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Dear Parent,

It has been good to feel a difference in the weather this week and as a result, smatterings of sunshine have lifted everyones' spirits! Pupils have enjoyed playing outside and releasing all of that pent up energy.

It is assessment week next week. Pupils will be preparing lists of topics to revise. The second period grade for the term follows closely on from this.

It is a pleasure to share with you the success of the musicians from the Oswestry Festival. Lower School pupils gave excellent performances and the choir sang two of their pieces in Assembly on Monday. They thoroughly deserved their success. All pupils should be proud of what they have achieved. Mrs Paul and Mr Coupe will provide a full list of results shortly.

Congratulations to the Year 7 Netball Team who won the North Shropshire Netball Tournament beating Moreton Hall in the final 11-9. They now qualify for the County finals in two weeks' time. Isabella Beetham is captain and should collect the trophy.

It is good to note that the Lower School swimmers had a promising start to the Long Course season at the Bath Grand Prix in Bristol with almost every swimmer setting a new personal best time in every race. They all secured very fast times and are full of promise ready for National qualifying events later this month.

The last two weeks of term will have a fun element during break and lunch times. We are holding an 'Ellesmere has Talent' show. Each lunchtime next week, pupils will display their talents in the audition rounds of the event. The 'Grand Final' will be in the last week before we leave for Easter.

Mr Rylands has been organising shotgun sessions for pupils and many Lower School pupils have enjoyed taking part. It is interesting to note that we have now entered two teams in a national competition. I will report on the event once it arrives. Pupils should contact the shooting captain, Carmen Kilgannon (Year 8) or Mr Rylands directly by their School email, should they wish to find out more about this venture.

Pupils are looking forward to House netball and football next Thursday. The U11 teams have a rugby fixture arranged against Shrewsbury High Prep School on that day too.

Thank you for returning reply slips indicating the availability of pupils to help on Open Morning, Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March. The event starts at 10am and finishes at 12noon. Pupils should wear full School uniform or a Full School tracksuit (if previously playing sport). Pupils will help in classrooms or with tours of the School and refreshments are available throughout the morning.

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All too quickly we are then into the last week of this term. On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March, we will once again be holding a Lower School Musical Tea. This is an opportunity for developing musicians and singers to show case their skills and have a small experience of performing to an audience. We extend a warm welcome to join us. Refreshments will be served throughout the concert.

It is Exeat weekend this weekend therefore there are no School matches.

Have a good weekend,

Sharan Owen

Yours sincerely

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