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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our move across to Arbor has started this week. Thank you to everybody that has followed our communication and connected to the Parent Portal. **After half term, we anticipate this being our only communication channel, so please connect your account if you have not already.** From now on, **absences should be reported, on a daily basis, through Arbor.** To do this, access the Attendance section, input the absence details, and submit the request. School staff will then approve or reject the absence. Once approved, it will be visible in the Attendance tab. Absence requests cannot be edited, only deleted and recreated if changes are needed, and approved absences cannot be deleted. If you need any support with this, please speak to staff in either of our school offices.

This week we have marked **National Safer Internet Day** by talking to children about staying safe online. It is disappointing that so many children freely access apps and websites that are not age appropriate. If you would like support with keeping your child safe online, there are lots of useful resources available on the UK Safer Internet Centre website. Click [here](#) to access this information.

After half term, we are looking forward to our annual 'Book Week', which takes place during the week beginning 3rd March. Please find attached to this newsletter a flyer about this, including ideas about how to dress up as an adjective on 'World Book Day,' which is Thursday 6th March 2025.

We are excited that our Merebrook children will be accessing our Wrap Around Care club at Emerson Valley, commencing after half term. **Please find attached to this newsletter a flyer regarding our After School Provision.**

Did you know that 'The Sunshine Centre' next to Merebrook offers lots of **activities for families?** See page 3 of this newsletter for details of half term activities, and their weekly plan for after half term.

Have an enjoyable half term! We look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 24th February 2024.

Mrs White
Executive Headteacher

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

We have noticed an increase in the number of children leaving school during the day for medical appointments or not attending for the whole day due to a medical appointment.

Whilst we appreciate that hospital appointments generally offer little choice in days and time, **please can all other medical appointments, including dentist and doctors appointments be made outside of the school day where possible.** If your child has a medical appointment that means that they need to be absent from school, please provide proof of the appointment in the form of an appointment letter or booking text to our school office in order for the register to be marked with the appropriate code.

Mother's Day Shop

This will be held in school on Monday 24th March 2025. Children that have opted to buy a gift will visit the shop during the school day. More details about how to purchase a gift will be sent through Arbor after half term. **Gifts will be £5.**



END OF HALF TERM AWARDS

Mars	7259
Neptune	6918
Saturn	6876
Jupiter	6696

A huge congratulations to our winning house for this half-term, **Mars**. All children and staff in Mars got to enjoy wearing non-uniform yesterday! In celebration assembly today, we handed out **12 Bronze certificates** (100 HPs), **100 Silver certificates** (250 HPs) and **2 Gold certificates** (350 HPs). Congratulations to all children who hit their house point milestones. They get to visit the Merevalley Shop this afternoon to spend their Merevalley money or they may choose to save it!



Communication with Parents and Carers

At Merevalley we are committed to fostering positive and open communication with all our parents and carers. As part of the 5 Dimension Trust, we would like to draw your attention to the fourth dimension, which is **to create a supportive partnership with parents, carers and families as we believe that strong partnerships between home and school are essential for the success and well being of our students.**

Contacting the School:

Should you need to get in touch with us, you can do so using any of the following ways:

Phone: You can reach our main office at (01908) 507914 during school hours.

Email: For general inquiries, please email us at **parents@emersonvalley.org.uk** For specific concerns, you may wish to contact our Learning Mentors using the following email address: **learningmentors@emersonvalley.org.uk**

We understand that there may be times when you have concerns or complaints. Our school is dedicated to addressing these matters promptly and fairly. Our Complaints Policy outlines the procedures for raising and resolving issues. You can find the Complaints Policy here: [5DT Complaints Policy](#)

For details on how to contact governors, please see the Governors page of our website by clicking here: [Local Governing Body - Emerson Valley School](#)

We value your feedback and are here to support you and your child. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.



Merevalley Federation: Spring Term 2025

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



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
2nd April 2025	CHoMS movie night at Merebrook
4th April 2025	Last day of Spring term.
22nd April 2025	Children return to school. Start of the Summer term.

