Merebrook Newsletter

Issue 6: Friday 9th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week Miss Hurwood, Mrs Pearce and I have enjoyed spending time in all our Merebrook classes and have been so impressed with children's focus and hard work. What a great start to the term! **If you have not yet booked your Parent Consultation meeting with your child's class teacher, please do this via Arbor before 4:30pm today.**

As part of our Harvest celebrations, we will once again be collecting donations to support those in our local community. We would be grateful for any non-perishable food items or household essentials that families are able to contribute. Please ensure all donations are brought into school by **Wednesday 21st October**. Thank you for your generosity and support in helping others during this important time of year. Please see page 2 of this newsletter for a list of foods requested by the MK Foodbank if you wish to make a donation.

We are excited to share that **the Enterprise Club at EVS will be hosting its Autumn Enterprise Fair on Wednesday 21st October**. The children have been working hard to create products, develop business ideas and prepare their stalls. We would love to see Merebrook families supporting the event on the day and, if possible, making donations of prizes or resources to help make the fair a success. Your support helps develop valuable entrepreneurial, teamwork and communication skills for our pupils. Any profits made will be donated to Harry's Rainbow – a charity very close to our school communities.

Have an enjoyable weekend!

Mrs White

Executive Headteacher

Incredible Years Group Intervention

The Milton Keynes Mental Health Support Team (MK MHST) is promoting their Incredible Years Group Intervention, designed to support parents and carers of children aged 5–8 years. As part of this, they are offering two taster workshops for parents and carers to learn more about the programme, meet their practitioners, and ask questions about how they can support their child with mild to moderate behavioural difficulties.

Incredible Years Taster Workshops

- **Monday 19th October, 1:00–2:30pm** – Hummingbirds Family Centre
- **Wednesday 21st October, 10:00–11:30am** – Daisychain Family Centre

The workshops will provide parents with an opportunity to explore evidence-informed strategies to better understand and respond to challenging behaviours, as well as find out more about the Incredible Years intervention. **See page 2 for more details!**

Help us fundrasise by taking part in a short survey

As a way of fundraising for our school, we are proud to support a new local and family-run business - White Pineapple Photography Studio in Old Wolverton, Milton Keynes.They offer bespoke family & pet photography experiences and are looking to conduct some market research with local families.Please can you take a few minutes to answer their survey by clicking here to follow the link to the survey. **Each family that completes the survey will earn £2 for our school.** You will also have the chance to be selected to have your own photography experience at the studio in Wolverton for FREE. Please ensure you enter your correct contact details so the White Pineapple team can contact you directly, should you wish to take advantage of this. **Any funds raised will be used to buy new books for our classrooms.**

Golden Book

Robins: **Casper and Aurora**
Starlings: **Ariyan and Jaya**
Kestrels: **Ruhi and Ashton**
Finch: **Cooper and Farah**

OPEN DAYS FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS AND CARERS

Is your child due to start school in Reception or are they moving into Year 3 in September 2027?

28th September	19th October	20th November
9:30am at Merebrook School and 10:15am at Emerson Valley School	1:15pm at Merebrook School and 2:00pm at Emerson Valley School	9:30am at Merebrook School and 10:15am at Emerson Valley School



Book your space now !

Please make a call to one of our school offices if you would like to book a space on either day.

www.merebrookschool.co.uk tel: (01908) 522876

www.emersonvalley.org.uk tel: (01908) 507914

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Emerson Valley | Merebrook | 5 Dimensions Trust

NHS Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust | MK MHST

Mental Health Support Team

Incredible Years Workshops

The Milton Keynes Mental Health Support Team (MK MHST) are offering workshops to build awareness and understanding around our Incredible Years Group Intervention. This is designed for parents and carers of children facing mild to moderate challenging behaviours

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- Evidence-informed strategies
- Supporting with challenging behaviours
- Parent/carers of children aged 5-8 years
- Referral process explained

When & Where?

