningmentors@emersonvalley.org.uk by the end of Wednesday 15th January so that we can put a plan together.

Watch this space... unsafe driver conduct will not be tolerated in our school community!



This month's value is...

Freedom

You have a right to your own views and opinions. You might think dogs are better than cats, but others might not and that is ok.

Having freedom also means making the good choices that are sensible and right.

Freedom is having independence to choose what I want to do. Your Mum might want you to do football club, but you have the freedom to say no.

I have the freedom to choose who my friends are both inside of school and outside.

I have the freedom to choose the religion I wish to practice under.



GOLD AWARDS

Year 3: Emma 3JT, Petra 3JP, Finley 3JR, Fiona 3EM

Year 4: Zara 4CM, Teddy 4LS, Rithuska 4GB, Joshua 4BM

Year 5: Finn 5AR, Nouman 5BF, Borri 5NB, Amelie 5KH

Year 6: Arina 6LF, Ralph 6AM, Esther 6DC, Lilith 6DT

PE awards: David 3EM, Veronica 4GB, Kelton 5NB, Claire 6AM

Music awards: Rosie 4GB, Dara 5BF, Sam 6DC





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
17th January 2025	Rock Steady Concert @ 2p.m. (in replace of the cancelled concert in the
20th January 2025	6DC to Bletchley Park
21st January 2025	6AM to Bletchley Park (change of date)
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	6DT to Bletchley Park (change of date)
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.