



# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers

Please be very vigilant when coming and leaving school as there is going to be further reduced parking, the yellow hatched area at the front of the building should be kept clear at all times this is not a **dropping off and picking up area**. We have just one week left of this half-term. All classes will have been and enjoyed their time at Pipers Vale Gymnastic Centre, Ipswich. On Friday 28 February we will be saying goodbye to Marie Scott one of our teaching assistants who has been with us for over 11 years, we wish her all the best for the future.

Thank you.

*Tessa Sait*

### Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

If you are in receipt of Income Support or some other income related benefits, **your child may be entitled to free school meals and other benefits such as some free school uniform and reduced price school trips**. The school may receive additional funding to support your child's learning. Apply in confidence online:

[www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-meals-uniforms-and-trips/apply-for-free-school-meals/](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-meals-uniforms-and-trips/apply-for-free-school-meals/)

### Absence from school

If your child is unable to attend school please phone to confirm their absence before 9.30 am on the day. If the absence continues longer then a phone call is now requested daily again before 9.30 am. Thank you.

### Breakfast and After School Club

Just to make you aware that you can sign up to Tax-Free Childcare for wrap around provision. Tax-Free Childcare supports working families across the UK with the costs of childcare. When parents sign up they receive a childcare account and for every £8 they pay in, the government adds an extra £2 up to a maximum of £2000 per child per year. Mendlesham Primary School is a registered provider. Further information is available at [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/providers](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/providers)

### UPDATED

#### Term Dates

**2020-2021**

#### **Autumn Term**

Monday 7 September

Friday 18 December

Half term week 26 October

PD Day Friday 27 November

#### **Spring Term**

Tuesday 5 January

Thursday 26 March

Half term week 15 February

#### **Summer Term**

Monday 12 April

Wednesday 21 July

Half term week 31 May

### Willow Class

Willow Class parents, please take a look at your child's progress on Tapestry. Feel free to add your comments and photos to let us know how your child is doing at home and what they share with you about school.

### Break-a-Rule Day

School Council have decided we will be wearing odd socks and non-uniform with something red for Valentines day.

### Dairy Dates

10 Feb. pm Y5 visit Stowupland High School to see production

11 Feb. Chestnut class visit Pipers Vale, Ipswich

14 Feb. Break-A-Rule Day – see information above

14 Feb. 5.00 – 6.30 FOMSA children's disco

14 Feb. School closes for half-term

28 Feb. Chestnut class visiting BT Adastral Park (Computer Science)

25 March Parents Evening 3.30 – 6.30

26 March Parents Evening 3.30 – 6.30

27 March Easter Service at St Mary's Church

2 April Last day at school for Spring term