31st October 2016

Dear Parent and Carers

I hope you all had a pleasant half term and you were able to enjoy family time together. We have lots planned this half term so write all the dates on your calendar.

**Taekwondo**

Class 4 will begin 5 weeks of Taekwondo on Thursday. They will participate for an hour a week. It will be non-contact and they will need their PE kits in school. Photos on Twitter will follow!

**PE Kits**

Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school every day. In a draw string bag they need a white t shirt, dark shorts and pumps/trainers. As the weather is getting colder your child may wish to leave a tracksuit in school too. All clothing needs naming.

**Head Girl, Head Boy**

This half term’s head girl and head boy are Sam Davies and Amber Crosbie. They were chosen by the staff for being excellent role models to the rest of the pupils at Orrets Meadow. Their role includes greeting visitors and new parents, leading the Friday merit assembly and helping Mrs Duncan lead the school.

**Children in Need Day**

Mrs Forshaw is organising our fundraising day for Child in Need on Friday 18th November. Children are asked to come into school in something spotty. Please don’t feel you have to buy anything, just be creative and draw spots on a t-shirt etc. Each child will be asked to bring in £1. Letters will go out nearer the time.

**Non Uniform Days**

We have two non uniform days planned on Fridays 2nd and 9th December. Both days are to raise items for our end of term Xmas assembly. In return for non uniform please bring in a chocolate item on the 2nd December and a bottle of something on the 9th December. All items will go in our Christmas tombolas to raise money for school.

Please look carefully at the dates for diary at the bottom of the letter. More details of events taking place later in the term will be sent out nearer the time.

**Parents’ Evening**

Letters have gone out with dates and times for parents’ evenings. Year 6 pupils have not been allocated a slot as they have recently had meetings with teachers as part of the EHCP transfer meetings. Please try to attend your allocated time and let us know if you are unable to attend and we will try to give you another more suitable time.

**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 appointments after school or in the holidays.

**Dates for the diary**

**1st Nov** – PTA meeting @ 4pm – all welcome

**3rd Nov** – Inclusive Athletics @ Kingsway – selected pupils will receive letters

**4th Nov** – Whole School Science Investigation Day

**7th Nov** – Inspire Assembly @ Claremount – selected pupils will receive letters

**17th Nov** – Polybat competition Claremount – selected pupils will receive letters

**18th Nov** – Esafety Accreditation day

**18th Nov** – Child in Need day – wear spots - £1

**21st Nov** – Shakespeare week – all pupils involved

**2nd Dec** – Non Uniform day – chocolate for Xmas tombola

**9th Dec** – Whole School Art Day – Happiness through fabric

**9th Dec** – Non Uniform day – bottles for Xmas tombola

**12th Dec** – Class 7 trip to Liverpool

**16th Dec** – Save the Children – Wear a Xmas jumper day

**21st Dec** – End of term assembly and church service @ 9am – details to follow

**22nd Dec** – School finishes for half term @ 3.30pm

**Tuesday 10th January – school reopens for the Spring Term**

Please look at our school website at <http://orrets-meadow.eschools.co.uk> for other information on school. Dates have been added to school calendar online.

Also follow us on Twitter. Search for Orrets Meadow and follow the latest news and activities going on in school.

Thank you for all your support.

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

Mrs Duncan