Monday 19th October 1-2:30pm at Hummingbirds Family Centre

Wednesday 21st October 10-11:30am at Daisychain Family Centre

If you are interested in further support, please refer your child to the MHST through their school, GP, or via our online parent self-referral. This NHS service will open a mental health care episode on your child's NHS records. Explicit parental consent will be obtained during the referral process.

MK FOOD BANK

MK FOOD BANK – Emergency food. Real support. Building hope.

Our main service is emergency food parcels.
These are bags of long life food that are designed to create meals for three days. Anyone can access these if they find themselves in crisis and in need of food support.

- Tea/Coffee
- Tinned Fish
- Tinned Pulses
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Long Life Milk
- Juice or Squash
- Jams, Peanut Butter
- Soup
- Sugar
- Tinned Meat
- Tinned Pasta
- Tinned Veg
- Pasta Sauce
- Dried Rice
- Rice Pudding/Custard
- Cereal
- Biscuits
- Dried Pasta
- Baked Beans

Supermarket drop off points:
https://mkfoodbank.org.uk/food-donations

mkfoodbank.org.uk | 0300 303 4933

DONATIONS NEEDED!

We are looking for donations of...



BOOKS – Good condition KS2 books of all types are welcome!

CHRISTMAS JUMPERS – Pre-loved or new, any size and style is great!

HALLOWEEN OUTFITS – Costumes, accessories and spooky outfits of all kinds!

HOMEMADE CRAFTS – Handmade items, art, cards, jewellery, knitted goods and more!

All items will be sold at the EVS Autumn Fair on Wednesday 21st October.

Enterprise Club

Please give all donations to Mr Caswell in Year 6 or the main office.

HOUSE POINTS to be awarded for all donations!

harry's rainbow

All money raised on the day will be donated to Harry's Rainbow.

Key Dates 2026-2027 New dates in red	
9th October 2026	Wear yellow for World Mental Health Day
14th October 2026	Parent Consultation meetings 3:40-6:30pm
14th & 15th October 2026	**Scholastic Book Fair at Merebrook**
15th October 2026	Word Guerilla Year 4 workshop Parent Consultation meetings 4:00-6:30pm
19th October 2026	Prospective Parents' tours: Merebrook 1:15pm, Emerson Valley 2:00pm
21st October 2026	Year 4 Harvest Assembly to Parents at 2:30pm Enterprise Club Autumn Fair 3:35pm at EVS
26th to 30th October 2026	Half term break
2nd November 2026	INSET day – school closed to pupils
3rd November 2026	Penguins and Eagles to Bradwell Abbey
5th November 2026	Swifts and Flamingos to Bradwell Abbey
6th November 2026	Individual School photographs at EVS
11th November 2026	Individual School photographs at Merebrook
13th November 2026	Children In Need – non-uniform day
16th November 2026	Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week
18th November 2026	Year 3 Stone Age Day Year 3 movie night until 5pm
19th November 2026	Year 4 movie night until 5pm
20th November 2026	Prospective Parents' tours: Merebrook 9:30am, Emerson Valley 10:15am
25th November 2026	Year 5 movie night until 5pm Flu vaccinations at Merebrook
26th November 2026	Year 6 movie night until 5pm
30th November 2026	Flu vaccinations at Emerson Valley
1st December 2026	Christmas discos: Year 3/4 4:30-5:30pm and Year 5/6 6:00-7:00pm
3rd December 2026	Year 6Coding workshop
7th December 2026	Year 3 Nativity for Parents and Carers with pre-school aged children only
8th December 2026	EYFS Christmas performance 9:00am Year 3 Nativity for Parents of Sunflowers and Cherry Blossoms at 2pm
9th December 2026	Year 1 and 2 Carols in the Playground 2:30pm
10th December 2026	Year 3 Nativity for Parents and Carers of Snapdragons and Bluebells at 2pm Year 5 and 6 Carols in the Playground 3:35pm
11th December 2026	Rock Steady concert for Parents 2pm
15th December 2026	Christmas Shop
16th December 2026	Pantomime for both schools – The Wizard of Oz and Christmas jumper day