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Dear Parent,

It has been a good week in School with pupils busily preparing for Assessment Week next week and generally working hard in School.

I forgot to mention in last week's newsletter that we enjoyed a lovely social bowling evening with the Year 8 pupils. They were a credit to the school and bowled with passion. The pupils won this year! Mr Dilks was not happy to lose his bowling crown!

It is worth noting, that due to the busy nature of the curriculum it is often necessary for the pupils to have a large number of pieces of equipment/kit items in School. Please could parents check that all items of kit are named and that children have a full set of what they need eg. pens/rulers etc so that borrowing from friends is not necessary. Naming everything will also help when items become misplaced and ensure that the item has a swift return to its owner.

Pupils have been very respectful of the rule in Lower School that mobile telephones/portable electronic gadgets are to be locked in their secure locker during the school day. Pupils may use iPads in lessons if the teacher has directed them specifically to do so and if it is believed to enhance their learning. Other than on these occasions they should not be around in the day. We find they often distract and cause more upset than they actually solve.

You will note from your Calendar that the Year 3, 4 and 5 Parents' Evening is this coming Monday 3rd October. Mrs Leonard has been receiving bookings for afternoon meeting slots with Form Tutors. There are a few still available. The teachers will have a break from 5.30 - 6pm and during that time the other teachers will be finishing Upper School teaching and will assemble on the top floor of Lower School to meet parents. For parents new to the School, the 6pm onwards session operates on a queue system. Refreshments are available and it would be appreciated that in order to keep the evening flowing, that conversations are kept appropriately brief to cover the main points. It is ideal if pupils can be at home during this time however, where this is not possible supervision can be offered in a classroom. Please contact Mrs Leonard to inform her, should you wish to use this arrangement and the children could be booked into tea too.

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You will also note from the Calendar that Open Day is Saturday 8th October. A number of children are involved in sports fixtures. We would also appreciate as many children as possible to come into School and act as guides or to take part in the sessions through the afternoon. Our pupils are our greatest advert for our School! Obviously this is one occasion where we can show prospective parents all of the wonderful activities and facilities that we have too.

We would appreciate it if you could fill in the slip below to let us know that your child can come in to School. Please send a nil return too if it is not possible. This would really help us to organize a good event.

Mrs Paul introduced a music design competition this week. Pupils are challenged to design a logo for the Oswestry Music Festival. The winning entry will be used on advertisements for the event and win a prize too. A few years ago one of the Lower School pupils won this competition and her work is still spotted around the County at music events.

Still on a musical theme the Lower School Choir members are going to be involved in an exciting event in the early part of next year. Ellesmere College is a Woodard School. The Woodard group are aiming to bring together all Woodard School Choirs to perform as one in a Woodard Musical Event. Further details will follow soon.

The Sixth Form have challenged Lower School pupils and teachers to do a pen portrait of themselves and submit them for printing onto a Lower School tea towel. I am sure that many parents will have seen these items emerging over the years. The sale of the tea towel will help raise funds for the end of year ball.

The Book Fair will arrive on Monday 10th October. Pupils may visit the fair to browse through the new books on offer. There is a slip at the end of the newsletter to indicate a spending limit for your child should you allow them to purchase a book.

The Whole School photograph was taken today. This is a mammoth undertaking. The event takes place every 3 years. Proofs will be available to view in the near future.

Looking a little further ahead on Sunday 16th October there is a Lower School U11 Football Tournament. Further details will follow.

The sun is shining as I prepare this week's news pages and I hope that we keep this settled weather for a number of weeks to come!

Yours sincerely,

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Please return to Lower School office

Name of pupil.....

will be able to attend Ellesmere College Open Day on Saturday 8th October 2016

Please choose a convenient time:

12.45pm-4.00pm

1.00pm-3.00pm

2.00pm-4.00pm

Signed.....

LOWER SCHOOL BOOK FAIR

Pupil's name..... Form.....

may purchase a book(s):

between £5 and £10

between £10 and £15

Signed.....

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