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INFORM



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week our Year 3 and 4 children have enjoyed their first movie night of the year. Next week, the Year 5 event is on Wednesday and the Year 6 event is on Thursday. Collection is at 5pm from Reception. **Please make sure you complete the google consent form and make payment before 8am on Monday in order for your child to take part.**

Thank you for your donations to Children in Need. Across both schools, **we raised £591 through Arbor donations. How fantastic!**

The weather has certainly turned this week, catching us all by surprise with some snow! For your information, **in the unlikely event that we need to close due to bad weather, we will notify parents directly through Arbor and post a message on our Facebook page.**

Looking ahead to the festive season, we will be supporting Friends of EVS with their fundraising by asking for a **£1 donation on our Christmas jumper day, which is on 3rd December**. On 16th December, all children will have the chance to visit the EVS Christmas shop and purchase gifts for family and friends. A letter will be sent out next week with details of this. All gifts will be £5 and need to be paid for in advance.

Please can I remind Parents and Carers that **the trim trials on site are out of bounds at the end of the school day**. These are only to be used by EVS children under the direct supervision of staff, not by younger siblings at collection time. Thank you for your support in keeping everyone safe at this busy time.

Have a good weekend!

Mrs White
Executive Headteacher

Message from the 5D Director of Primary

Hello!

My name is Ruth Seagar and I am the Director of Primary for the 5 Dimensions Trust. This means that I have the enormous privilege of working alongside our 5D school headteachers and leaders to support, encourage and guide them in their work as custodians of our wonderful primary schools and community leaders.

Working as a primary leader in our schools is an enormously rewarding and enriching role and one that our school leaders are hugely proud to undertake. However, as you can imagine, leading in schools does not come without its challenges, and part of my work is to support our school leaders in driving their school improvement priorities, embracing the best of educational research and maintaining a keen focus on ensuring that the young people in our schools receive the very best, whilst supporting in overcoming any challenges that may arise.

In December of this year, Emerson Valley and Merebrook Schools will have been a part of the 5 Dimensions Trust for a whole year. During this time, it has been an enormous pleasure to have worked closely alongside Mrs White and Miss Hurwood to support them and their incredible staff teams in driving the objectives for the schools forward, focusing on ensuring the best quality educational provision for the children at both Emerson Valley and Merebrook Schools. In addition, now that both schools are now part of a wider family of schools, it is part of my role to lead and drive supportive networks across our schools, where members of our 5D communities can learn and grow together, supporting our 5D mission: **to grow a vibrant community of exceptional people.**



GOLD AWARDS

Year 3: Ahmed (Bluebells), Jenson (Cherry Blossoms), Lola (Snapdragons), Mason (Sunflowers)

Year 4: Max (Eagles), Amanu (Flamingos), Tommy (Penguins), Joshua (Swifts)

Year 5: Junior (Axolotis), Ovindhi (Jellyfish), Robert (Orcas), Ricky (Turtles)

Year 6: Saanvi (Attenborough), Lauren (Darwin), Melissa (Luther King), Saifullah (Parks)

Music Awards: Mason (Sunflowers), Freya (Eagles), Jordan & Dexter (Jellyfish), Chase (Luther King)

PE Awards: Noori (Cherry Blossoms), Emma (Swifts), Cobey (Jellyfish), James (Attenborough)



HSC Public Health Agency

Do I need to keep my child off school?

Illness	Guideline
Chicken Pox	At least 5 days from onset of rash and until all spots have crusted over
Conjunctivitis	No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed
Diarrhea & /or Vomiting	48 hours from last episode
Respiratory Illness (e.g. colds & flu)	Can return when no longer have a high temperature and well enough
Glandular Fever	No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed
Hand, foot & mouth	No need to stay off if well enough, but school or nursery should be informed
Impetigo	Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 hours after commencing antibiotics
Head Lice	No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed
Measles	4 days from onset of rash
Mumps	5 days from onset of swelling
German Measles (Rubella)	5 days from onset of rash
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after commencing antibiotics
Scabies	Until after first treatment
Slapped Cheek	No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed
Threadworms	No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed
Tonsillitis	Can return when no longer have a temperature and well enough, school or nursery should be informed
Whooping Cough	48 hours after commencing antibiotics

Use this guide to find out when they should stay off, and when they can go back if they are well enough to do so.

Winter illnesses

We know that, particularly at this time of year, children pick up all sorts of illnesses, but not all illnesses require children to be absent from school. **This useful summary from the Public Health Agency helps parents understand those illnesses that require children to be kept at home and those that do not.** Please follow this advice to help you in making the decision about whether to send them to school or not. For general colds and coughs, the general rule is to keep the at home if they have a high temperature. Otherwise, we are happy for them to be in school. Please help your child to have good school attendance by following this guide.



Autumn Term 2025

These dates are for both Merebrook and Emerson Valley



unless otherwise indicated. **NEW EVENTS IN RED.**

25th November 2025	Bradwell Abbey Trip—Swifts and Flamingoes
26th November 2025	Year 5 Movie night—3:25-5:00pm
27th November 2025	Year 6 Movie night—3:25-5:00pm
2nd December 2025	Year 3 Stone Age Workshop
3rd December 2025	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper day £1 donation towards ChoMS / Friends
4th December 2025	Christmas Disco - Years 3 and 4 4:30-5:30pm, Years 5 and 6 6:00-7:00pm
8th December 2025	Year 3 Nativity - performance for parents with younger siblings at 2pm
9th December 2025	Year 3 Nativity - performance for parents of Cherry Blossoms and Sunflowers at 2pm
10th December 2025	Year 3 Nativity - performance for parents of Bluebells and Snapdragons at 2pm Friends of EVS AGM. 5:30pm at Emerson Valley School
11th December 2025	EYFS Christmas performance - 9:15am Key Stage 1 Carols on the playground - 2:15pm Year 5 and 6 Carols on the playground - 3:35pm
16th December 2025	Christmas shop for all year groups
17th December 2025	Pantomime for all year groups
19th December 2025	Last day of the autumn term