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Dear Parent,

It was good to welcome the pupils back to School on Tuesday. A new term always has exciting challenges for the children and many activities change. It was pleasing to see how smart the pupils looked. Dr Chatterjee will allow Summer Dress in College once the weather improves. Upon his direction, School jumpers may be discarded in hot weather. If pupils are in 'shirt' order, long sleeved shirts must be buttoned at the wrist or folded neatly to above the elbow. Girls still should tie their hair back from the face with hair ties in the School colours. Bracelets/jewellery should be left at home. Shoes should be polishable and low heeled. It may be wise to have a water bottle tucked into the School bag and a cap and sun lotion for outside work and play. I thought it was worth a note for clarity, once the time arrives.

The grounds are looking lovely. I suppose it is due to the large amount of rain that we have had, coupled with warm sunshine. The number of sculptures around School continues to grow too. It is worth noting that we have the Ellesmere Art Exhibition again during half term. It is a lovely event and a nice way for extended families and friends to visit the School. More details about the Art Exhibition can be found in the white School Calendar and the regular 'What's On' programme.

You will see noted in the calendar, end of year examinations begin in week 3 this term. Teaching staff are discussing with pupils the requirement to organise the appropriate equipment such as pens, pencils, rulers etc, in order for them to perform effectively. It is also worth mentioning that Ellesmere continues with **school as normal** on Monday 6th May (Bank Holiday Monday).

The Book Fair will visit Lower School in the week commencing 20th May. It is a good opportunity for pupils to look at the new editions and maybe choose a book for private reading. To aid with this Mrs Leonard has attached a reply slip to guide purchases.

Pupils have settled quickly to work and there is a busy feel to the start of this Summer Term. There are many events over the forthcoming weeks so it would be wise to carefully consider the College White Calendar. Please feel comfortable contacting Mrs Leonard should clarity for any event be required.

The Parents' Society work tirelessly to provide lovely social events for parents. In addition, they also raise funds to spend on special projects too. Should any new parent be interested to help, please contact the Committee on contactecps@gmail.com

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From time to time, I mention the concern that we have from a Lower School point of view, regarding the safety of our pupils at drop off and pick up time on the coach park. Please would parents refrain from sweeping in to the area and parking in the middle of the coach park to collect and drop off pupils. This causes danger for small children who need to see traffic and more importantly, for traffic to see them. In addition, it causes a danger for the coaches as they try to manoeuvre around the vehicles. Please use the Tennis Centre car park and walk up the short path to collect your child when all safe parking spaces are taken. Crawling speed for your vehicle is also required. Your support with this is greatly appreciated.

The swimmers have a busy phase ahead of them. They have many National and Open competitions coming up. We wish them well and hopefully, their steadfast preparation will pay off with solid performances. Many of our Lower School swimmers have performed exceptionally well throughout the year already.

A number of our pupils have been competing for College, or nationally, on their horses recently. Bella and Imogen Spencer-Blow and Marcus Davies are travelling to perform in Windsor soon and we wish them well.

Shooting continues to be strong in School. Once again, this term there are many opportunities for children to shoot or learn to shoot. Please contact tom.rylands@ellesmere.com with any queries.

The whole School Open Day is soon on Sunday 19th May. It would be really appreciated if pupils could help out for part of the day between 1-4pm. Please could parents return the slip at the end of this mailing to help with organising the event. Our pupils are superb in such situations and their work really does make a difference to the quality and interest of the day.

Lunchtime activities have started again and many pupils are enjoying a broad programme of events. We wish the cricket teams well at the weekend against Birkenhead School and the tennis players are looking forward to many fixtures. We hope the weather holds to allow the play to continue uninterrupted for as long as possible.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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LOWER SCHOOL BOOK FAIR

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

may purchase a book(s):

- between £5.00 and £10
- between £10 and £15

Signed.....

OPEN DAY

Name of pupil

will/will not (*please cross out as appropriate*)

be available to help with Open Day on Sunday 19th May

Signed