12th October 2015

Dear Parents/Carers

**Fund Raising**

School Council raised £170 for Cancer Research from their non-uniform day and cake sale. Considering we are a small school this is a tremendous amount. Well Done School Council!

**Harvest Festival**

On Friday 23rd October (last day of half term) we are having our Harvest Festival. The local vicar is leading our assembly and due to space parents are unable to attend this time. We are collecting items for the Charles Thompson Mission in Birkenhead, which supports homeless or needy people. They have asked us to collect tinned foods, smellies and clothes, so they can pass them onto people who are without. Could you send in some items on the days leading up to the 23rd October and they will be collected from us after the assembly. Thank you in advance.

**Creative Art Day**

As part of our celebration of other cultures we are focusing on China. All classes will take part in various art and crafts activities, creating a Chinese plate and will learn how to dance with Chinese dragons.

**Anti-Bullying**

At Orrets Meadow we take all forms of bullying seriously and last week we had a whole school assembly on Anti-Bullying. School Council have been asked to create posters to share with their classes to spread the message, ‘We say no to bullying at Orrets Meadow!”

**Parents Meetings**

During the week of the 9th November we will be holding our parents meetings. Appointments will be sent home with your child. If the time given is inconvenient please ring us and arrange another time. The meetings give parents/carers a chance to look at their child’s books, celebrate success and give next steps. It is very important that you attend the meeting.

**EHCP Transfer Meetings**

Transfer meetings for children in Year 6 have been arranged by school and the EHCP co-ordinators. It is extremely important you attend the meeting so that you can give information which you would like to go into your child’s EHC plan and you express the type of secondary provision you would like for your child.

**Secondary Admissions**

Please can I remind all parents/carers of pupils currently in Year 6 that you must fill in the secondary admission form on [www.wirral.gov/schooladmissions](http://www.wirral.gov/schooladmissions) by the 31st October, with your choice of school for next year. Failure to apply before the deadline could lead to you not being allocated your first choice. Please contact Mrs Duncan if you need help filling the form in or want advice on which school to pick.

**Important Dates**

* 23rd Oct Harvest Festival – Please bring in tins, smellies, clothes
* 26th Oct – 30th Oct Half Term
* 2nd Nov Inset day – School closed
* 3rd Nov School Opens
* 6th Nov Creative Art Day – China
* 9th Nov -13th Nov Parents/Carers’ meetings
* 12th Nov Whole School Art Day
* 13th Nov Whole School Art Day
* 19th Nov Behaviour/Team Teach Parent Workshop – Mrs Wright
* 23rd – 27th Nov Author Week – Michaela Morgan visiting

Thanks for your continued support

C Duncan