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Dear Parent,

All too soon we have come to the last newsletter for this first half of the Michaelmas term. The weeks have simply flown past!

May I begin this week's newsletter with a heartfelt thank you to parents and pupils for their support with the non-uniform charity event last Friday. All donations will go to the charity supporting the mental health of children. Sister Eiry will let me know over the next few days how much was raised and I will then report that to you.

On a musical note, we are starting our Musical Tea events soon. At the moment, due to restrictions, these are purely performances by the pupils to a pupil audience. They will take place in the Lower School Hall and it provides an opportunity for pupils to perform to small, supportive gatherings in their quest for improvement. Once allowed, we will open up these regular events and invite parents to share tea with us and listen to the performances.

There have been a number of solid sport performances throughout the whole of this first half term. Pupils across the full range of sports should be proud of what they have achieved. A large number of pupils have represented the College to their credit. I have received nice comments regarding the general attitude and sporting behaviours of the children. This is always a pleasure to hear. Well done to all!

We have been enjoying KS2 and KS3 Chapel services so far this term. It has been good to see a number of pupils stepping up to read during the service. We will continue to encourage pupils to step slightly out of comfort zones and develop their reading performance skills.

Expeditions begin next week. Mrs Morgan has added details for each age group with respect to venue and clothing requirements, etc. Year 7 have a slightly different structure, as they will travel to their residential stay on Wednesday. They have an educational experience day in School on Tuesday. Please contact the Lower School Secretary should you have further queries.

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This will hopefully be an enjoyable experience for all. Pocket money is allowed but must remain the responsibility of the child throughout the trip. A small bag that can be carried on their back, like a school bag, is needed as we will be providing lunch that they will have to carry. A water-bottle will be required and pupils may bring extra snacks if they wish. It might also be a good idea for them to have their own small hand-san, so they can use it as they need to throughout the day. Please remember that pupils in Years 7 and 8 will need facemasks.

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y 3/4	Enginuity Ironbridge Own clothes	Cadbury World School uniform	Shrewsbury Museum School uniform/waterproof coat/trainers	Normal School day School uniform
Y5	Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre -Stone Age Workshop Own clothes	Cadbury World School uniform	Shrewsbury Museum School uniform/waterproof coat/trainers	Normal School day School uniform
Y6	Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre - Orienteering Own clothes/tracksuit/weatherproof coat/trainers	Cadbury World School uniform	Styal Mill Own clothes	Normal School day School uniform
Y7	In School Activities - STEM School sports kit	PGL Own clothes as per packing list	PGL	PGL
Y8	Castles Trip North Wales Own clothes/waterproof coat/sensible footwear	Thinktank Museum Birmingham School uniform	Black Country Museum Own clothes/Waterproof coat/sensible footwear	Normal School day School uniform



The College Medical Sister has asked me to remind parents to do regular checks of their child's hair for headlice. Obviously, in such a busy and close community, such unwanted visitors can arrive from time to time. Half term is a good time for a thorough check.

Many of our new pupils are ready for the rest that half term will bring. Many children have worked extremely well this term and have found the school day a long one here at Ellesmere. It is pleasing to see that many take it in their stride. I am sure that the half term rest will allow them to recharge batteries ready for the second half of this Michaelmas term, which is always very busy.

Have a good half term once it arrives.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sharon Owen".