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Dear Parent,

The countdown of events to the end of term has begun. All too quickly we have come to the final newsletter of a busy term. Many thanks to parents for the prompt return of reply slips, which will enable accurate planning for all of the activities planned for the children.

Pupils were excited about the House Play competition on Wednesday. This was the culmination of weeks of hard work by staff and pupils. The performances were superb and are testimony to the talent and teamwork that we have in Lower School. The College have Artsmark Platinum status and certainly, events like this add to the rich tapestry of experiences available to Ellesmere pupils in curriculum time. May I say very well done to all KS3 pupils and the staff who teach them during the Survive and Thrive sessions.

It was lovely to see a large number of KS2 families at the Lighting of the Christmas tree event last night. It was damp on the playground but the choir fared admirably and the hot drinks certainly kept the spirit going!

KS2 pupils are also looking forward to their Christmas Party tonight. Our thanks go to the Parents' Society for arranging this enjoyable event for the children. Earmuffs are usually a fashion accessory worn by supervising adults during the disco! It is all good fun!

Teachers are working hard with the KS2 children to polish the KS2 play, which is planned for next Thursday. You are warmly invited to join us from 3.30pm in the Arts Centre with extended families. Pupils may go home afterwards with families after signing out.

Congratulations are extended to the Lower School shooters who performed extremely well in the National Pistol Shooting Regional Rounds held at the College on Wednesday. I have not had official individual details from Mr Rylands yet, but I believe that the Lower School shooters were superb!

We look forward to seeing families at the Monduli Bazaar and the Carol Service next Monday. The Bazaar starts at 4.40pm and the Carol Service starts at 7pm. Pupils may be collected from Lower School from 6.00pm and families progress on to take seats in Chapel. Mrs Beckett, External Relations Officer, asked me to explain that there will be refreshments served in the Dining Hall for parents whilst pupils take Supper. The service usually lasts one hour and there are refreshments available in Big School afterwards. Please return a reply slip to indicate the arrangements for your child.

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It is worth noting that games change focus next term. Year 7 and 8 boys switch to football during curriculum lessons and will also start rugby 7s. KS2 boys change the focus of their sessions to rugby. Gum shields etc. are important. The girls carry on with hockey in club time, but curricular sport changes to netball. It can get bitterly cold at times at the end of squad training therefore, it is important that pupils have the appropriate tracksuits, waterproof tops, gloves etc. to ensure they stay protected.

The U12 and U13 rugby team have had a super season so far. The U12 team are keen to secure a victory this Saturday to complete an unbeaten season. We wish all the Lower School teams well.

Year 7 and 8 pupils may be set a small amount of holiday work. It is important that all pupils take home all relevant text and prep diaries. It is sensible to start taking surplus equipment home during the week and a carrier bag usually aids transportation of items home.

On a similar note, it would help enormously if models of castles etc. can be taken home at the end of term.

We will also encourage each Lower School pupil to read as much as possible over the break.

Next Friday is the last day of the Michaelmas term. Please remember that College transport leaves at 4.30pm, **one hour earlier than usual**.

The Lower School teachers and I would like to wish all Lower School and their families a very happy Christmas time and a healthy New Year!

Yours sincerely,

LOWER SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE Monday 2nd December 7.00pm

Pupil's Name.....

My son/daughter will: (please select as appropriate)

- Accompany me to the Monduli Bazaar
- THEN
- Stay for tea and be picked up from Lower School from 6.00pm for the service.
- Return home at the normal time and return later with family for the service.
- Return home at normal time and will not be attending the service.

Please indicate the number of people attending the service (include pupils in this too)

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Thursday 28 th November	Lower School Christmas Tree Lighting (KS2 and Lower School Choir)	4:30pm – Lower School Playground KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5, 6) Parents warmly welcome. Mince pies and mulled wine. Carols. Pupils may go home early with parents after signing out.
Friday 29 th November	KS2 Christmas Party	5.30pm – 7.30pm Top floor of Lower School – party clothes brought to School in the morning.
Monday 2 nd December	Monduli Christmas Bazaar	4.40pm – 5.15pm Big School Hall Parents and families welcome to join in the fun. Pupils will require a little spending money. Various options for pupils/parents moving on to Carol Service.
	Lower School Carol Service	7pm Chapel Followed by ‘Mulled Wine and Mince Pies’ in Big School.
Wednesday 4 th December	Pantomime Trip – “Aladdin” Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury	Back in time for buses. Pupils wear school uniform. Option for collection at Theatre Severn by arrangement.
Thursday 5 th December	KS2 Christmas Play	Refreshments served from 3.15pm in the Arts Centre for a 3.30pm performance. Pupils may go home with parents afterwards after signing out.
Friday 6 th December	End of term	College transport leaves at 4.30pm.

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