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Dear Parent,

Happy New Year to all Lower School families.

It is good to see that pupils have returned ready to get down to hard work and take advantage of all the opportunities in a new term. Pupils also, on the whole, look very smart. Hair should be tied up for girls and boys should not have extreme hairstyles. It has been necessary to remind pupils that, if chosen, girls should only wear one subtle ear stud or ring. Thank you very much for your continued support from home.

It is wise for pupils to have a change of footwear for break time play over the next few months. Even though we restrict play to hard surfaces, mud is a constant problem on clothing. We will try very hard to ensure that pupils stay as presentable as possible.

A large number of Lower School pupils have travelled to Birmingham today to take part in the Young Voices Concert. There was much excitement about this event and I am sure we will be informed with all details on Monday!

Well done to Dylan Pritchard in Year 6 who raised money over the Christmas holiday for charity. He dressed as a Victorian carol singer and donated £60 to Cancer Research and Diabetes UK.

Congratulations are in order for Noah Fisher Year 6 and Natasha Moore Year 7 who have been successful in securing Grade 2 drums and Grade 3 piano respectively over the holiday. I am sure we will have more to report when I am given the news over the forthcoming weeks. Well done Noah and Natasha!

The swimmers have continued to train hard over the festive period and they compete at the Shropshire County Age Group Championships this weekend. These events will be running over the next three weekends and all of the Lower School Titans will be in action. Good luck and swim well!

The shooters have also continued with their hard work. Next week James Caldwell, Anna Maughan and Francine Gilmore will shoot in the British Schools Pistol Championship finals. We also wish them well. Still on a shooting note, please note that there will be no shooting on the evening of the 24th January due to a senior shooting fixture.

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It is the time of year where colds, coughs and sickness spread quickly. It is recommended that children have a packet of disposable tissues for school. During tutor time, we will encourage hand washing and using hand sanitisers. Sister asks that pupils do not return to School until after 48hrs of any illness episode. Hopefully we will keep everyone healthy until the fresher weather arrives.

Pupils are looking forward to fixtures this weekend and we wish our teams well!

Have a good weekend.

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Yours sincerely

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