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Dear Parent,

The weather has been mixed this week but pupils have been active and happy around School. It is important for pupils to have a coat or umbrella available to help with keeping dry whilst walking between buildings.

The Autumn colours are developing strongly and will give inspiration for budding poets, writers, photographers and artists to enter Mrs Morgan's competition. Pupils are challenged to create something within one of these areas on the theme of "Animals". Pupils will have half term to spend time on this. Entries can be in during the first week back after the half term break.

An 'effort' Period Grade is due to be published soon. This grade is a snapshot of how things are going in class for pupils at present. The first official Period Grade will be published towards half term. This will include an effort plus achievement grade. It is worth noting that Period Grades will fluctuate each term, as the grade is simply a reflection on that specific period of work. Similarly, Assessment Week will have assessments set by teachers to glean information based on work covered in the first few weeks of term. Pupils should expect to look over **all work covered** in that period and not to simply expect a list of things to revise.

Year 3-5 Parents' Meeting is on Monday 14th October starting at 5.15pm-7pm. Ideally, as you will understand, we prefer that young children go home during Parents' Meetings. Should there be a real difficulty with child supervision, please contact Mrs Leonard. Parents' Meetings operate on a queuing system.

Sister Eiry asked me to include this snippet in the newsletter.

*'The Shropshire Immunisation Team will be attending Ellesmere College on Tuesday the 5th November to administer nasal flu vaccine to children in years 4, 5 and 6 born after 1/9/08. A pack will be given out to the **eligible children** on Friday 4th October. It contains information for parents and a consent form. Please can parents complete, sign and return the form back to their Form Teacher by Friday 11th October. If parents **do not consent** they still need to sign the section on the form NO CONSENT and return it to the School.'*

Please contact the Medical Centre with any question regarding the above on 01691 626529.

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Open Day is Saturday 12th October. There are a large number of pupils playing in fixtures, this is excellent. It would really help College, for those children to remain in College afterwards to act as guides if possible. A return slip is attached to this newsletter. Please could you indicate if your child could be available to help for an hour or so during the day. We need guides and helpers in activity areas.

Pupils enjoyed the non-uniform day last week and actively supported the Parents' Society in their quest to raise funds for MacMillan Nurses. We will let parents and pupils know the sum raised, as soon as possible. Thank you to all parents who donated cakes to swell the fund further. The table groaned under the weight of the goodies on sale.

Reverend Gratton would like me to thank parents for the donated Harvest produce this week. Lower School enjoyed their Harvest Service and it was good to welcome a large number of parents.

Expeditions are not far away now. For new pupils to the School, this is the term used for three days where the regular curriculum is curtailed and educational experiences are possible. Mrs Morgan will send out an information grid explaining destinations and clothing details. College provides a packed lunch for those travelling to external venues. Year 7 parents have had a separate mail regarding details for the residential trip.

It is a busy term for fixtures. Please remember to check through the White College Calendar in advance. The College website also has a link to fixtures. Mr Williams, Director of Sport, is happy to answer questions or indeed contact Mrs Leonard, Lower School Secretary, on lowerschoolsecretary@ellesmere.com, who will try to answer any query.

On Sunday, the U11 pupils play in the Ellesmere College Football Tournament. It is usually a lovely event. Please feel welcome to bring extended families and friends. Refreshments are provided throughout the afternoon and we hope that the sun will shine through these grey clouds.

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,



REPLY SLIP

LOWER SCHOOL OPEN DAY

Name of pupil.....

will be able to attend Ellesmere College Open Day on Saturday 12th October 2019

Please choose a convenient time:

12.45pm-4.00pm

1.00pm-3.00pm

2.00pm-4.00pm

Signed _____

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