



Dear Parents/Carers

NEWSLETTER

01449 766224 • admin@mendleshamschool.org.uk • www.mendlesham.suffolk.sch.uk

13 March 2020

We are all excited to see the new Community Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) developing, the children are all looking forward to having new sports facilities to enjoy. We will be saying goodbye to Jill Webb at the end of this term, she has been a valuable member of our support staff for the past 20 years and will be retiring to spend more time with her family. If you would like to send a donation towards a leaving gift please send it in a sealed envelope to the school office by Friday 27 March.

Thank you.

Tessa Sait

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.

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

If you're 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/

Coronavirus

We are following government guidelines in our response to coronavirus. We are of course promoting good hygiene including regular handwashing and the use and binning of tissues for coughs and sneezes. Current guidance is for people exhibiting symptoms which include a temperature over 100 degrees F or a cough to stay at home. We will update you with information as we have it. Further information is available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

Car Park

Thank you to those parents who have been walking to and from school to avoid the problems of parking as spaces are currently restricted. If using a car to bring or collect children from school please be considerate to our neighbours and pupils, switch off your engines to avoid excess noise and fumes that our children will have to breathe in as they leave school.

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

Creative Week

This has been a tremendous success. We hope that parents who joined us on Monday enjoyed watching the children.

Parents Evenings

Reminder parents evenings are:
Tuesday 24 March 3.30 - 6.60
Wednesday 25 March 3.30 - 6.20
You can sign up for an appointment in the hall on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings next week.

Dairy Dates

24 March Parents Evening 3.30 - 6.30
25 March Parents Evening 3.30 - 6.30
27 March Easter Service at St Mary's Church 9.30am - all welcome
2 April Last day at school for Spring term
10 April 9.30 - 12.00 FOMSA Easter Treasure Hunt - more information coming soon