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Dear Parent,

It has been damp this week and I have reminded a few children to come to School with a coat. It is also essential that pupils have a full tracksuit for Games. Pupils may wear base layers too. We like to keep outdoor activities as normal as possible at Ellesmere through the winter. These extra steps allow us to keep the pupils as comfortable as possible over the next few weeks until the spring sunshine arrives. Please name all school items too. This helps Mrs Leonard to return lost items and keep her lost property bin from overflowing!

Well done to Kit Fisher KS2 who recently secured Grade 1 in Rock and Pop Drums. We will present his Trinity College London certificate in Assembly on Monday.

The Year 8-9 Information Evening and Parents' Evening is on Friday 7th February. The Information Evening takes place in the Arts Centre at 5.15pm followed by Parents' Evening in Big School Hall. Year 8 pupils attend the Parents' Evening with their parents. This is in preparation for the style of Parents' Evening in Year 9. There is a homework club too, supervised by a Sixth Form pupil in a Big School classroom. This is set up to help parents who have a problem securing supervision for siblings in School. Please fill in the reply slip to book your child in for tea and or for the homework room. Please note that this is not a simple drop in facility as we have to ask Sixth Form pupils to stay after School. Therefore, we will not book a Sixth Former should there be no demand.

Pupils have enjoyed playing in a wide range of competitive sports over the first few weeks of term. It is also good to see the choir growing in size too! We have appreciated hearing the musicians and singers performing during Chapel service and we have a musical tea coming up in a few weeks' time. Pupils have been enjoying 'Drama Club', Mrs Rogers and Mrs Schubert have been pleased with how the pupils are developing.

The cricket coaches have been encouraging attendance at lunchtime cricket nets. Pupils may attend the winter net programme, even if they have never played cricket before. Mr Jones advocates that 'winter net' play certainly helps to get the summer cricket season off to a flying start. It is good to be thinking of the better weather ahead!

It is assessment week next week. Pupils will be given revision areas to look over, ready for these small snapshot assessments. The results inform teachers for tracking progress. They also help to gently develop academic rigour and resilience.

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The School Entrance Exam morning is on Saturday 1st February. Please contact Admissions should you require any further information for anyone considering a place for a child at School.

The swimming coaches asked me to once again mention that the College Learn to Swim Club is running this term. Class sizes are small and further details may be collected from Steffi Bircher on 07825631945 or alternatively email: steffibircher@gmail.com

It is good to note a forthcoming event. Lower School House Cross Country is on the afternoon of Thursday 30th January. Pupils have been steadily improving their personal performances in PE lessons. The focus is simply just 'trying ones best'. All members of the House team are awarded points for simply completing the course. The hot chocolate is usually lovely and families are invited to come and watch. Pupils can sign out with tutors and may go home earlier with families as soon as the event has finished.

Have a good weekend when it arrives. There are no fixtures due to Exeat weekend arrangements.

Yours sincerely

Please return to Lower School office

Name of pupil.....

We shall be attending the Year 8 to Year 9 presentation followed by the Parents' Meeting on Friday 7th February

I require supervision for siblings

We will unfortunately not be able to attend

Signed.....

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