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Dear Parent,

Another industrious week has passed. All too often, we can get so busy being actually involved in the many activities that are around for our pupils, we can forget to share awareness of what events go on in a typical week. It was lovely to once again hear the KS2 children sing in Chapel this morning. On a regular basis the very youngest of our community join the Music Captains to lead the singing for the Lower School community, they take it in turn to lead. It's a wonderful opportunity for developing self-confidence whilst having fun at the same time.

On Monday in Assembly, a group of the youngest years led a section of communication in sign language. A 'Learn to Sign Club' has been taking place for a while now and it was good to see some of the Year 3 and 4 children feeling confident enough to sign what was being delivered in Assembly.

There is always a keen focus on the development of personal reading and developing a passion for reading. Another nurturing event during the College day is the opportunity for the KS2 children to listen to a teacher read to them in 'Story Time'. Throughout the year, various members of the teaching staff will read to groups of children. Story telling is certainly a performing art and we have some superb story tellers amongst the teaching staff who really use words beautifully to transport imaginations to various places! It has been wonderful on the many wet lunchtimes that we have had recently.

Mrs Phillips has recently sent a letter via InTouch to inform that the Scholastics Book Fair is in College next week. Pupils look at the selection and if they like the look of a particular book, a slip with details is sent home with the child. Parents then order the book directly online, following the details on the slip, if they so wish.

KS3 pupils are regularly attending 'Pizza and Prayer' with Revd Gratton. This has been very popular and numbers attending are growing fast. The pupils have chance for discussion, prayer and to work with Middle School pupils in collaborative events.

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Whilst thinking about the weather, it's been frustrating to see how it has affected the cricket matches over the past couple of weeks. The games staff and grounds staff have battled with difficult decisions and our teams are raring to go! Some of the U13 boys helped to win the U14 cup match at Bridgenorth on Tuesday. However, the thunder and lightning put a stop to other matches going ahead. It is important to keep an eye on the sports portal for up-to-date arrangements as situations can change at the very last minute. I know that Mr Horrocks and the staff really do try to keep communications as clear as possible. Thank you for your patience and working with us. Please call the Lower School secretaries should any situation need clarification.

One sport where pupils aim to get wet, is swimming. The Lower School swimmers are attending the Regional Championships in Corby this weekend. We wish the Lower School swimmers, Eliza Mason, Annie Hutchon and Payton Marski the very best. Hopefully all of their hard work will pay off and we look forward to hearing how they fared.

Sister has asked me to mention that unwanted visitors are around again! Please could every family carefully check their child's hair for headlice. Hair is tied back for College however, the tenacious insects and their eggs keep appearing. It can be very frustrating when a family clear the infection only for the child to become reinfected again.

Have a good weekend. We hope the weather starts to dry a little more soon!

Yours sincerely,