



# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers

Both Elm and Willow classes have taken part in visits away from school. Elm went to Colchester Castle and really engaged in the tour and looking at various artifacts. Willow enjoyed a trip to The Wolsey Studio to see 'Arthur's Dreamboat.' We are very grateful for all you support and voluntary contributions otherwise we wouldn't be able to take the children on these excursions.

Many congratulations to our Y5/6 Dodgeball team they played some amazing matches this week and are now through to the finals which are taking place on Tuesday 17 December, we wish them the best of luck.

This has been an eventful couple of weeks and I know that we have all been shocked and saddened by the closure of our neighbouring Pre-school. We always enjoyed seeing the children on a daily basis for lunch and welcoming them into school for events such as our nativity dress rehearsals and sports days. Mendlesham is a thriving village and it deserves excellent provision from Pre-school through to Primary. Clearly, the news is still raw for everyone and there was very little notice of the closure. However, we will work with our Trust and the local community to do whatever we can to help Pre-school children to stay in the village and have those all important early years opportunities and experiences.

Please be assured that we will always work in the best interests of our families and we will keep you updated of any developments.

### Time to apply for primary school

If you have a child born between 01.09.15 and 31.08.16 apply at [www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions) site is open until 15 January 2020.

*Tessa Sait*

### FOMSA Christmas Market

Tuesday 17 December - School Hall.  
Games and gifts for all ages!  
All funds raised help support the school.  
Market opens at 3.00pm

### Term Dates 2019-2020

Wednesday 4 September  
Thursday 19 December  
Half term week beginning 21 October  
PD Day Friday 29 November

### Spring Term

Tuesday 7 January  
Thursday 2 April  
Half term week beginning 17

February

### Summer Term

Monday 20 April  
Wednesday 22 July  
Half term week beginning 25 May  
PD Day Friday 26 June

**Please note Public Holiday will now be Friday 8 May 2020**

**We will confirm as soon as possible start date for Autumn Term 2020 but it could possibly be 3 September 2020**

### Menu change for last week of term

Monday 16 December: Pizza  
Tuesday 17 " Sausage and Mash  
Wednesday 18 " Christmas Dinner  
Thursday 19 " Fish and Chips

All main courses will be accompanied with vegetables and desserts.  
Please note jacket potatoes will only be available on the Monday and Tuesday.

### Diary Dates

10 Dec. Afternoon Nativity performance – 2 pm  
12 Dec. Evening Nativity performance – 6 pm  
16. Dec. Christmas jumper day – see separate letter from School Council  
16 Dec. Christmas Share with parents – 2pm  
17 Dec. FOMSA Christmas Market – 3pm  
18 Dec. Carol Service St Mary's – 9.30am  
18 Dec. Christmas lunch for the children  
18 Dec. Chestnut Class Egyptian Exhibition – 2.30pm  
19 Dec. Last day at School  
6 Jan. School closed – staff PD day  
7 Jan. School open to pupils