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Dear Parent,

A wet end to the week brings us to the last Newsletter for this Lent Term. It has certainly been a very busy one. We enjoyed a lovely Eucharist Service yesterday. It was a pleasure to hear such wonderful singing.

Open Morning takes place tomorrow in Lower School and please may I thank all volunteer guides and helpers in advance. Pupils will require a full School uniform and meet in Lower School at 9.50am, ready for a 10am start. Many pupils are playing in a fixture first. They will then join us to help afterwards and should wear a full School tracksuit. Open Morning finishes at 12 noon.

On Monday there is a Lower School Musical Tea. This small event aims to give pupils an opportunity to play in front of an audience; for some of the performers it will be for the first time. The event will begin at 4.30pm and refreshments will be served throughout. Mrs Morgan has been running heat rounds of the Lower School 'Ellesmere has Talent' show at lunch times this week. It has been amazing to see the number of entries and it certainly has been well supported. The 'Grand Final' will take place at some stage this week. This has been a spontaneous, in-house, initiative for the pupils and aims to be a fun conclusion to the term.

The sports change next term and my mind is moving to hopefully better weather. PE kit requirements remain the same. Cricket whites will be required for cricket matches but the School Games kit will be fine for training and games sessions. Even though many pupils prefer to purchase their own cricket bat/tennis racquet, all essential equipment is provided by the School. Should you wish to purchase items, the coaching staff and PE Department will be happy to give advice should you require it. Please contact Mr Williams, Director of Sport with any queries about sport next term.

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Over the Easter holidays will be an opportune time, particularly for boys, to have a haircut. As a guide, the School rule is that hair should be cut short (but not so short the scalp is predominant) and not in an extreme style. The fringe should not go over the eyes and the back should not touch the collar. There should not be lines or patterns. Girls should have hair tied neatly back in a band using one of the School colours black, white or purple.

During the Summer Term, when the weather gets warmer, pupils may dispense with the School jumper. However, it is worth noting that Dr Chatterjee makes the decision when Summer uniform rules begin, therefore pupils should still come to School with a jumper. The School jumper is also required in Chapel and Assembly too throughout the whole of next term.

I would like to wish all Lower School families a happy Easter.

Yours sincerely,

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