Merebrook Newsletter

Issue 7: Friday 16th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy week at Merebrook! Our **Year 2 children enjoyed a special visit to Emerson Valley** on Wednesday afternoon to see our Year 3 and 4 'Sing Off' performances. A great time was had by all!

Thank you for your attendance at the **Parent Consultation meetings** this week. I hope that you found the meetings informative and that you enjoyed celebrating the children's achievements with your child and their new teacher.

Following an excellent field of applicants, we are delighted to welcome **Mr Richard Hill to our team as our new Sports Coach**. Mr Hill joins us with many years of experience as a Sports Coach, and we are looking forward to welcoming him to our staff team.

Please **send any donations of food for the MK Food Bank Harvest appeal into school before Tuesday**. We are pleased to be able to support this worthy local charity at this time of year. Please see page 2 of this newsletter for a list of suggested items.

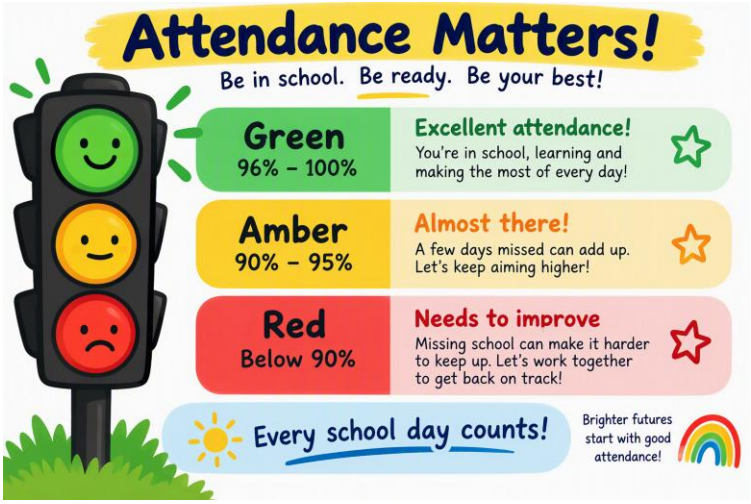
Somehow, next week is the final week of this half term. This half term has just flown by! **We break up for half term next Friday at 3:10pm. Children return from half term on Tuesday 3rd November.**

Have a good weekend!

Mrs White

Executive Headteacher

Attendance Matters!



Every day in school counts. Good attendance helps children build strong friendships, develop confidence, and make the most of every learning opportunity. When children attend school regularly, they are better able to keep up with their learning, take part in school life, and feel a strong sense of belonging within our community. We work closely with families to promote good attendance and support children to achieve their best. As part of this process, attendance is monitored regularly, and letters may be sent home when a child's attendance falls below 95%. This allows us to work together at an early stage to understand any barriers and provide support where needed. If you would like any support with improving your child's attendance, please speak to Miss Hurwood or your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring children are in school, on time, and ready to learn every day.

Parent Governor Vacancies

We currently have **two Parent Governor vacancies** on our Local Advisory Board. We have one board that serves both of our schools and are seeking enthusiastic parents to join us as ambassadors for our school community. The role of a governor is to work alongside school leaders to help monitor and continue raising standards of achievement for all pupils. Governors play an important role in supporting the schools to provide a relevant, purposeful, and enriching educational experience, promoting positive academic, personal, and social outcomes for every child. Nominations should be submitted by the end of the school day on **Friday 6th November**. If you would like to find out more about the role or enquire about the application process, please email **office@mb5d.com**. We would be delighted to hear from you!

Golden Book

Robins: **Ola and Lincoln**

Starlings: **Mia and Arnold**

Kestrels: **Marleigh and Harry**

Finch: **Arthur and Emma**



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

Community, Pride, Aspire

Emerson Valley | Merebrook | 5 Dimensions Trust

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	
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