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Dear Parent,

Core Values were explored in assembly this week. Discussion focused on working hard and with perseverance and giving of one's best. Kindness towards others within all that we do in Lower School was a thread throughout the dialogue too. The words that they use and the choice of well thought through actions formed the basis of tutor discussions.

It is a pleasure to announce that the Year 8 STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Engineering team won the regional heat this week and now qualify for the Regional Final competition. The team of 6 were challenged to design and build a prototype system of their choice that would help distribute aid efficiently during a natural disaster situation. The competition was sponsored by Airbus International and the Institute of Engineering and Technology London ran the event. We do have talented young people at Ellesmere! Well done!

Last week the Parents' Society hosted a Macmillan 'Coffee Morning'. The pupils in Lower School held a Cake Sale, which was also a popular event. The Parents' Society reported that £234.50 has been raised. Thank you very much for all of the support from home that made this venture possible. It was lovely to hear testimony to the super pupils that we have in Lower School, when a number of parents also shared that they were impressed with the manners and warmth of the children on that day.

Parents' evening for Years 3, 4 and 5 is this Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October. Please could parents remember to contact Mrs Leonard should their child require supervision during the evening. We use Sixth Form helpers and therefore, need to know exact numbers in order to be completely safe and organised. Thank you for only using this facility if it is an absolute necessity. There is a reply slip at the end of this mail and Mrs Leonard can be contacted by email on [lowerschoolsecretary@ellesmere.com](mailto:lowerschoolsecretary@ellesmere.com)

The Fantasia concert was a superb event last Friday. Many children from Lower School took part. It was nice to hear the compliments about the standards that our pupils are achieving. The Senior Choir were outstanding!

Still on a musical note, there is a Musical Tea in the Lower School Hall on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 4.30pm-5.10pm. This is a relaxed opportunity for students to gain performance experience. Parents are warmly invited to come and enjoy the performances and a cup of tea!

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Congratulations go to the U11 football team who put on a noteworthy performance and came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Ellesmere U11 Football Tournament. The weather stayed fine and our boys played hard and with great spirit!

The shooting range is as popular as ever and many new pupils are enjoying the sport. Please ask your child to contact their tutor to arrange times for shooting should they wish to start. Alternatively, Mr Rylands' email address is [tom.rylands@ellemere.com](mailto:tom.rylands@ellemere.com)

The swimmers are facing a busy period, with some big competitions on the horizon. They are training as hard as ever and we wish them well.

The Book Fair has generated much interest this week and pupils have enjoyed choosing a book to buy and read. The Accelerated Reading programme continues to stretch and challenge pupils across all of the year groups. It is greatly appreciated that pupils are also encouraged by parents to read regularly at home too.

Thank you in advance to parents for transporting pupils to Lower School for the College Open Day tomorrow. Pupil help is much appreciated and the pupils are certainly the greatest asset of our School. Pupils should arrive either in full uniform for guiding or full School tracksuit, if they are helping with the activity sessions.

Mrs Morgan has provided a grid of details for expeditions at the end of this newsletter. The dates are on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>, Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October as per the White School Calendar. The Year 7 pupils have their residential trip from Wednesday to Friday of that week with a normal School day on the Tuesday. The expeditions are a valuable part of the enrichment programme for our pupils. Please make a special note of protective clothing requirements in case of inclement weather.

In addition to that, here are some more points to consider:

Year 6 are dressing up as Victorian children, when they get to Blists Hill on the Wednesday. Please can the boys bring some dark trousers to get changed into (school trousers are fine) plus their school shoes. Girls will need their school shoes too and dark tights or white socks. Long hair will need to be tied back.

A small day bag is required for all trips out of school. Spending money allowance is at parents' discretion and will be the child's responsibility. Items such as phones, if you feel your child needs to bring one, will also be the child's responsibility throughout this time.

Year 8 will be doing a bush craft day here at School on the Thursday. This will require them to be outside all day so sensible clothing, including waterproofs are required. Year 6 will also be outside for most of the day on the Thursday and will require sensible clothing that they can run about in including waterproofs. Lunch and tea, will be provided by School but you may wish to supplement this. We are encouraging the use of personal water bottles and will therefore not be providing water on these expeditions.

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If you have any queries please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Have a good weekend when it arrives.

Yours sincerely,

*Sharon Owen*

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*Please return to the Lower School office*

I shall be attending:  Parents' Evening on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October

And would like \_\_\_\_\_ to stay for tea and prep  
*(Name of pupil)*

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Year 3 and 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct</b>  Jackfield Tile Museum  Own clothes /trainers Day bag	<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct</b>  Celts day Wrexham  Old clothes/waterproofs/wellingtons/boots/trainers Day bag	<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct</b>  Blists Hill Victorian Museum  Own clothes/trainers/waterproof coat Day bag	<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct</b>  STEM Challenge in School  School uniform	<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct</b>  Thinktank, Birmingham  Own clothes/trainers Day bag
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>  Shrewsbury Museum  Own clothes Day bag	<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>  Shrewsbury Museum  Own clothes Day bag	<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October</b>  Play in a Day in School Konflux Theatre  Own clothes	<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>  PGL Boreatton  See kit list	<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>  Black Country Museum  Own clothes/waterproof coat, day bag, trainers
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October</b>  Play in a Day in School Konflux Theatre  Own clothes	<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October</b>  Play in a Day in School Konflux Theatre  Own clothes	<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October</b>  Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre – Orienteering  Old clothes/waterproofs wellingtons/boots/trainers Day bag	<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October</b>  PGL Boreatton	<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October</b>  Bushcraft in School  Old clothes/waterproofs/boots/wellingtons/trainers
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>  Lessons  School uniform	<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>  Lessons  School uniform	<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>  Lessons  School uniform	<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>  Return pm from PGL	<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>  Lessons  School uniform

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