Monday 17 th February	Tuesday 18 th February	Wednesday 19 th February	Thursday 20 th February	Friday 21 st February
<p>10.00am-10:45am Join the Sunshine team for Story, Songs and Rhymes at Westcroft Library</p> 	<p>10:00am-11:30am Family Games, Puzzles, and Lego Session</p> 	<p>10:00am -11:30am Family Play Come along for a fun indoor and outdoor play session</p> 	<p>10:00am -11:30am Baby Group A relaxed session including songs and rhymes.</p>	<p>9:30am -11:00am Family Walk to Furzton Lake</p> 
<p>Sensory room available call the centre to book</p> 	<p>1:30pm-3:00pm Drop in Café</p> <p>Community Fridge 2.00pm-4.00pm Westcroft Pavilion MK4 4GB Help reduce food waste</p>	<p>12:00noon-1:00pm Family Lunch Jacket potatoes. Call the centre to book your place.</p> 	<p>1:30pm-3:00pm Drop in Café</p> 	<p>10:00am -1:00pm Westcroft Community Larder at Westcroft Pavilion Contact SOFEA at www.sofea.uk.com</p>

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<p>8:30-9:15 Tea & Toast</p> <p>10:00am-10:45am Term time Join the Sunshine team for Story, Songs & Rhymes at Westcroft Library with an opportunity to explore and borrow books.</p>	<p>10:00am-11:30am Stay and Play A play session for under 5's with indoor and outdoor play. Includes a healthy snack and songs and rhymes.</p>	<p>8:30-9:15 Tea & Toast</p> <p>10:00am-11:00am Messy Play Lots of opportunities to join in with sensory and creative play. A change of clothes is advised.</p>	<p>8:30-9:15 Tea & Toast</p> <p>9.30-10.45 Baby Group A relaxed session including songs and rhymes. From newborn to non-walkers. Breast feeding support available. 11:15am-12:00pm Socatots Fun free football session for walkers to 5 years. No need to book.</p>	<p>8:30-9:15 Tea & Toast</p> <p>9.30am-11.00am Walk and Talk Join us for a walk to the local parks.</p> <p>Sensory room available Monday and Friday 9:00am-3:00pm Contact the centre to book.</p>
<p>Socatots starting 24th February. 10:15-10:55 Walking to 3 years. 11:00-11:30 Non walkers from 6 months of age. Contact Socatots to book. SOCATOTS Toddler Football Classes Ages 6 months to 5 years</p>	<p>9:00am-12:00pm and Thursday 1:15pm-3:00pm Employment Support Service One to one support available with an advisor. Contact the centre for details.</p>	<p>12:00-1:00pm Lunch Club Starting 5th February Call the centre to book.</p> <p>Join us for lunch and time to catch up with friends.</p>	<p>10:00am-1:00pm Citizen's Advice Fortnightly appointments. Book at: Shenley Brook End Parish Council - Citizens Advice Milton Keynes (miltonkeynescab.org.uk)</p>	<p>10:00am-12:00pm Music Bugs Contact michelle@musicbugs.co.uk to book.</p>
<p>12:30pm-2:30pm Welcome to the World A course for pregnant women and their partners. 20th January -17th March. Contact the centre to book.</p>	<p>1:30pm-2:30pm LIPS Let's Interact and Play Speech and language course to support your child. Contact the centre for information.</p>	<p>1:30pm-2:30pm Healthy Movers Music and Story session. Followed by a healthy snack</p>	<p>12:30pm-2:30pm Family ESOL 6th February- 1st April English as a second language 8- week course with CLMK. Contact the centre to book.</p>	<p>1:30pm-3:00pm Feel Good Friday Café Cuppa and Crafts An opportunity to try new crafts or just have a chat. All welcome to come along.</p>
<p>Other local activities 5:00pm-6:00pm Free Fun Football Shenley Brook End Parish Council Tattenhoe Sports Pavilion 8-16 years</p>	<p>Other local activities 2:00pm-4:00pm Community Fridge At Westcroft Pavilion, MK4 4GB</p>	<p>Other local activities YMCA Youth Club Shenley Brook End Community Centre. Term time 3:30pm-5:30pm 11-13 years. 6:30pm-8:30pm 14-18 years</p>	<p>Community Larder at The Hive, Whitehouse Community Centre supported by Family Centre staff. Contact the centre for start date. 1:30pm-3:00pm Contact SOFEA at: www.sofea.uk.com</p>	<p>Other local activities 10:00am-1:00pm Westcroft Community Larder Contact SOFEA at: www.sofea.uk.com</p>

We welcome families who live in Furzton, Emerson Valley, Shenley Lodge, Shenley Church End, Shenley Wood, Tattenhoe, Tattenhoe Park, Loughton and Loughton Lodge, Crownhill, Kingsmead, Whitehouse, Grange Farm, Oxley Park, Westcroft, Oakhill and Medbourne.