# Merebrook Newsletter

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**Welcome to the start of another exciting school year!** I hope you and your families have had a restful and enjoyable summer. It has been a pleasure to see children return to school in Years 1 and 2 this week, bringing with them plenty of enthusiasm and positive energy. They have settled quickly into their new classes and have already demonstrated our school values through their excellent attitudes and behaviour. We are excited about welcoming our new Reception children and their families next week. Starting school is a special occasion, and we look forward to helping our newest children feel happy, safe and confident as they begin their learning journey with us.




There is much to look forward to over the coming weeks. Next week, I will send out details of key dates for the autumn term, including parent consultation evenings, curriculum events and opportunities to celebrate the children's achievements.

Mrs White
**Executive headteacher**

## STAFFING UPDATE

This week we are delighted to have welcomed Mrs Louise McInally to our Merebrook office 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 school. We wish Mr Timmins all the best for his new role. PE lessons in Year 1 will continue to be delivered by class teachers. As in previous years, Year 2 children will be taught by both their class teacher and Mr Williams for PE. One lesson each week will be taught by the class teacher and the other by Mr Williams.

## 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.




## 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 Merebrook 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.

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