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Dear Parent,

Pupils have enjoyed the book fair this week. The event caused much excitement and has boosted interest in personal reading. It was good to hear from Mr Dilks that once again, the recent assessments have shown a continual rise in reading age across all age groups. Many thanks to Mrs Hale and Mrs Astbury for helping to run this event this week in Lower School. We really do value the support of our parent community.

There are a number of academic congratulations this week. The maths department proudly announced that Ben Wright and Lili Harvey Hemming were selected to compete in the Regional Finals of the Team Maths Challenge recently. We await news of their performances.

Mrs Allen has asked me to remind pupils and parents about the forthcoming 'Near and Far' sponsored walk. The event takes place on the first Monday after half term. All of the collected sponsorship money will be divided between Hope House, a home for terminally ill children and Monduli Green in Africa.

It has been lovely to enjoy better weather of late. Even though we will always provide drinks when appropriate, it is preferable that pupils have their own water bottles in School. It is also wise for pupils to have a cap and some sunscreen in their School bag.

Mrs Paul has organised another Music Tea for Monday 21st May starting at 4.30pm in the Lower School hall. This is another opportunity for parents and pupils to hear a variety of musical performances. Some of these particular children will not have performed in front of an audience before. Please feel warmly welcome to come and enjoy light refreshments, and join in the fun!

Still on a musical note, Olivia Philbin and Ben Oliver should be congratulated on their recent Associated Board of Royal School of Music successes. Ben plays Alto Saxophone and Olivia plays Rock & Pop and Drums. Very well done!

The pupils are enjoying a 'purple patch' of success in sport. The swimmers have performed with distinction at the Shropshire School Swimming Gala this week. The team consisting of Eleanor Broughton, Hettie D'Amassa, Evie Floate, Oliver Covill, Katie Hale, Jake Hutchinson, Jacob Lee, Rosie Linley and Flynn Smith who topped the medal table. The girls won all of their events. Hettie set a new record for the 100m Butterfly. Well done to all swimmers!

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The Under 13 cricketers have had victories in their recent fixtures. They are performing very well as a team and the last match saw them beat a North East Wales county side.

It is also good to report that our Year 7/8 boys and girls tennis teams have both qualified for the regional round of the National Schools competition finishing in top place in the county groups. Peter Swinnerton, Guy Welti, Jack Tomlinson, Will Williamson, Lili Harvey Hemming, Eloise Chapman and Ellie Edwards were members of Lower School who made up the teams. We also enjoyed a successful day at the Prep Schools event on Sunday. In the U11 event, Thomas and Adam Jacques played up in age and won the event against strong local prep school teams. The U13 girls played through to the final and Ellesmere A team beat Ellesmere B to win the tournament.

As you will imagine there is an amazing amount of superb work going on from many of our pupils in different areas of the College curriculum and co-curriculum. It is a fantastically busy school and we are proud of all of our pupils! It is lovely to share glimpses with parents.

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely