



# INFORM



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to those parents that attended the parent and carer reading workshop after school on Wednesday. If you were unable to attend, the slides have been sent out via parentmail. Next week, **on Wednesday 12th February, there is a similar meeting for year 5 and 6 parents and carers. The meeting starts at 3:35pm.** Please collect your child as normal and enter the hall through the back side doors.

I am delighted to announce that we were inundated with fabulous designs for our **Mural competition**. As there were so many to choose from, Mrs Pitcher has combined elements from several designs to create one Mural. Take a look at the final design on page 2 of this newsletter. Well done to our winners: **Charlotte H 3JR, Abigail P 3JR, Effie S 4LS, Camden A 5BF, Sagun K 5BF, Kanushan S 5BF, Katherine-Faith A 6DC, Lola W 6LF, Amber L 6DC and Dario S 6AM.**

Please can I remind you all that, as per our Dress Code policy, **smart watches which have the ability to record or take photos are not appropriate for school.** Fitness trackers that do not have either of these features are suitable, as is a regular watch with just a clock face.

**As we move into the next half term, all of our school communication will be moving to Arbor—this is in line with all other schools in the Trust. Please read the box below regarding communication on Monday which will guide you through setting up the Parent Portal.**

Please remember that we break up for half term at the end of next Friday, 14th February 2025.

Have a good weekend,

Mrs White

**Executive Headteacher**

## Arbor Upgrade

We have been working hard updating our pupil records system to Arbor. This system will be used to manage children's details, school trips and club and wrap around care bookings. Staff have already been using Arbor since November and **next week we will be releasing the Parent Portal. We will send you all a mail on Monday with details of how to log into the Parent Portal and how you can download the Arbor App.** (If you have children at other schools, including Shenley Brook End, Hazeley or Priory Rise, then you may already be using Arbor.) If you do not receive the email on Monday, we may no longer have your latest email address so please do make sure the office has the latest one. Office staff will release Arbor in stages. The first thing you will need to do is log in and reconfirm all the permissions you have given us for your child. We will communicate how to do this next week. **If you need any help or support please do contact the office directly.**



## Asda Cashpot for schools



Thank you to everybody that opted for EVS to receive money from Asda as part of this initiative. **We have been notified that we will receive £285.69 from this.** The money will go towards replenishing our Merevalley Shop for next half term.

## GOLD AWARDS

**Year 3: Amanu 3JT, Elenia 3JP, Hazel 3JR, Freya 3EM**

**Year 4: Jaiden 4CM, Joel 4LS, Lena 4GB, Charlie 4BM**

**Year 5: Joshua 5BF, Isabella 5NB, Harry 5KH, Luke T 5RR**



**Year 6: Charlie 6LF, Roman 6AM, Zack 6DC, Levente 6DT**

**PE: Joshua 3JT, Anson 4BM, Sagun 5BF, Alex 6LF**

**Music: Arabella & Tate 3JR, Harper 4BM, Salaar 5KH, Dario 6AM**





 <b>Merevalley Federation: Spring Term 2025</b> 	
These dates are for both Merebrook and Emerson Valley unless otherwise indicated. <b>NEW EVENTS IN RED.</b>	
<b>3rd—7th February 2025</b>	<b>Children's Mental Health Week</b>
<b>10th February 2025</b>	<b>EYFS Forest School celebration of work</b> from 1:30pm
<b>11th February 2025</b>	<b>Year 2 celebration of work</b> at 2:40pm
<b>12th February 2025</b>	<b>Reading Parent workshop for Years 5 and 6</b> at 3:35pm
<b>13th February 2025</b>	<b>EYFS 'People Who Help Us' enrichment day</b>
<b>6th March 2025</b>	<b>World Book Day.</b> More information to follow.
<b>10th March 2025</b>	<b>Year 6 Mock SATS week</b>
<b>21st March 2025</b>	<b>Red Nose day—non-uniform</b>
<b>24th March 2025</b>	<b>Parent consultation meetings 3:30-6:00pm</b> <b>EVS Mother's Day Shop</b>
<b>25th March 2025</b>	<b>Parent consultation meetings 3:30-6:30pm</b>
<b>28th March 2025</b>	<b>Merebrook PE Pirates festival</b>
<b>2nd April 2025</b>	<b>CHoMS movie night at Merebrook</b>
<b>4th April 2025</b>	<b>Last day of Spring term.</b>
<b>22nd April 2025</b>	<b>Children return to school. Start of the Summer term.</b>