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INFORM



Dear Parents and Carers,

We can hardly believe we are at the end of the first half term of this academic year already. In the last week, children across all year groups have enjoyed some fantastic experiences. At the end of last week, all classes enjoyed participating in, and being the audience for, **our first EVS Sing Off competitions**. Our judges, our newly appointed School Council, took their jobs very seriously, and thoroughly enjoyed this important task. **Well done to our winners: Snapdragons for Years 3 and 4 and Turtles and Attenborough Class in Years 5 and 6.**

On Monday a group of Year 6 girls led a whole school assembly about Diwali, which is a Hindu festival celebrated by many of our EVS families. During this assembly, we also celebrated our newly appointed Junior Park Rangers: Year 5 - **Kasmirah, Aasthika, Junior, Daisy C, Benicio and Rosie**, and Year 6 - **Joy, Bubune, Mia, Eden, Camden, Natalie, Nicholas and Esme**. Well done to all of our new recruits!

Please remember that today your child will come home with their **QR code which will allow you to access their individual school photo online**, so that you can order these if you wish to. Please allow a couple of days for the system to update, but do not hesitate to contact us after half term if you have any problems with this.

You may remember that at the end of last academic year, and a few weeks ago, we sent out a survey regarding our Friends of EVS, our Parent Teacher Association (PTA). Thank you to everybody that has offered their support with this school fundraising group. **Unfortunately to date we have not had any volunteers to step up and lead the committee or manage the finances. If we are unable to fill these 2 positions, we will be unable to have an official PTA in the same way.** On Thursday 13th November we will be holding a meeting to identify a way forward, and we invite anybody that wishes to be involved in redeveloping the Friends of EVS to attend. We are hopeful that somebody may come forward to take on these roles, but if not we will share our way forward so that our EVS children can still continue to benefit from wider school experiences. The meeting will be in the school hall from 4:45-5:30pm. We hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Happy half term! We look forward to seeing **everyone back in school on Tuesday 4th November**. As we look forward to the next half term, **please have a look at our school website for next half term's curriculum newsletter and homework for each year group**. These can be found by clicking your child's year group on the 'Learning' section of the website. Have a great half term break!

Mrs White
Executive Headteacher

IN SUPPORT OF
THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION



After half term, our School Council **will be selling poppies and other poppy accessories on behalf of The Royal British Legion.**

Poppies and poppy stickers can be bought for any monetary donation,

however the following items have a fixed price: slap bands £1.50, reflective poppies £1 and wrist bands £1. If your child wishes to purchase any of these items, please make sure they bring in the correct money they wish to donate after half term.

Telephone upgrades

Over the half term break we are updating the whole telephone system at both Merebrook and Emerson Valley. **The phone numbers will remain the same.** We will be updating all the answer phone messages once we are back. If you call us before this is complete we will still be able to receive a call. However, can we please suggest that over the holiday period, if you need to leave us any messages, you do it by e-mail. The work is all scheduled to be complete before the children return on Tuesday 4th November, but we just wanted parents to be aware in case of any unforeseen delays.



Harvest

Thank you to all of the donations for our Harvest appeal. Your donations will be collected by the MK Foodbank and help out lots of families in need. **Well done to Year 4 who performed their Harvest Festival to the school community on Tuesday and to Parents and Carers on Wednesday.**



Merevalley Shop

Yesterday we celebrated the **67 children across the school that have achieved their bronze house points certificate.** These children

enjoyed visiting the Merevalley Shop for the first time this year. Next term, there will be an opportunity for children to make a purchase with any money left over from last year.





Autumn Term 2025



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

24th October 2025	Individual and sibling photographs at EVS
27th—31st October 2025	HALF TERM BREAK
3rd November 2025	INSET day. School closed to children.
10th—14th November 2025	Anti Bullying week
10th November 2025	Odd socks day
12th November 2025	Merebrook individual and sibling photographs
14th November 2025	Children in Need—non-uniform day
18th November 2025	Bradwell Abbey Trip—Eagles and Penguins
19th November 2025	Prospective Parent Tours—9:30am at Merebrook and 10:15am at Emerson Valley Year 3 Movie night—3:25-5:00pm
20th November 2025	Year 4 Movie night—3:25-5:00pm
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
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
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