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Dear Parent,

House Points and Commendations are used by academic staff to reward good effort and work standards. Each week there is a House Point tally, with a weekly House Cup ribbon awarded for top House. Over the past four weeks the competition between Houses has been really close and each of the three Houses have taken a turn to hold 'the cup'. Last week pupils worked extremely hard and there was only a small House Point margin to separate each House. Brownlow came out top and vowed to hold on in the remaining two weeks of School.

In connection to this, the Houses are competing to be 'Top House' in the House Drama Festival. Pupils have worked tirelessly to produce their best performances. The three lead House staff all would love the accolade of 'Top House', the competitive edge is not just seen in the pupils!

Please may I thank parents for the very generous response to the Operation Christmas Child charity event. There were over 40 Christmas boxes this year! This was an amazing gesture. Mrs Leonard struggled somewhat to get them to the minibus and transport them to the depot, it was a lovely problem to have.

Mrs Paul asked me to include information that on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018 all members of Lower School Choir will be taking part in 'Young Voices'; a huge concert at the Genting Arena in Birmingham. The choir will travel by coach and aim to rehearse from 1.30pm. The Concert will begin at 7pm and finishes at 9.15pm. All pupils involved may have a Young Voices T-Shirt and these may be purchased through Mrs Paul along with a Young Voices torch (£14). Tickets for the event can be bought via the Arena Box Office after 24<sup>th</sup> November. The choir are required to learn a wide variety of songs for this event. No word sheets will be allowed on the day so Mrs Paul adds that it important that as much rehearsal time as possible is done at home, especially over the Christmas Holiday. The songs are available to sing along to on 'O Drive' under 'Young Voices Birmingham'. I am sure this will add to a very jolly holiday time! Please contact Mrs Paul with any questions.

Congratulations are extended to some young Lower School horse riders. James Caldwell, Anna Maughan, Emily Curzon and Imogen Ward recently competed at the Tushingam arena in the Eventing competition. The team fared very well and James won his class. There are opportunities for other interested pupils to join too. Mrs Caldwell is happy for parents to contact her on [katicecaldwell9@gmail.com](mailto:katicecaldwell9@gmail.com).

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With sport performances still in mind it is also important to say well done to the Lower School swimmers who competed at the Stockport Gala. There were first places for Katie Hale, Flynn Smith and a number of second and third places too from the above and Jake Lee, Henrietta D'Amassa and Oliver Covill. Rosie Linley secured 8 personal best times and Jake Hutchinson topped everything with 8 wins and securing number 1 place in the Country for 2 events. Superb swimming from all Lower School swimmers!

Next Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 4.30pm is the lighting of the Lower School Christmas tree for KS2 pupils and parents. The choir will meet their parents on the School coach park after they have sung. All other parents may collect their child from classrooms from 4.15pm to join in the fun. Please sign pupils out with Mrs Leonard afterwards if they leave School early.

It is worth noting that the Carol Services begin next Thursday too. The Community Carol Service starts at 7.30pm and is an open invitation for members of the public. The Lower School Carol Service for Lower School pupils and families is on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> of December. With respect to this, there are a number of options for parents detailed on the reply slip below. Please remember that there are refreshments available at 5.30pm in the Conference Room dining room for those parents who wish to go to the Monduli Bazaar and then collect pupils from Lower School classrooms from 6pm onwards, ready for the Carol Service, which starts at 7pm. It is important that we know that pupils are planning to stay for tea on that day due to catering numbers. A few pupils recently did not do this when they stayed in School for an event and this caused a problem for the catering manager and supervision.

Mrs Allen has asked that I include the following to help with organization for the bazaar.

'To make it easier for the younger students (for both buying and selling at the bazaar) it will be possible to change real money into 'Monduli money' beforehand. This year if students want to change their money early, they should bring it in a clearly labelled envelope on Thursday or Friday next week. They should hand in the envelope to Mrs Leonard in Lower School Office. Mrs Allen will make sure the correct Monduli money gets to the correct child on Monday morning'.

Tickets for the KS2 Christmas party, on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December, are now available to purchase from Mrs Leonard. The cost is £5 (cash or cheque) to cover treats and food. Payment is due as soon as possible please, along with the returned reply slip below.

The Lower School Pantomime trip organised by Mrs Schubert, Head of Drama, is on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Pupils should be back to Lower School in time for College transport.

The KS2 Play is on the afternoon of Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December starting at 3pm. Refreshments are available in the Arts Centre for parents. Please feel warmly invited to attend with the extended family. Pupils may go home afterwards.

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It is a busy time. Please contact Mrs Leonard if confusion arises!

Have a good weekend

Yours sincerely,

**CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR KS2 Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 5.30pm – 8.00pm**

I give permission for .....  
to stay for the Parents' Society KS2 Christmas Party on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December

**(£5 per ticket with slip please)**

- I will be collecting my child from Lower School at 8.00pm  (tick if appropriate)
- My child will be collected at 8.00pm by
- .....

Signed .....



**LOWER SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE Monday 4<sup>th</sup> 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)



Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Lower School Christmas Tree Lighting (KS2 and Lower School Choir)	4:30pm – Lower School Playground KS2 (Years 3,4,5,6) Parents warmly welcome. Mince pies and mulled wine. Carols Pupils may go home early with parents after signing out.
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	KS2 Christmas Party £5 per ticket to include food, games and disco	5.30pm – 8pm Top floor of Lower School – party clothes brought to School in the morning.
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Monduli Christmas Bazaar	4.40pm – 5.15pm Big School Hall Parents and families welcome to join in the fun. Pupils will require a little spending money. Various options for pupils/parents moving on to Carol Service. Reply slip to follow
	Lower School Carol Service	7pm Chapel Followed by ‘Mulled Wine and Mince Pies’ in Big School
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Pantomime Trip – Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury	Back in time for buses Pupils wear School Uniform.

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		Option for collection at Theatre Severn by arrangement.
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Christmas Play	Refreshments served from 2:45pm in the Arts Centre for a 3pm performance Pupils may go home with parents afterwards after signing out.
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	End of term	<b>Buses leave at 4.30pm</b>

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