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Dear Parent,

It's been another good week in School and the weather has held and has certainly helped to keep all activities flowing throughout each day.

As with any new term, there are different activities to have a go at and due to the careful procedures in place at the moment, further activities will gradually start as we move throughout the term.

Cricket nets have been very popular each lunch time in year group 'bubbles'. Similarly, Communion Club has been well attended by the KS2 children so far. Chess club is still a competitive affair and shooting is taking place in small, managed situations. Pupils have also played tennis and golf in their down time. Tutor time takes place twice per day and it is important for pupils to talk to their tutors should they need information about any clubs or activities throughout the College day. Similarly, Mrs Leonard is always at hand to give clarity.

I have been heartened so far to see the quality of entries for the competition asking for creative pieces to commemorate the life and work of HRH Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh. The closing date for those entries is half term.

The House Quiz was certainly a hard-fought affair on Wednesday. Mr Crawford arranged the afternoon and the whole of Lower School had chance to view the competition as a live event on Teams. It was a really close finish, with Phillips House securing a small margin to win the event. I was impressed by the breadth and depth of knowledge that the Year 8 teams displayed throughout the whole event. We have very bright, well rounded pupils in Lower School!

Mr Williams, Director of Sport, shared that he was very impressed with the excellent standards of cardio vascular fitness that many of the Lower School pupils possess. There were some fine personal performances in the recent Cross Country runs in PE lessons. I was aware that many pupils had been following personal training programmes through the lockdown period. These efforts appear to have certainly paid off. Personal best times were recorded and even though a collective result wouldn't be truly representational for a pure House Event, it certainly could accolade personal effort and achievement for many pupils. Mr Williams will identify individual impressive times in Assembly next week.

Congratulations are in order for Emilia O'Mahoney who recently achieved a merit in her recent flute exam and a distinction in her singing exam before Easter. Sofie Glinos also represented County in Tennis over last weekend. Well done too to Harry Underhill and Hugh Cornwell in their recent U13 County Cricket selection!

Pupils should remember to bring in a water bottle to School each day. It is also important for pupils in Years 7 and 8 to remember a face mask too. A small, bag sized bottle of personal hand sanitiser also helps with our quest to reduce infection in School.

Please may I ask for KS2 parental support at after- School pick up time. We are still operating a 'non -park up' policy when possible, in order to comply with Covid reduction guidelines. The School coaches have difficulty manoeuvring when cars arrive early and children are attempting to cross the playground to meet parents. Coaches arrive at 5.05pm therefore, please could parents coincide their arrival for pick up after 5.15pm and simply sweep slowly through. Children will be waiting under the arch in readiness. KS3 pick up is still in the Tennis Centre car park.

And a small reminder that although Monday 3rd May is a bank holiday, School will be open as normal.

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,



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