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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this newsletter finds you and your families well. We have had a busy and positive start to the term, and I would like to take this opportunity to share a few important updates and reminders.

The Importance of Attendance

Good attendance is one of the most important factors in ensuring children make excellent progress at school. Every single day in school counts, and when children attend regularly, they build stronger friendships, feel more confident, and are better able to keep up with their learning.

We ask for your continued support in ensuring your child arrives at school on time and attends every day unless there is a genuine reason for absence, such as illness. Throughout each term, pupil attendance is monitored, and you will receive communication from the school office on whether your child's attendance drop below a certain percentage and the steps the school and home can take to improve this for the wellbeing and progress of the child. Please see the website for Trust policies on attendance for more information.

Playtime Snacks

For confirmation on suitable playtime snacks at our schools, please see below an extract from the Consortium Trust's Food and Active Lifestyle Policy:

4.4 Break time

All schools participate in the School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme and provide a free mid-morning snack to all pupils eligible. For pupils who are not eligible for this scheme, parents/carers may provide fruit, vegetables or other healthy alternatives for a break time snack.

At Waveney Valley Schools, we consider other healthy alternatives to include: dried fruits and some low sugar cereal bars.

Foods that are not recognised as healthy alternatives include: foods with a high fat content (e.g. fried crisps, sausage rolls), highly processed food (e.g. cheese strings, pepperoni sticks), and foods with a high sugar content (e.g. cake, biscuits).



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We also ask that playtime snacks are waste free, with no disposable wrapping, cling film, plastic, or tin foil. Children are welcome to bring suitable snacks in a reusable tub.

For those children who have a packed lunch, please discuss with them which items are suitable as playtime snack options. This will help to avoid confusion and ensure that children make healthy choices without worry.

EYFS Stay and Play Sessions

We are delighted to invite our EYFS families and others looking at joining our school to our upcoming Stay and Play sessions. These are a wonderful opportunity for you to join your child in the classroom, see their learning in action, and spend some special time together.

Dates: Friday 28th November 2025, 1.00 to 3.00 pm

We hope to see many of you there.

School Photographs

A reminder that school photographs will take place on Monday 29th September.

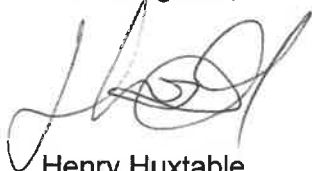
Hoxne pupils: morning session

Mendham pupils: afternoon session

Please ensure your child arrives promptly and is dressed in full school uniform.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us make our Schools a positive and nurturing environment for every child.

Warm regards,



Henry Huxtable
Academy Head Teacher



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