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Dear Parent and Carers

Welcome back to Orrets Meadow and welcome all our new members! All of the children have settled into their new classes and appear happy. Routines will take time to embed and relationships need to be built between peers and adults, but once these are in place rapid progress will be seen academically, socially and emotionally.

### **Meet the Teacher Meeting**

**On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm all parents/carers are invited to Orrets Meadow to meet their new teacher. The teacher will talk to you about class routines, homework, how they have settled in and answer any questions you have about your child at Orrets. Mrs Duncan will also talk to Year 5 and 6 parents about the transition process to secondary school and which forms need to be completed and by October 31<sup>st</sup>. It is a very important meeting and all parents/carers should try to attend on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm.**

### **Cycling Event**

Please be aware on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September Wirral is holding a large cycling event and the route will include road closures and delays. I have spoken to the escorts and they are aiming to arrive at school at the end of the day at the usual time. The children may be later arriving home depending on the amount of traffic on the roads. Please be assured we will contact you if there are any problems with the pupils getting home from school.

### **Facebook**

Have you started following our school Facebook page yet? Our page is called Orrets Meadow School. Please follow us and hear about all the things going on in school and see photos of lots of different activities. All important notices go on here too.

### **Uniform**

Thank you parents for sending your children back to school looking smart and in full uniform. Please can you make sure your child's uniform has their name in it. Shoes must be black and jewellery must not be worn to school for health and safety reasons.

### **PE Kits**

Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school every day. We encourage pupils to keep it into school until the holidays, when it is sent home to be washed. Pupils need a white t-shirt, dark shorts and trainers/pumps. All items must be named. Tracksuits can be worn when it gets colder.

### **School bags**

Please ensure your school bag is in school every day. It is important so we can put homework and letters in it. If you need a replacement they are £6 each. If you have any concerns regarding your child you can either write a note in your child's homework diary, give a message to the escort or phone school on 678 8070. Communication is key to your child succeeding at Orrets Meadow.

### **Illness**

If your child is poorly please phone school before 9am. Messages about illness should not come via the escorts. 678 8070 is the school office number. You also need to make sure your escort knows they are not coming into school.

### **Snacks**

Breakfast snacks and hot chocolate are on sale for 20p every morning when the children arrive. Fruit and breadsticks are available to buy for 20p at breaktime. Your children is responsible for looking after their snack money.

### **Dinner Money**

Lunch is £2.30 a day. It is more efficient to pay dinner money for the week on the Monday, which is £11.50 if the child is having lunch every day. However, if you child just wants dinner on one day, then please send

in £2.30 on the day. All money should be passed to the escort who then passes it to the member of staff meeting the buses. Please do not put large amounts of money in school bags.

### **Meet the Parents Coffee Morning**

Our first coffee morning for parents/guardians is on **Thursday 12th September at 9.30am**. All new parents please try to attend as it is a chance to make friends, share problems and get support off Michelle, our Home School Link Worker. Please try to attend.

### **Bugclub**

Again this year we are spending some of our Pupil Premium on the web based reading scheme 'Bug club'. This enables children to have access to ebooks at school and at home at their level. To access your child's account go to [www.activelearnprimary.co.uk](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk).

**Username** – their first name eg. sam (if more than one sam, add first initial of second name eg. samb)

**Password** – cat

**School code** – pa9p

Your child will also receive a username and password to use Mathletics at home. Details will be sent home shortly in their homework books.

### **Holidays**

Please may I remind you holidays in term time will not be authorised without an exceptional reason. Your child is at Orrets Meadow because they are working below their age related expectations, so they need to be in school every day. The Government has lowered the threshold so that any pupil with attendance below 90% is classed as persistent absence and must be referred to the Education Social Worker. Please try to make all doctor and dentist appointments after school or in the holidays.

### **Medication including inhalers**

Please make sure school is aware of any medication pupils are taking in school time. Forms need to be filled in and medicine kept locked away. Staff will administer medicine, including paracetamol if prescribed by the doctor. **We are unable to administer Ibuprofen**. Please inform school if your child needs an inhaler in school time as it needs to be kept onsite. An emergency inhaler is available for pupils who have asthma, however a form needs to be filled in to use it. PLEASE LET SCHOOL KNOW IF YOUR CHILD USES AN INHALER.

### **Mobile phones/tablets**

Pupils are allowed to take mobile phones and tablets onto the buses to keep them occupied on the school journey. They are used at their own risk to loss and damage. All equipment is handed into school as they arrive and given back to them as they go home. Any camera devices need to be covered with a plaster for the safety and protection of the other pupils.



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### Slippers

If your child would be more comfortable wearing slippers in class then please send them into school. No lights or big character slippers please!

### Dates for the diary

**12<sup>th</sup> Sept** – 9.30 – Coffee Morning

**13<sup>th</sup> Sept** – Pen Portraits will be sent home

**18<sup>th</sup> Sept** – Giraffe Class – Birkenhead Park trip

**19<sup>th</sup> Sept** – 6pm – Meet the Teacher meeting at Orrets – **PLEASE ATTEND IT IS IMPORTANT**

**20<sup>th</sup> Sept** – Tiger Class – Birkenhead Park trip

**23<sup>rd</sup> Sept** – Shark Class – Birkenhead Park trip

**24<sup>th</sup> Sept** – Fox Class – Birkenhead Park trip

**25<sup>th</sup> Sept** – Owl Class – Birkenhead Park trip

**27<sup>th</sup> Sept** – STEM Day – whole school DT Day

**10<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Mental Health Day

**21<sup>st</sup> Oct** – Harvest Festival

**25<sup>th</sup> Oct** – IEPs out to parents

- Non Uniform Day

- Owl Class Assembly

**HALF TERM Break - Monday 28th October – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November**

**Schools opens – 4<sup>th</sup> November**

More activities and events will be added as the term progresses.

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

Please follow us on Twitter by searching [Orretsmeadow](#) and start following us!

Thanks for all your support.

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

Mrs Duncan

