7th January 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year! We welcomed back 73 pupils on Tuesday, all of whom were excited to share with us what presents they had received and what they had done over the holidays.

**Christmas Fundraising**

£1260 was raised by the Art sale, Christmas hamper, Christmas stalls and auction! Well done and thank you to everyone who supported us. All of the money is going towards our minibus fund. Please can all parents make voluntary contributions towards any trips as any shortfall will come out of our minibus fund. Thank you.

**PE Kits**

Please make sure your child’s PE kit is in school. PE lessons have started and children need the correct clothing and footware. In a PE bag they need a white t-shirt, dark shorts and pumps/trainers. Optional extras are tracksuits for when PE is outside.

**Bikeability**

Miss O’Brien’s. Mr Saul’s and Mr McAteer’s class are doing Bikeability on Fridays 22nd and 29th January. They MUST return a consent form to take part. It is recommended they bring their own bike into school for it and helmet. If your child does not have a bike they can loan one off school or off Bikeability, however there are only a few and it cannot be guaranteed the bike will be the correct size. Please let us know if there is a problem, as we would like all pupils in these classes to take part.

**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. Orrets Meadow is currently on 97.1%, which is a credit to all the parents who make sure their children attend school each day.

**Head Boy/Head Girl – House Captains**

Well done Callum M and Rebecca for being chosen to be our new head boy and girl. James S, Martin, Gabriel and Brandon are our new house captains – Well done to them too. At the end of term Mars won the term’s reward and enjoyed a trip to the Light Cinema to see the Good Dinosaur. Come on the other teams, let’s see if you can win it this term!

**Dates for the Diary**

* 12th Jan – Thumbs Up Education 4 week sessions start for class 4
* 14th Jan – Saturn’s Cake Sale
* 14th Jan – Judo 5 sessions start for class 5 (Mrs Tunna’s)
* 22nd Jan – Bikeability for classes 3,6,7 (all day)
* 28th Jan – Earth Cake Sale
* 29th Jan – Bikeability for classes 3,6,7 (all day)
* 1st Feb – Science Day – Electricity – all classes
* 2nd Feb – Parents Coffee Morning – Wired attending – all invited
* 9th Feb – Classes 6,7 – Liverpool World Museum and Synagogue trip
* 12th Feb – Neptune’s ‘Onsie Day’
* 12th Feb – Close for half term
* 22nd Feb – School opens

Thanks for your continued support

C Duncan