

# Waveney Valley Partnership



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### Christmas

Christmas in school is always a very busy time of year and this year will be no exception, albeit just a little different. Both schools have recently had the front garden areas developed and in these will proudly stand the schools' Christmas trees. We usually have these in school, however wanted to ensure that all class bubbles and the wider communities have the opportunity to see and enjoy these. I would like to thank FOMSA for purchasing the tree for Mendham and Emily Bower, HSA and Hoxne Swan for donating the tree, stand and lights.

Each school has opened the Christmas card box for those wishing to send cards. We ask that if children bring in cards they do this before Friday 11<sup>th</sup>, this will allow cards to be quarantined and distributed before the end of term.

You will have already received information about our Christmas 'performance'. This year it has been decided that each class will produce a 5-minute performance and Christmas songs, which will be filmed and compiled together. The video will then be posted onto your child's/children's Google classroom account under the assignments tab. You will be notified when this is available.

### Staff news

In October we received the good news that Mrs. Varela has given birth to her Baby Girl, Marnie Varela. Both Mum and baby are well. I am sure you join in with me wishing her and her family well.

It is always sad to inform parents and carers when a member of staff is leaving, so it is with regret that I am informing you that Miss Woollatt will be leaving her role as a teaching assistant at Mendham, to take up a PE teaching role within the trust. Miss Woollatt has been with us for four years and has always been a keen sports person, so this is an exciting opportunity for her. I would like to wish her the very best in the next steps of her career.

### Beech class

I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and carers in Beech class for their support with the virtual teaching over the last few weeks. I appreciate that this was not an ideal situation, but the next best thing to having Mr. Russell in the classroom. I would also like to publically thank the school staff who have worked very quickly to adapt to this way of teaching, as well as say a big well done to the pupils who adapted to this style of learning rapidly too.

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## Photographs



Mendham Pine  
Class taking part in  
cooking



Mendham  
Christmas Tree



Stones painted  
by St Eds pupils  
at the Village  
Church



Christmas display  
at St Eds

## Head lice

As a school we have been notified that there have been cases of head lice amongst pupils - please be vigilant for these.

## Parking

As always can I please remind parents to ensure that when parking at drop off and pick up times that they do so in a safe manner. A civil enforcement officer will be visiting each site periodically to investigate the parking and taking actions accordingly.

I am sure Mendham parents are aware that the construction of new housing has started opposite the school, so where ever possible I ask that cars are parked in the village car park or pub car park to allow less congestion outside the front of the school. Please also be aware of the increased number of HGVs requiring access to the site and needing to be able to turn fully on the crossroad junction by the school.

## Academic Year dates

### 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

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