4th December 2018

Dear Parent and Carers

The end of term is nearly here. It’s unbelieveable how quickly it has come around! The end of term is very busy so please keep your eyes posted for letters coming home about different Christmas activities.

**Coats**

The weather is turning very cold and our children go out to play for break time and lunchtime. Can you please encourage your child to bring to school their warm coat? We understand that some pupils with their autism will not wear a coat but if you can encourage them it may stop them falling ill with coughs and colds.

**Christmas lunch**

Our Christmas lunch menu has been sent home. It costs £2.30 and includes turkey roast dinner with all the trimmings and a Christmas biscuit and ice cream. If you would like Christmas lunch please return the letter sent out to the school office and enclose £2.30.

**Coffee Morning**

Please try to support the parent/carer coffee mornings. Our next coffee morning is being led by Mr Ferris and is about Esafety and the dangers of the internet. Do you know how to keep your child safe on the internet? Are you aware of chat rooms and social media dangers? The coffee morning is at 9.30am on Wednesday 12th December. Michelle will have a cuppa with you afterwards.

On Wednesday 19th December 10am, Michelle will be holding a coffee and mince pies coffee morning for all parents/carers to end the term. All welcome.

**Non Uniform Days**

This Friday, 7th December, is non uniform day where the children bring in a bottle for our Christmas Tombola which is at the end of term assembly.

Friday 14th December is also non uniform day and the children are asked to bring in chocolate for a chocolate tombola, again this will be at the end of term assembly.

**End of term Assembly**

Our end of term merit assembly is planned for Thursday 20th December at 9.30am. Before the merit assembly there will be a Christmas stall, bottle and chocolate tombola, reindeer dust on sale, school magazine and a Christmas hamper raffle, so please bring plenty of pennies with you! The hall fills up quickly so the doors will open from 9am to help get everyone seated. The pupils will come in for the merit assembly part. We will also be holding an auction of items which have been donated to us, so please support us by bidding!

**Grotto**

We have a special visitor joining us on the afternoon of the 20th December, Father Christmas! We will be creating a special grotto for your child to meet Father Christmas and receive a present from school.

**Dates for the diary**

**5th Dec Class 3 & 4 – Sing the Christmas Story – Christchurch B’head**

**6th Dec Class 7 visit to Hadlow Station**

**7th Dec Non Uniform Day – Bring in Bottles for Xmas tombola**

**7th Dec Hayfield v OM Football match**

**10th Dec Christmas Assembly @ OM– Vicar – Parents not invited sorry**

**12th Dec 9.30am - Coffee Morning – Esafety – Mr Ferris and Michelle**

**14th Dec Science Investigation Day – all classes**

**14th Dec Non Uniform Day – Bring in Chocolates for Xmas tombola**

**17th Dec Class 3 visit a local nursing home to sing Christmas songs**

**18th Dec Christmas Lunch - £2.30**

**19th Dec 10am - Coffee morning – coffee and mince pies – Michelle**

**19th Dec 1.30pm – House Reward –Nativity Rocks at Light Cinema**

**20th Dec Christmas Merit Assembly – all parents welcome – 9.30am**

**20th Dec Christmas grotto after lunch**

**20th Dec School data reports out to parents**

**21st Dec School closed – Inset Day**

**Christmas Holidays**

**7th Jan School closed – Inset Day**

**8th Jan School open to pupils**

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!

Thank you for all your support.

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

 Mrs Duncan