

Waveney Valley Partnership



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We are now already half way through the first half term and I want to begin by passing on my thanks to all parents and carers for the support you have shown this term. It has been a different start, with new practices in place, but these are now becoming embedded and part of our school routines.

New Website: www.waveneyvalleypartnership.org

In September our new school websites were launched, there is now a separate section off the landing page for each school. These are both linked to each other and then back to the Consortium Trust website. Each website will have dates/events for the year, letters that have been sent home and links to school gateway and menus etc. Please do have a look around as we add pictures of the work the children are doing in the galleries and any news about each school is added to the news reel at the bottom of the main page.

Beech class - Storage learning wall

For those of you with pupils in Beech class you may have heard about the new 'learning wall' that has been installed over the summer. Below is a picture, as I know that in the current climate parents are not able to come into school to see it. The wall should provide a huge amount of storage for the class, but also minimise the amount of additional storage units needed in the room, which used to be very tight for space.

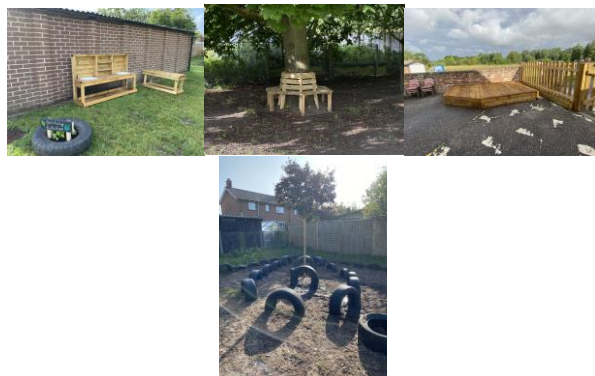


Drop off and Collection

With new routines in place, can I please remind everyone to be mindful about where they are parking when bringing pupils to school. With everyone now dropping off and collecting children at the same time the roads can become congested by the school gates and we want to ensure that our school community is kept safe.

Thank you FOMSA

Over the lockdown and summer periods both Mrs Jones and Parents were working very hard (whilst adhering to government social distancing rules) to develop the outside area at Mendham. The bark area has a temporary boat made from tyres, plus funds from FOMSA have paid for the new EYFS fencing and sand pit and a new bench around our sycamore tree and a mud kitchen for everyone to use. I would like to thank everyone who has been involved in the development of the grounds, we are so lucky to have such a large space available to us and it is fantastic that we can have such a variety of different resources available to the children.



Small Schools – Huge Ambitions

St. Edmund's Primary & Nursery School, Heckfield Green, Hoxne, Eye, Suffolk, IP21 5AD.
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Reading Competitions

At St Edmund's, we have been looking at new ways to encourage reading and we thought, what better than a competition? Rowan, Beech, Oak and Acorn are competing in classes to win a trophy that will sit in their classroom until the next term. Judging by the HUGE response we have received already from this scheme we have decided to make it half termly (giving the trophy time to isolate before moving on). The teachers are proving to be super competitive, spurring on the readers in their classes and contributing to the total with the books they have read too. It is wonderful to see our beautiful library being used to its full potential and so many children studiously reading. The books are quarantined before being returned and we are very fortunate to have plenty of books to choose from. If you are thinking of clearing your children's bookshelves of old books that they no longer need we would be happy to receive them, to ensure our plentiful supply continues. Please bring them in carrier bags so we can quarantine them before putting them into circulation. Many thanks and good luck to all the classes.



At Mendham there is a new reading challenge to come, so please watch this space!

Schoolcoms/Gateway

Just a polite reminder that the system has its own app- which allows a free faster communication system from school. The office would also like to remind you that school lunches can be paid for in advance and that ESC sessions must be booked before 2.30 pm on the day, at the latest.

<https://login.schoolgateway.com/0/auth/login>



School Photographs

On 6th October at Mendham and 6th November at St Edmund's Tempest will be coming into school to take individual photographs. Unfortunately, this year we are unable to offer the sibling photographs. They are taking measures to ensure that they are abiding by both our school risk assessment and their own and have outlined the following measures;

1. We have a social distance studio set up; this is a walk-through standing pose studio.
2. photography is set at a 2-metre distance for the social distancing to be adhered to.
3. We have been instructed not to touch our subjects or adjust clothing, so any help from staff would be greatly appreciated.
4. Finally, For the current period proofs are being printed at head office. Delivery is approximately 14 days after the take date



Term Dates Academic Year 2020/21

Autumn Term 1:	03.09.20 – 23.10.20
Half term week:	26.10.20 – 30.10.20
Autumn Term 2:	02.10.20 – 18.12.20
Christmas closure:	21.12.20 – 01.01.21
PD day/Non pupil day:	04.01.21
Spring Term 1:	05.01.21 – 12.02.21
Half term week:	15.02.21 – 22.02.21
Spring Term 2:	23.02.21 – 26.03.21
Easter closure:	29.03.21 – 09.04.21
Summer Term 1:	12.04.21 – 28.05.21
Bank Holiday Closure:	03.05.21
Half term week:	31.05.21 – 04.06.21
Summer Term 2:	07.06.21 – 16.07.21

Summer holiday begins – 19.07.21

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