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Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the penultimate week of this half term, I would like to share our plans for Children's Mental Health Week, which is next week. We are marking this in school with an assembly on Monday, and an opportunity for children to **'Wear something that makes them happy' on Friday 13th February.** Please see page 2 for more information.

Next half term, we look forward to **World Book Day on Thursday 5th March.** Please see page 3 for more information about our plans to celebrate the work of the wonderful author and illustrator, Catherine Rayner.

Next Friday is the last day of this half term, and we finish at the usual time of 3:10pm. Have a great weekend!

Mrs White
Executive Headteacher

Message from Ms Seagar - 5D Director of Primary

Hello everyone! As many of you will already know the overarching mission of the 5 Dimensions Trust is **to grow a vibrant community of exceptional people.** This ambition is for absolutely everyone in all of our school communities: children, staff, parents, governors and the whole of our wider communities.

The reason that we are called the 5 Dimensions Trust is because of our inherent 5 dimensions, which are:

- Collaborating to ensure truly **holistic education;**
- Rising together to the **rigour of academic challenge;**
- Sharing to create **a positive, high performing environment for staff;**
- Creating a supportive **partnership with parents, carers and families;**
- Crafting a meaningful **partnership with our wider community.**

Our 5 dimensions are underpinned and brought to life through the guiding behaviours that we encourage everyone in our school communities to demonstrate in their work as part of our 5D schools. These are:

- Cheer for the other schools, and they cheer for us.
- Know that the differences between us make us even stronger.
- Are excited by challenges and embrace calculated risk.
- Create clarity of intent in all that we do and through this we can allow our creativity to truly make a difference.
- Understand honest mistakes occur and learn from them together.
- Are positive in our communications and understand their power.
- Reward cooperative and positive relationships but understand that sometimes new levels can only be reached through dialectic.
- Are humble enough to give and receive support.
- Gain fulfilment by playing a positive role in our community.
- We grow purposeful networks to share and shape best practice.
- We aspire for every child to achieve excellent academic progress.



In demonstrating these behaviours in working to support all of our 5 dimensions, the children in our schools will thrive and grow. It is the greatest privilege to see these behaviours – on a daily basis - clearly evident and in action at Merebrook and Emerson Valley Schools.

Best regards to everyone,
Ruth Seagar
Director of Primary

Golden Book

Wagtails: Arthur and Samuella

Robins: Ariyan and Eleanor

Starlings: Edy and Feliks

Woodpeckers: Ki

Kestrels: Dean and Jaxe

Finches: Lael and Oliver



Wear something that makes you happy day!

Friday 13th February

To celebrate Children's Mental Health Week, we are hosting a 'Wear something that makes you happy day'. Children & staff can come to school wearing something that makes them feel happy. This could be their favourite outfit, PJs, a football kit or even their favourite colour! Anything counts, as long as it puts a smile on their face!



Emerson Valley

Merebrook



World Book Day

Thursday 5th MARCH



We're excited to celebrate World Book Day with a focus on the beautiful animal-themed stories of award-winning author and illustrator Catherine Rayner.





Children are invited to come to school in animal-themed fancy dress.



All children will receive a World Book Day token to exchange for a special World Book Day book or to get £1 off a full-price title at participating retailers.

Spring Term dates

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

6th February 2026	**Year 3 Pizza and pyjama party** 5:30-8:30pm
12th February 2026	Friends of EVS meeting online at 6:45pm. All welcome.
3rd March 2026	**Snapdragons to Campbell Park** **EYFS celebration of work pm** time to be confirmed
4th March 2026	**Cherry Blossoms to Campbell Park**
5th March 2026	**World Book Day**
6th March 2026	**Sunflowers to Campbell Park**
10th and 11th March 2026	**Parent Consultations from 3:40pm**
11th March 2026	Friends of EVS Mother's Day Shop
13th March 2026	**Bluebells to Campbell Park** **CHoMS Mother's Day shop at Merebrook**
17th March 2026	**Robins to Westcroft library**
18th March 2026	**Kestrels to Westcroft library**
20th March 2026	**Red nose day:** non-uniform day **Year 5 pizza party and sleepover** from 5:30pm
25th March 2026	**Year 5 performance to parents** 2:30pm
27th March 2026	**Rocksteady concert to parents** 2pm