14th December 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

**Art Sale**

On Friday 9th December we had a whole school art day and the children produced beautiful fabric work on what made them happy. The A3 art work has been framed in a Perspex clip frame and is available to buy for £5. The art they have produced would make a lovely Christmas present from the pupils to you or to grandparent. All money raised will go towards enrichment activities for the pupils. They are **on sale now**, just send your £5 in to the office and your child’s framed art work will be sent home.

**Decorate a Christmas Tree**

On Monday Christmas trees were sent home for the pupils to decorate and return to school. A £1 needs to be attached and their name needs to go on the back when they return it to school. A winner from each class will be selected to receive a prize, so get creative!!

**End of term arrangements**

Please look carefully below for activities taking place in the last week as there is a lot going on. On **Wednesday 21st December** children will be dropped off at Christchurch Church, Moreton by the taxis at 8.50am. Parents who bring their children to school will also need to drop off at church by 8.50am. (It is the church off Moreton roundabout, on the right heading towards Upton). Car parking is not easy around the church so please leave plenty of time to park and walk.

The service will start at 9am. Many of the children are taking part in the Christmas story part of the service, so please try to attend to support them and bring grandparents, aunties, uncles etc too. The church service normally last about 45 minutes.

After the service the pupils walk back to school with their teachers and teaching assistants. Pupils must not leave with their parents as we will not know where they are.

Parents will drive back to Orrets Meadow for the end of term achievement assembly. Tea/coffee and mince pies will be on sale. There will be a bottle and chocolate tombola and an auction of various items/experiences. All money raised will go to the pupils, so please bring lots of money with you! Raffle tickets for a Christmas hamper are on sale now and will be before the assembly.

The end of term assembly is an opportunity for pupils and parents to celebrate progress made at Orrets. Prize Cups are also given out for various things eg. Art, PE, Kindness etc. Please try to attend as it means a lot to school and the children.

**Christmas Dinner**

Christmas dinner will be served this Friday, 16th December. The dinner will be roast turkey with all the trimmings and Christmas pudding. There will be no wraps and sandwiches available on this day, only the hot food option. If your child wants their packed lunch as normal that is fine. It is traditional at Orrets Meadow for the teachers to serve the pupils their Christmas dinner! The cost is the normal £2.30. Please let the office know if you would like your child to have Christmas dinner.

**Wind in the Willows**

Orrets Meadow’s Christmas treat to the children is for them to go see the Wind in the Willows play at the Williamson Art Gallery. Pupils will be transported in the school minibus. Half the school will go on the 19th December and the rest on the 20th December.

**Christmas Jumper Day**

On Friday the 16th it is wear your Christmas jumper day! If you haven’t got a jumper don’t worry just add some tinsel to your outfit. Bring a £1 in and all money is going to Save the Children.

**House Winners Reward Trip**

This Friday Mr Saul will announce which house has won this term’s reward by earning the most team points. The reward is for the winning house to go to the Light cinema to see the new Disney film ‘Moana’. Unless we hear differently from you, if your child’s house wins, we will assume they are able to go on Thursday 22nd. Pupils will be able to bring their water bottle with them and they can bring a small bag of sweets with them to eat during the film. They will be transported in the school minibus.

**Dates for the Diary**

**16th Dec** Save the Children – Wear a Xmas jumper day - £1

**16th Dec** Christmas dinner

**19th Dec** Wind in the Willow play @ Williamson Art Gallery (half the school)

**20th Dec** Wind in the Willow play @ Williamson Art Gallery (half the school)

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

**22nd Dec** AM - House reward – Cinema trip to the Light Cinema (winners announced 16th)

**22nd Dec** PM – Class Christmas parties – Come in party clothes. Father Xmas is visiting!

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

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

Thanks for your continued support

Mrs Duncan