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Dear Parent,

It is Assessment Week next week. Pupils will once again have a round of short assessments to inform teachers regarding academic progress. The results will help form the final period grade for this Michaelmas Term.

The choir are busy preparing for the end of term Carol Services. It is a good opportunity to say well done to all performers in the recent Musical Tea too. Many of those children had not performed in front of a 'live' audience before. It is a really good way to build that confidence.

Still on a musical note it is nice to say well done to Henry Hughes in Year 7. He stepped up considerably to play the 'Last Post' in the recent Remembrance Services. This can be a particularly daunting task for someone so young. Very well done to Henry as he certainly managed that challenge admirably.

It was good to hear that the Lower School boys' and girls' tennis teams reached the Regional Tennis Finals recently. Finishing in the top 8 in the UK. Well done to all players!

Sister has asked me to remind parents that the nasal flu vaccine for KS2 children is Monday 5th December. A letter and consent form will be sent to parents shortly from Sick Bay.

If your child is leaving site for any appointment or early for an out of school club please inform our Lower School Secretaries lowerschoolsecretary@ellesmere.com and on the day give a quick telephone call to the office on 01691 626511 to advise you are here to collect. All pupils need to sign out with our Secretaries prior to leaving, this ensures we have note of any absences in the event of a fire and for safe guarding purposes.

It is worth checking the mobile telephone use of children at home. It has come to our attention that a number of children have age inappropriate apps in use. The age guidance is 16 years for some of the social chatting sites. Obviously, this comes under the direction of parents, as mobiles are not allowed in the College day for Lower School pupils. However, sadly sometimes the apps are used from home in home time and can cause upset in school if communications become unkind and are not carefully monitored by parents. It can cause many hours of investigation by staff in school should issues then come into College. Please could you help by checking. Dr Chatterjee is very strict about the rule for Lower School children as it can cause lots of unnecessary upset.

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I felt a quick aide memoire may help with a few key events for the last three weeks of term.

Lower School Pantomime Trip Wednesday 30 th November. Theatre Seven (during School afternoon, back for School transport)	Lower School Pupils	We have the opportunity to take all Lower School pupils to the theatre. Any queries please contact Lower School Secretaries. Pupils wear School uniform. More details will follow. Please reallocate any coaching sessions etc.
Christmas Tree Lighting Thursday 1 st December 4.30pm - 5.10pm Lower School Car Park.	KS2 - Children Years 6 and under	Parents are invited to join the Choir and KS2 for carols, mulled wine and mince pies. A short event culminating with lighting the outdoor tree. Please note the gates are closed to cars until 5.15pm. Pupils wear uniform.
Community Carol Service Thursday 1 st December 7.30pm - 9pm College Chapel	Extended College Community	An opportunity for the outside community to enjoy hearing the Chapel Choir sing and to take part in a traditional Ellesmere College Carol Service.
Lower School Carol Service Monday 5 th December. Chapel	Lower School pupils	Parents collect their children from Lower School from 6.15pm onwards and the Service begins at 7pm. Pupils sit with their families. More details will follow regarding various after-school options for parents. Pupils wear uniform.
KS2 Christmas Play College Arts Centre Thursday 8 th December	KS2	Parents are invited to come along and enjoy the play. There will be refreshments available from 3.30pm in the foyer of the Arts Centre. Please book seats with the Lower School Secretaries lowerschoolsecretary@ellesmere.com by Friday 2 nd December. There will be a maximum of 2 seats per family and any spare seats can be booked from Monday 5 th December, again through the Lower School Secretaries.
LAST DAY Friday 9th December	Lower School pupils	Christmas Jumper Day – for a donation of £2.00 pupils may wear a Christmas jumper in replacement for their School jumper. PLEASE NOTE THAT School finishes at 4.30pm

It's Exeat weekend. No games fixtures are scheduled. It's a good time for our children to have a rest in readiness for the busy end of term activities. Some children are looking a little tired.

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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