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Dear Parent,

We are entering a busy phase of sport fixtures, music rehearsals and play rehearsals in readiness for the festive celebrations towards the end of term.

Year 6 Parents' Meeting is this Friday 15th November. Teaching staff will be available from 5.15pm onwards. The top floor of Lower School will be used and light refreshments are available throughout the evening. This is the same arrangement for the Year 7 Parents' Meeting next Friday 22nd November too. It is preferable that pupils go home during Parents' Meetings, as you will imagine it is difficult for supervision when teachers are all involved. However, should this prove a big problem for families, a Sixth Form pupil will supervise a small group in the computer room after tea. Please ensure that Mrs Leonard is aware for catering purposes. Please only use this option if it is absolutely necessary and other arrangements cannot be made.

There was a Remembrance Day Service in the College on Sunday. Pupils and families were welcomed to the Chapel. The College also respected two minutes of silence on Monday at the flagpole.

The Autumn Competition entries were superb this year. It would be unfair to mention one person by name as the entry level and effort from pupils was outstanding. If you have a moment and you are in School, please pop to see the entries. They are displayed in the Lower School Hall.

There are hockey and rugby fixtures this weekend. We hope that the teams enjoy their game and play well!

Congratulations go to Joe D'Amassa Year 7 who has been selected to play squash for the U13 County squad. We will watch his progress with interest over the forthcoming months.

The build up to the end of term is always a busy period. We are aware that we have a large number of new families to Lower School. Therefore, a brief overview will follow regarding the main events. A summative grid is attached at the end of this newsletter to hopefully help with clarity. Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Leonard should anything cause confusion.

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Forthcoming events:

1.

The Lower School KS2 community hold a short event to 'Light the Christmas Tree' on Thursday 28th November. Parents and families of KS2 pupils are welcome to join in the celebration by the tree in front of Lower School. The choir will sing and the tree is lit. Mulled wine, soft drinks and mince pies are served throughout. Once again, pupils may go home slightly earlier with parents, after signing out with a member of staff.

2.

Mrs Allen asked me to mention that the Monduli Christmas Bazaar will be on 2nd December from 4.40-5.15pm in Big School. This event has a lovely atmosphere and pupils and families visit stalls run by pupils and the Lower School Carol Service follows afterwards. Mrs Allen would welcome items that pupils could use as raffle or lucky dip prizes. All proceeds go to help educational projects in Tanzania.

3.

The Lower School Carol Service follows the Monduli Bazaar on Monday 2nd December. Some parents prefer to stay in School and move on to carols from here. To help with this arrangement there are light refreshments available for those parents in the Conference Room.

Some pupils go home as normal on School coaches or by car etc. They then return for the service starting at 7pm with their family.

A third option is for pupils to stay in School, have tea and then parents collect pupils from 6pm at Lower School, ready for the service.

Pupils sit with their family and boarders sit with their Housemaster/Mistress.

A reply slip will be circulated closer to the time to allow parents to let us know their preferred choice for organisation purposes.

4.

The whole of Lower School trip to the pantomime 'Aladdin' is on the afternoon of Wednesday 4th December. There will be the option of collecting your child from the Theatre Severn in Shrewsbury after the performance for those pupils who live in that part of the County. A Parentmail will be circulated to give more details. Parents may indicate travel preferences/collection options closer to the time.



5.

The KS2 play is Thursday 5th December at 3.30pm in the Arts Centre. Pupils are busily preparing the play, amongst much excitement. Parents and family are warmly welcome to join us for refreshments and to watch the performance. Please note that it is fine to take pupils home afterwards. Simply sign out your child with a member of staff.

Please make a special note that the last day of term finishes one hour earlier at 4.30pm. School transport and pick up times therefore, are one hour earlier too.

As you can see, this time of year gets increasingly busy. I will endeavor to keep families as updated as possible but should you have any confusion or concerns about arrangements for your child, please contact your child’s tutor or Mrs Leonard.

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely

Thursday 28 th November	Lower School Christmas Tree Lighting (KS2 and Lower School Choir)	4:30pm – Lower School Playground KS2 (Years 3,4,5,6) Parents warmly welcome. Mince pies and mulled wine. Carols Pupils may go home early with parents after signing out.
Friday 29 th November	KS2 Christmas Party	5.30pm – 7.30pm Top floor of Lower School – party clothes brought to School in the morning.
Monday 2 nd December	Monduli Christmas Bazaar	4.40pm – 5.15pm Big School Hall Parents and families welcome to join in the fun. Pupils will require a little spending money. Various options for pupils/parents moving on to Carol Service. Reply slip to follow
	Lower School Carol Service	7pm Chapel Followed by ‘Mulled Wine and Mince Pies’ in Big School

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Wednesday 4 th December	Pantomime Trip – “Aladdin” Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury	Back in time for buses Pupils wear School Uniform. Option for collection at Theatre Severn by arrangement.
Thursday 5 th December	KS2 Christmas Play	Refreshments served from 3.15pm in the Arts Centre for a 3.30pm performance Pupils may go home with parents afterwards after signing out.
Friday 6 th December	End of term	College transport leaves at 4.30pm

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