13th February 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

**Barstondale**

Can I remind Year 6 parents that a £50 deposit needs to be paid by the 28th February. School has already paid a large deposit at the end of December for each child whose parent confirmed they wanted to attend. Barnstondale residential is an exciting opportunity for pupils to gain independence, confidence, team building skills, outdoor skills and life skills. Please make sure you are putting money aside if your child is attending. At the end of Year 6 assembly Barnstondale is usually the children’s favourite memory of Orrets Meadow.

**Snacks at break**

At break times fruit and bread sticks are on sale. Your child can bring in their own fruit if they prefer. Please do not send in chocolate biscuits and crisps.

**World Book Day**

On Friday 3rd March it’s World Book Day at Orrets Meadow. Could your child dress up as their favourite book character and bring the book in too? All their teachers and teaching assistants will be joining in too…..Come on join in the fun!

**Slippers – trial week**

Many of our children take their shoes off in lessons as they find it helps their learning being more comfortable. **This** week we thought we would try children wearing slippers. If your child would like to bring their slippers into school and leave them here for the week, they can put them on in lessons. Please make sure you name them and we will keep them safe in class until Friday. Slippers must be sensible ones, no light up ones, noises or huge character ones as they will be a distraction for the rest of the class.

**Dates for the Diary**

14th Feb 9.30am Parent workshop – Supporting Maths – Mrs Billington

15th Feb 9.30 Parent coffee morning – Catholic Society guest speaker

20th - 24th Feb Half Term

28th Feb PTA – all welcome

1st March 9.30 Parent workshop – Supporting Parent Mental Health – Thumbs UP

2nd March 1pm Seated volleyball @ Claremount. (Pupils to be decided)

3rd March World Book Day – Dress up as a book character

6th &7th March Emperor’s New Clothes Play @ Williamson Art Gallery – all classes

9th March Y5/6 Girls Puberty talk by school nurse

17th March Non Uniform Day – Bring in a bottle

22nd March 9.30 All day – Scope Workshop – Sleep Disorders

29th March 9.30 Parent workshop – ASD and Sensory Processing – Mr Saul

30th March 1pm Snag Golf @Claremount. (Pupils to be decided)

24th March Non Uniform Day – Bring in chocolate

31st March 2pm End of term assembly

Thanks for your continued support - Mrs Duncan