10th March 2021

Dear Parent and Carers

We are in the final weeks of term before we break up for Easter.

We are pleased to say there have been no further cases of Covid in school and staff are doing lateral testing twice a week. Please continue to support us in keeping school open by monitoring your child carefully and if you suspect they are not well, keep them off school until they are well again and if they show Covid symptoms get them tested.

Covid symptoms are:

* A temperature of 37.8 degrees or above
* A dry continuous cough
* No sense of smell or taste

Children will get sore throats, sneezes, runny noses and colds at this time of year. We can give Calpol and Piriton if you send it in and sign the form, however we are **unable** to give Ibuprofen.

**School Jumpers**

We have school jumpers in stock and they range from £10 to £12. Replacement school bags are £6.

**PE Kit**

Please ensure your child’s PE kit is in school every day.

**Military Education**

Next week Military Education starts in school. Tigers and Owls are the first two classes to take part in bush craft, team building and social activities. Please make sure children in these two classes come to school in old clothes and shoes on these two days – the activities will take place outside regardless of the weather.

**Red Nose Day**

This year we are asking children to come to school dressed as their hero, this can be anyone they consider to be their hero, be it, their mum, grandad, doctor, a pop star, a footballer, their teacher…… the list goes on. In school we will talk to them about their hero and why they chose them. To raise money for Comic Relief we ask that the children bring in £1.

**Easter Drink and Sweet Hamper**

****Raffle tickets have been sent home to parents to buy for £1 a strip. You keep one half and write your name on the other half and send it into school with your money. There are 7 big bottles in the hamper and the winner will be drawn on Thursday 25th March.

We have been donated a sweet hamper. Tickets will be sold to the children from next week in school time. Tickets will be 20p each and a strip will be £1. The lucky winner will be drawn on the last day of term, Friday 26th March.

**Final Day of term**

School closes for Easter on Friday 26th March at 3.30pm.

School opens on **TUESDAY 13th April** as Monday is an inset day. We have been informed that transport will go back to a single run from this day, so please check with your escort what time your approximate pick up time will be.

**Dates for the diary**

Wed 17th March Parent workshop on Maths – Mrs Billington (email sent out)

Fri 19th March Comic Relief – Dress as your hero - £1 donation

Mon 22nd March Science week starts

Thurs 25th March Parent workshop on ASD – Mrs Warren (details to go out)

Fri 26th March IEPs to go home to parents

School closes for Easter holidays at 3.30pm

**Tuesday 13th April School opens for Summer Term**

Please look at our school website at <http://orrets-meadow.eschools.co.uk> for other information on school.

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Thanks for all your support.

If you have any questions about any of the above, please contact me.

Mrs Duncan