11th January 2023

Dear Parent and Carers

Happy New Year!! Here we go into 2023 and we have lots of exciting things planned for the children at Orrets.

**School Lunches**

Due to food prices continuing to rise we have had to raise the cost of the school lunch from January 2023. The new cost is £2.50 each day and £12.50 a week. Children in receipt of free school meals continue to receive them at no cost.

**Child and parent session**

Thank you to all the parents who attended the child/parent session in December and looked at their books with them. I think you will all agree the amount of work and progress they are making is unbelievable and it does show that when the provision is right their learning flourishes. We are planning on another child/parent session in the Summer term, so you will then be able to clearly see the progress made from the beginning of the year to the end.

**Parent Coffee Mornings**

We have lots of coffee mornings booked in with different guest speakers. We have tried to change the days to maximise the number of parents who can attend. Please try to attend as the more information you gain from professionals, the more you will be able to support your child in the home.

Here are the coffee mornings booked for this term:

Wed 18th January 10-11 Camhs – supporting your child with anxiety

Fri 3rd February 2.30-3.30 Talking Maths - supporting your child with Maths

Fri 10th February 10-11 ASD – What is ASD and how do we support children in

school with ASD

Thurs 16th February 10-11 Sensory Therapist – Supporting children with sensory

Processing

**Ready for school**

Please can you make sure your child is ready for school and learning each day by remembering to send in their school bag with their communication book and reading book in it. The children should also have their PE bags in school every day.

**Forest Schools**

Zebras and Giraffes continue with their Forest School sessions this week and next Thursday. Please remember to send them in old clothes and with a warm coat.

Thursday 26th January is the start of Bears and Wolves Forest School sessions. Letters will go home nearer the time.

Photos of the sessions go on Facebook each week and I think many children will say it has been a brilliant experience for them, both in terms of enjoying the outdoors but also in supporting them in developing their social and life skills.

**Important Dates**

12th & 19th Jan Forest Schools – Giraffes and Zebras

18th Jan Sharks visit Liverpool Cathedral linked to their topic on religions

18th Jan 10am Parent Coffee Morning – Camhs - Anxiety

19th Jan 10 weeks ‘Learn a musical instrument’ sessions begin for Foxes, Tigers

20th Jan Blue Planet trip linked to their topic – Owls

26th Jan Forest Schools begins for Bears and Wolves (5 wks)

3rd Feb 10am Parent Coffee Morning – Talking Maths

W/c 6th Feb RE week – all classes

10th Feb 10am Parent Coffee Morning – ASD and Sensory Circuits

W/c 13th Feb Science Week – all classes

17th Feb IEPs out to parents

17th Feb Finish for half term at 3.30pm

27th Feb Return to school as usual

More activities will be added as the term goes along.

Please make sure you check your emails regularly as this is the way we send important information to you. Also, if you would like to see photos of your child taking part in all of the exciting enrichment activities we offer at school, then please follow us on Facebook.

Thanks for all your support.

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

Mrs Duncan