22nd November 2017

Dear Parent and Carers

**Absence from school**

Can we politely remind you that if your child is unable to attend school for any reason, you must phone school before 9am. You also need to let your taxi escort know, however they should not be informing school that your child is not in school as messages get mixed up. Michelle will phone any parents we have not heard from by 9am. Thanks for your support on this matter.

**Slippers**

Last year we trialled pupils wearing their slippers in school and found it to be very successful in making them feel less anxious and more comfortable in school. If your child would like to bring in a pair of slippers and leave them in school they will be able to wear them during the day while they are inside. Please do not send in huge, character slippers or ones with lights and sounds on, as this will distract other pupils from their learning.

**Robin Hood Panto**

We are taking the whole school to see Robin Hood Panto, at the Williamson Art Gallery, the week of the 4th December. Tickets are £3.50. School will pay for the transport. Please could I ask all parents to contribute towards the cost of the ticket as soon as possible. Thank you.

**Chester Zoo**

Every class is going to Chester zoo for the day. We have managed to secure free tickets for entrance, but we are asking for a £1 contribution towards transport. Pupils will need to bring in a packed lunch. If they are entitled to free school meals then school will provide them with one. Pupils must also bring in a waterproof coat and wear sensible shoes, as they will be outside a lot of the day. Letters informing you of when your class are going will be sent out. Class 1 are the first class on the 8th December and class 2 on the 15th December. The rest of the classes will be in January and February.

**School Dinners**

We have taken the catering inhouse, which means Orrets Meadow are now doing lunches ourselves and not using an outside agency. We still have the same team in the kitchen, but we are now sourcing our meat locally fresh from the butchers. The meals have stayed the same as the children chose the menu recently, but the quality of the food has notably improved. Environmental health recently graded our school 5, which is the highest grade. Please encourage your child to try the school dinners, they can look at the menu and choose which dinners they want and pay on the day. I have a hot school meal or wrap and salad every day and I can’t fault the food at all. Meals for pupils are £2.30 a day, which is great value. If you would like to come in and sample a lunch please let me know.

**Achievement Trophies**

Can I ask pupils to return to school any trophies they received at the end of Summer Term assembly as soon as possible. The next achievement assembly is on Wednesday 20th December, following the Christmas service at Christchurch, Moreton (Church near Moreton roundabout going towards the M53 slipway). The service starts promptly at 9am. Pupils will be dropped off at church by their escorts at 8.50am. If you bring your child into school yourself, please make sure you drop them off at church and not at school. All parents and family are invited to the Christmas Service. Drama club will be performing their Christmas play at the service. After church, pupils walk back to school and parents drive back to school, for the end of term achievement assembly and Christmas stalls. Please support your child and attend both the service and assembly.

**Dates for the diary**

**24th Nov** Bike training for non-riders – pupils identified as non-riders will participate

**27th-1st Dec** Parents’ Evenings – times have been sent home

**27th Nov** Xmas Experience – Moreton Baptist – classes 2,3,4,5,6,7

**28th Nov** Chester Roman Trip – class 3

**29th Nov** Coffee Morning – MK – 9.30am – Esafety

**29th Nov** Xmas Experience – Moreton Baptist – classes 1

**30th Nov** Touch Rugby Festival @Claremount – pupils to be decided - DS

**1st Dec** DT Day – Food – all classes

Class 2 selling donuts – 50p each

**4th Dec** Robin Hood performance – Williamson Art Gallery – all classes

**5th Dec** Robin Hood performance – Williamson Art Gallery – all classes

**5th Dec** Sportshall Athletics @ Kingsway – pupils to be confirmed – DS

**5TH Dec** Signalong – Meadowside – GMac leading

**8th Dec**  Chester Zoo Trip – Class 1 (Mrs Wright’s)

**8th Dec** Non Uniform Day – Bring in a bottle for Xmas Tombola

**12th Dec** Liverpool Trip – Class 4

**13th Dec** Liverpool Trip – Class 5

**14th Dec** Liverpool Trip – Class 7

**15th Dec** Christmas Jumper Day

Chester Zoo Trip – Class 2 (Mrs Billington’s)

Christmas Disco – 6pm – 7.30pm

**19th Dec** School Christmas Dinner 12.30pm

**20th Dec** Christmas Church Service @ 9am followed by Achievement assembly @ OM

**21st Dec** Coffee morning – Christmas coffee and mince pie @ 9.30am

**21st Dec** Reward Prize for House Winners

**22nd Dec** Inset Day – School closed for pupils

**8th Jan**  Inset Day – School closed for pupils

**9th Jan** School reopens for the Spring 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