23rd February 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

Please remember school is **closed Friday 25th March** and **Monday 28th March** as they are Bank Holidays. We return to school Tuesday 29th March.

Please note we are **closed Friday 1st April** as it is one of our compulsory school Inset days.It is then the 2 week Spring holidays. **We return to school MONDAY 18th April.**

**Sickness**

Recently we have had a lot of sick children, all absent with the same virus. If your child cannot attend school our policy is that parents/carers phone school as close to 9am as possible on each day they are absent. We have an attendance officer who phones around any family we have not heard from. Please do not pass on messages about absence via the escorts. If your child needs paracetamol we can administer this so long as a medicine form has been filled in and signed by the parent. The form will be sent home with the child or parents can call in for one with the medicine. We are not allowed to administer any medicine with Ibuprofen in.

**Minibus**

We are very pleased to announce that Orrets Meadow was successful in bidding for a brand new 17 seater minibus. The children were very persuasive when talking to the Trustees of the Morgan Foundation! The minibus will open up lots of opportunies for further enrichment activities for all the pupils. £5000 raised by the PTA is going to the minibus as our contribution towards it. Thank you for all the support in raising money towards it. All money raised from now will go towards running the minibus. It is due late in the Summer Term.

**Non Uniform Day**

Wednesday 30th March is non uniform day at Orrets. In return for wearing their own clothes can pupils bring in chocolate for our tombola? It can be a bar of chocolate or an easter egg.

**Barnstondale**

The Year 6 residential to Barnstondale is rapidly approaching. Can I remind parents to send in their remaining amount as soon as possible? After the two week holiday we will send out letters for medical information, kit lists etc.

**Easter Competitions**

Bunny Raffle – We have been donated 2 HUGE green and pink soft rabbit! We are raffling one of them off and the other one will go in our Spring Auction. Raffle tickets have been sent home and if you would like more then please ask the office.

**End of Term Reward**

The house with the most team points will be going to the Light Cinema on Thursday 31st March to see Kung Foo Panda 3, the latest film. We will let the pupils know which team has won on Tuesday.

**Holidays**

Parents are reminded that holidays are not authorised in term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. A form needs to be filled in for time out of school and these are available from the office. The Government has set schools 95.7% as their attendance target. Children are working below age related expectations to come to Orrets Meadow, so it is important that they are attend school every day. Orrets Meadow is currently on 96.5%, which is a credit to all the parents who make sure their children attend school each day.

**Dates for the Diary**

* **25th March – school closed – Good Friday**
* **28th March – school closed – Easter Monday**
* 29th and 30th March – Whole School Esafety Days
* 30th March – Non Uniform Day – Bring chocolate in for our Spring Tombola
* 31st March – End of term Achievement Assembly @ 2pm (School closes for Spring Break)
* **1st April – Staff Development Day – School Closed**
* **Monday 18th April – School Opens**
* Mon 18th April - School swimming lessons begin for 2 weeks @ Leasowe Baths – Your child will need a swimming costume and towel.

Thanks for your continued support

C Duncan