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Dear Parent,

The countdown of events to the end of term has begun. All too quickly we have come to the final newsletter of a busy term. Many thanks to parents for the prompt return of reply slips, which will enable accurate planning for all of the activities planned for the children.

Pupils were excited about the House Play competition on Wednesday. This was the culmination of weeks of hard work by staff and pupils. The performances were superb and are testimony to the talent and teamwork that we have in Lower School. The College have Arts Mark Platinum status and certainly, events like this add to the rich tapestry of experiences available to Ellesmere pupils in curriculum time. May I say very well done to literally all Key Stage 3 pupils and the staff who teach them during the Survive and Thrive sessions.

It was lovely to see a large number of Key Stage 2 families at the Lighting of the Christmas tree event last night. It was cold on the playground but the choir fared admirably and the hot drinks certainly kept the spirit going!

Key Stage 2 pupils also are looking forward to their Christmas Party tonight. Our thanks go to the Parents' Society for arranging this enjoyable event for the children. Earmuffs are usually a fashion accessory worn by supervising adults during the disco! It is all good fun!

The Key Stage 2 teachers are working hard with the Key Stage 2 children to polish the Key Stage 2 play, which is planned for next Thursday. Please feel warmly invited to join us with extended families.

Please note that next Thursday is our Lower School Christmas lunch. Pupils are invited to wear a Christmas jumper instead of their usual purple jumper; the rest of the uniform is to stay the same. Donations are £1 and money raised is going towards the charity, Shelter.

Congratulations are extended to the Lower School Shooters who performed extremely well in the National Pistol Shooting Regional Rounds held at College on Wednesday. I have not had official individual details from Mr Rylands yet, but I believe that the Lower School shooters were superb!

A number of Lower School tennis players represented College in the Regional Finals of the National Schools competition held at Tipton last week. Guy Welti, Lili Harvey-Hemming and Ellie Edwards played extremely well and narrowly lost out to Warwick and Coventry. Well done!

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We look forward to seeing families at the Monduli Bazaar and the Carol Service next Monday. The Bazaar starts at 4.30pm and the Carol Service starts at 7pm. Pupils may be collected from Lower School from 6.15pm and families progress on to take seats in Chapel. Mrs Beckett, External Operations Secretary, asked me to explain that there will be refreshments served in the Dining Hall for parents whilst pupils take Supper. The service usually lasts one hour and there are also refreshments in Big School after the Service. Please return a reply slip to indicate the arrangements for your child.

It is worth noting that games change focus next term. Rugby 7's start for Year 7 and 8 boys and Year 7 and 8 boys also switch to football during curriculum lessons. Key Stage 2 boys change the focus of their sessions to rugby. Gum shields etc. are important. The girls carry on with hockey in club time, but curricular sport changes to netball. It can get bitterly cold at times at the end of squad training therefore, it is important that pupils have the appropriate track suits, water proof tops , gloves etc. to ensure they stay protected.

Year 7 and 8 pupils may be set a small amount of holiday work. It is important that all pupils take home all relevant text and prep diaries. It is sensible to start taking surplus equipment home during the week and a carrier bag usually aids transportation of items home.

On a similar note, it would help enormously if models of castles etc. can be taken home at the end of term. We will also encourage each Lower School pupil to read as much as possible over the break.

Next Friday is the last day of the Michaelmas term. Please remember that College transport leaves at 4.30pm, **one hour earlier than usual.**

The Lower School teachers and I would like to wish all Lower School and their families a very happy Christmas time and a healthy and good New Year!

Yours sincerely



LOWER SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE Monday 4th December 7.00pm

Pupil's Name.....

My son/daughter will:

(please select as appropriate)

Accompany me to the Monduli Bazaar

THEN

Stay for tea and be picked up from Lower School at 6.15pm for the service.

Return home at the normal time and return later with family for the service.

Return home at normal time and will not be attending the service.

Please indicate the number of people attending the service (include pupils in this too)

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