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Dear Parent,

It was lovely to see many families at the Chapel Service on Sunday to commemorate Remembrance and thank you also to parents and children for supporting the Royal British Legion with the purchase of poppies. There was an Old Ellesmerian luncheon afterwards and it was good to see many OE Lower School pupils return and visit the College.

This week we have hosted visitors from a school in China. The visitors were impressed with the enthusiasm and work ethic of pupils when they saw them working in class. It is always nice to pass on compliments to the children.

The recent 'Castles Competition' was a successful event. Mrs Paton was really impressed with the standard of entry this year. Some of the castles are particularly large and therefore the children may require a little help transporting them home before the end of term.

The Sixth Form Ball fund has been generously helped by the sale of the Lower School tea towel. It has proved to be a very popular item. Please contact Mrs Leonard if you would like to place a further order.

This Friday 18th November is the **Year 7 Parents' Evening**. This will take place on the top floor of Lower School, starting at 5.30pm. Pupils do not attend this evening and it is preferable that pupils go home. A homework room space can be booked **using the slip** provided at the end of this letter. However, as you will appreciate, it is difficult to supervise pupils appropriately when teachers are involved in the Parent Meeting; therefore, please use this facility as a last resort if possible.

This will be a last reminder regarding tickets for the **Pantomime on Thursday 6th December**. There are a few left but obviously nearer the time it will be too late to get more. Please call Mrs Leonard if your child has decided they would now like to go.

Following the Year 8 social bowling night, the Year 8 girls recently enjoyed an 'Evening of Elegance'. It was a simple and fun event exploring skin care and hair styles appropriate for young teenage girls. Next term there will be a social activity planned specifically for the Year 8 boys.

We are entering into the busy phase of music rehearsals and play practices in readiness for the Michaelmas Term festivities. Pupils are looking forward to The House Play Festival on the 30th November. Last year the plays created, directed and performed by the pupils were excellent and a testimony to the talent that we have on stage and backstage in Lower School.

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On **Thursday 1st December** the **KS2 pupils (Years 3 ,4 ,5 ,6)** and the Lower School Choir have been invited to the **Parents' Society lighting of the Christmas Tree**. It should be an enjoyable event with carols and refreshments for parents and pupils of KS2. It will be possible for pupils to accompany their parents to the event. Parents are welcome to collect their child from Lower School between 4.10pm and 4.30pm from the form room and then collect outside on the playground. Pupils may then go home directly after the event with their families. KS2 tutors will accompany all remaining children to the event and pupils will then go home under normal arrangements.

It has been good to see pupils also making the most of the badminton, rugby club, cricket nets and 5 aside football clubs. It is a super way to let off steam at lunchtime during the wet spells of weather.

It is still rather muddy and the weather has been cold and damp for break time. We like the pupils to play in the fresh air when at all possible therefore, please could all pupils have a plain outdoor coat for School. A change of footwear that can be kept in School is also a useful addition too.

In addition, with dark nights upon us, we have asked pupils to remain under the archway at the front of Lower School at the end of the School day until they are collected by their parent or guardian.

On **Friday 2nd November**, the Parents' Society are kindly organising a **Christmas Party for the KS2** pupils from the end of the School day until 8pm. The cost is £3 to cover treats and food. Payment is due as soon as possible please, along with the returned **reply slip** below.

The **KS2 Christmas play** is on the afternoon of **Thursday 8th December**. It is a superb event full of the magic that young children can provide at this special time in the academic calendar. Parents are warmly invited to attend. The performance starts at 3pm and there are light refreshments available from 2.45pm onwards. Children may go home with parents after the performance. Please let a member of staff know that you are taking your child before you go, for child protection and registration purposes.

As you will appreciate the last few weeks of the Michaelmas Term are incredibly busy. Mrs Allen is organising the **Monduli Bazaar** on 5th December starting at 4.30pm in the Big School Hall. Pupils from all areas of the school are busily preparing stalls. Mrs Allen wondered if there are any parents who would like to help? She is also hopeful of donations of prizes – specifically tombola/raffle prizes. She would also welcome cakes and cookies for the café. Mrs Allen promises more information next week! If you have any questions or would like to help in any way, please contact cathy.allen@ellesmere.com

Following on from this event is the **Lower School Carol Service at 7pm** in the College Chapel. This is a beautiful and atmospheric event which families can enjoy together. Pupils may either go home as usual and return with parents for 7pm or parents are welcome to book pupils into supper and then collect pupils from 6.15pm at Lower School and then progress to the service. In order to help with organisation it would be appreciated if parents could fill in the form at the end of the letter to indicate their family intentions. Boarders' arrangements will specifically be organized by Mrs Fisher, Lower School House Mistress.

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The Chapel has a limited capacity which usually is sufficient, however it would be appreciated if families do not cast the invitation net too wide!

I will try to repeat some of this information in the weeks leading up to events in order to help families with arrangements.

It is also worth noting that the end of term finishes and College transport departs at 4.30pm (one hour earlier) on the last day Friday 9th December.

Please do not hesitate to call Mrs Leonard for clarity should any of the above information require further expansion.

Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely,

Aide Memoire

Date	Event and venue	Age Group
Friday 18 th November	Yr 7 Parents' Evening- Lower School Top & Lower Floor 5.50pm	Yr 7
Thursday 1 st December	Parents' Society lighting of the Christmas Tree. 4.30pm	KS 2 Yrs 3,4,5,6
Friday 2 nd December	KS2 Christmas Party –Lower School after school	Yrs 3,4,5,6
Thursday 8 th December	KS2 Christmas play-Starts 3pm	Yrs 3,4,5,6
Monday 5 th December	Monduli Bazaar-Starts 4.30pm	Whole School
Monday 5 th December	Lower School Carol Service at 7pm	All Lower School
Friday 9 th December	End of term 4.30pm	

Year 3, 4, 5, 6 CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING Thursday 1st December 4.30pm

Name of pupil.....

I will / will not be attending the Christmas Tree Lighting

Signed.....

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CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR KS2 Friday 2nd December 5.30pm – 8.00pm

I give permission for
to stay for the Parents' Society KS2 Christmas Party on Friday 2nd December

(£3 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
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Signed



LOWER SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE Monday 5th December 7.00pm

Pupil's Name.....

My son/daughter will: (please select as appropriate)

- Accompany me to the Monduli Bazaar

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- 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)