Merebrook Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we begin a new half term, it has been wonderful to see how quickly the children have settled back into their learning routines and school life. With the colder weather now arriving, **please ensure that children come to school with a warm coat, hat and gloves each day**. To help us return lost items promptly, we kindly ask that **all clothing is clearly named**. Thank you for your support.

As we head closer to Winter, **we have been asked by the NHS to remind all parents and carers that all school aged children are offered a free Flu vaccine through school**. Flu is highly contagious and can spread quickly through schools and households. Vaccination helps reduce the risk of children becoming seriously unwell, missing valuable time in education, and passing the virus on to others. It also helps protect elderly relatives, vulnerable family members, and those who are unable to receive the vaccination themselves. **The flu vaccine clinics at Merebrook are on 25th November and 3rd December.**

Next Wednesday, your child will have had their **individual school photograph taken**. They will come home with a QR code which will enable you to view and order their photograph online. Please allow a couple of days for the image to be uploaded to the website. If you are unable to view their photograph on the website by the end of the week, please contact a member of the office team who will be happy to help with this.

Next Friday, 13th November, we will be supporting **Children in Need** and invite children to come to school in their own clothes. There is no specific theme, although children are very welcome to wear spots if they wish! Families can make a donation via the **Arbor Shop**, with a suggested donation of **£1**. If you would like to donate more, simply select and purchase multiple donation items. **Please do not send cash into school.** Thank you for your support in helping us raise funds for this worthwhile cause.

Have a good weekend!

Mrs White
Executive Headteacher

Applying for a School place

Parents and carers of children due to start Early Years (Reception) or transfer to Emerson Valley School in Year 3 in September 2027 should ensure they apply for a school place through the Milton Keynes Council admissions process. **Applications can be made by clicking here .** The application window is now open, and the closing date for applications is 15th January 2027. We strongly encourage families to submit their applications on time, as late applications may affect the chances of securing a preferred school place. Further information can be found on the Milton Keynes Council website.

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Anti-Bullying Week

On Monday 16th November, we will be celebrating **Odd Socks Day** to mark the start of **Anti-Bullying Week 2026**. Children and staff are encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. This year's theme, **'Break the Silence'**, encourages everyone to speak up, listen to others and take positive action to create a kinder and more inclusive community where bullying is never ignored. We look forward to seeing everyone's colourful and creative socks!



Golden Book

Robins: **Hridaan and Kashnika**
Starlings: **Kinza and Mia**
Wagtails: **Matteo and Edi**
Kestrels: **Poppy and Nathaniel**
Finch: **Rosie and Afnaan**



Changes to First Aid

This half term, we have begun using **Smartlog** to record first aid incidents electronically. Parents will receive an **email notification** whenever first aid has been administered to their child in school. We will continue to contact parents by telephone if a child requires further medical attention, has sustained a significant head injury, or where an incident needs to be discussed in more detail. **Please ensure the email address held by the school is up to date so that you can receive these notifications.**

First aid

