



EMERSON VALLEY INFORM

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Welcome back to a new school year! I hope that everyone has enjoyed a fantastic summer break. Our EVS team have been working hard over the summer and during our two training days this week to be ready for this new term. We have had a fantastic start! Children have impressed us all as they have quickly settled into the daily routines. A particular welcome to our new Year 3 families, and to a number of other families across the school that have joined our school community this week.

Please see below a number of reminders as we start the year, as well as a few staffing updates.

Our staff team is looking forward to a busy term ahead. Next week, I will share with you the dates for the coming term, including dates for celebrations of work, our Year 3 Nativity and our Parent

Consultation meetings.

Have a good weekend!

Mrs White

Executive headteacher



MEET THE TEACHER

We are looking forward to welcoming Parents and Carers to our 'Meet the Teacher' events next week. **For Years 4, 5 and 6, these meetings take place in the hall.** Please enter via the back hall doors, not reception for these meetings. There will be short presentation by the Year group team, followed by an opportunity to visit your child's classroom. The Year 3 event will take place in the classrooms, so please collect your children as normal. Once all children have been handed over, you will then be invited into your child's classroom.

STAFFING UPDATE

This week we are delighted to have welcomed Mrs Petrosian to EVS as a Teacher in Year 5 and Mrs Laight-Walker to our lunchtime team. During the summer break, Mr Timmins, one of our Sports Coaches, secured a full-time position with the MK Breakers and has therefore not returned to EVS. We wish Mr Timmins all the best for his new role. In the interim, PE will be taught by Mr Williams as normal and other internal staff until a replacement Sports Coach is recruited.

CLUBS

We are delighted to offer some new clubs to our EVS children this term. Please refer to the Arbor communication that was sent out regarding clubs on 1st September. **The deadline for registering your interest in clubs is 3pm today.** Next week, you will be notified if your child has been allocated a place on their preferred club(s). Please then ensure that payment is made promptly to secure their place.

HOMEWORK

You will receive homework grids for **Year 3, 4 and 5** on Monday 14th September. On this, there will be 9 tasks for children to choose from. Some of these are set on Mirodo and some are more creative. Children will have their Mirodo logins stuck in their reading records for reference. There is also a snippet about the 5D Baccalaureate passion project on the homework grid.

This term, **Year 6** will be set weekly homework to help them prepare for SATs and secondary school. There will not be set tasks on a grid including Mirodo tasks. Instead, a weekly task will be sent home on paper, based around either Maths or English. This will be set on Mondays and should be returned by the following Monday for their class teacher to review. This will form the homework expectation for the 5D Baccalaureate. The first task will be sent home on Monday 14th September.



BABY NEWS

I am delighted to inform you that **Miss Roche** and her fiancée are expecting their first baby, due the end of this year. Miss Roche is aiming to start her maternity leave at the end of the Autumn Term. During Miss Roche's maternity leave, Mrs Smith will be working full time in Penguins to cover Miss Roche's Monday teaching commitment.



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

We will no longer give out sweets, cakes, party bags or any other items for children's birthdays at Merebrook or Emerson Valley. The risk with allergies is too high and we are unable to easily ensure inclusivity with this. However, we know that many families like to celebrate their child's birthday with school and we would therefore like to remind all of our families of our Amazon 'wish list'. The list has books and other items that can be purchased to mark the occasion and benefit your child and all of their class. If you purchase an item, we will ensure that it is presented to your child's class and marked with a note to celebrate their birthday. Thank you for your support in ensuring that everyone is safe and included in our school community. Please access the Emerson Valley Amazon Wishlist by clicking [here](#).



CULINERA LUNCHES

Thank you for your patience with our new catering provider, Culinera. Children have enjoyed the new menu and the choice of foods now available. Most families are now up and running with the new ordering system. Please remember that lunches can be ordered and changed on the Bytewise app until 8:30am each morning. Please talk to your child each day to ensure that the meal choices are right for them as children cannot change their order at the counter. If you have any outstanding queries relating to school lunches, please do not hesitate to contact our office team.



NO NUTS!

Please can I remind all of our families that we are a NUT FREE school. Please do not send your children into school with any nuts, or products containing nuts. This includes chocolate spread. Please help us to keep everyone safe within our school community.



PE DAYS

Please find below the **PE days** for the Autumn term. As always, children are asked to come to school wearing their PE kits on these days only. A reminder of the dress code for PE is also below:

Year 3	Mon & Fri
Year 4	Mon & Wed
Year 5	Tues & Fri
Year 6	Tues & Thurs

Item	Format
Shorts	Black, sports shorts
T-shirt	Jade, with logo
Trainers	For outdoor work. No plimsolls
Tracksuit bottom	Black or navy without logos
Sweatshirt	Black or navy without logos

MEET THE TEACHER EVENTS



YEAR GROUP	DATE
Year 6	Monday 7th September at 3:25p.m. in the hall
Year 5	Tuesday 8th September at 3:25p.m. in the hall
Year 4	Wednesday 9th September at 3:25p.m. in the hall
Year 3	Thursday 10th September at 3:25p.m. in classrooms

