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Dear Parent,

Parents may be aware that House Points and Commendations are used by academic staff to reward good work standards and efforts throughout the term. Each week there is a House Point tally, with the House Cup awarded to the top House. The competition this term has been exceptionally close, with each of the three Houses taking it in turn to hold 'the cup'. Phillips won last week, by a narrow margin. Brownlow and Heywood are working hard. They are determined that Phillips' House does not hold onto the cup at the end of term!

In connection to this, the Houses are competing to be 'Top House' in the House Drama Festival. Pupils have worked tirelessly to produce their best performances. The three lead House staff all would love the accolade of "Top House"; the competitive edge is not just seen in the pupils again this year!

Year 7 Parents' Meeting is tonight. Both the upper and lower halls are used for teacher/parent conversations. Mrs Leonard will produce a teacher list to help locate teaching staff. Refreshments are available throughout the evening.

There are sport fixtures this weekend. All details are on the College website.

Mrs Allen asked that I insert a note from her regarding the Monduli Bazaar.

She writes....

'It's that time of year again when we welcome you all to the Monduli Bazaar on Monday 3rd December at 4.40pm in Big School.

Many of you will have children who are running a stall, so please join us and see them at their entrepreneurial best! Enjoy a delicious cake and sip some non-alcoholic punch as you tour the stalls.

Bring siblings and friends to enjoy the event and to visit Santa.

For adults, we have many unique small gift items made in Monduli, by the Kijijini womens' group. We are also selling some Maasai design tablecloths this year. The authentic international food looks as if it will be outstanding again.

The raffle has superb prizes. A large Fortnum and Mason Hamper, plus there are about 20 other prizes. If you would like to contribute a prize, please contact sadie.norris@sky.com as soon as possible. We are also looking for parental help selling raffle tickets and running the Monduli stall. Please contact cathy.allen@ellesmere.com if you would like to help.'

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To make it easier for the younger students (for both buying and selling at the bazaar) it will be possible to change real money into 'Monduli money' beforehand. Should pupils want to change their money early, they should bring it in a clearly labelled envelope on Thursday or Friday next week. They should hand in the envelope to Mrs Leonard in Lower School Office. Mrs Allen will make sure the correct Monduli money gets to the correct child on Monday morning.

Next Thursday, 29th November at 4.30pm, is the lighting of the Lower School Christmas tree for KS2 pupils (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) and parents. The Choir will meet their parents on the School coach park after they have sung. All other KS2 parents may collect their child from classrooms from 4.15pm to join in the fun. Please sign pupils out with Mrs Leonard afterwards if they leave School early.

It is worth noting that the Carol Services begin next Thursday too. The Community Carol Service starts at 7.30pm and is an open invitation for members of the public. The Lower School Carol Service for Lower School pupils and families is on Monday 3rd December at 7.00pm. With respect to this, there are a number of options for parents detailed on the reply slip below. Please remember that there are refreshments available at 5.30pm in the Conference Room for those parents who wish to go to the Monduli Bazaar and then collect pupils from Lower School classrooms from 6pm onwards, ready for the Carol Service, which starts at 7pm. It is important that we know that pupils are planning to stay for tea on that day due to catering numbers. A few pupils recently did not do this when they stayed in School for an event and this caused a problem for the catering manager and supervision.

Tickets for the KS2 Christmas party, on Friday 30th November (5.30pm until 7.30pm) are available to purchase from Mrs Leonard. The cost is £5 (cash or cheque) to cover treats and food. Payment is due as soon as possible please, along with the returned reply slip below.

The Lower School Pantomime trip organised by Mrs Schubert, Head of Drama, is on Wednesday 5th December. Pupils should be back to Lower School in time for College transport. Please note that this trip is paid for by the College.

The KS2 Play is on the afternoon of Thursday 6th December starting at 3pm. Refreshments are available in the Arts Centre for parents. Please feel warmly invited to attend with the extended family. Pupils may go home afterwards.

On a daily organisation note, please could parents let Mrs Leonard know of any changes to home travel arrangements for pupils; an email copied to the Tutor is fine. Tutor time is quite tight in the mornings and therefore, Mrs Leonard can more easily co-ordinate any action from a central source.

It is a very busy period. Please contact Mrs Leonard if clarity about any event is required.

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely

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CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR KS2 Friday 30th November 5.30pm – 7.30pm

I give permission for
to stay for the Parents' Society KS2 Christmas Party on Friday 30th November

(£5 per ticket with slip please)

- I will be collecting my child from Lower School at 7.30pm (tick if appropriate)
- My child will be collected at 7.30pm by
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Signed

LOWER SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE Monday 3rd December 7.00pm

Pupil's Name.....

My son/daughter will: (please select as appropriate)

- Accompany me to the Monduli Bazaar
- THEN
- Stay for tea and be picked up from Lower School from 6.00pm for the service.
 - Return home at the normal time and return later with family for the service.
 - Return home at normal time and will not be attending the service.

Please indicate the number of people attending the service (include pupils in this too)



Thursday 29 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 30 th November	KS2 Christmas Party £5 per ticket to include food, games and disco	5.30pm – 7.30pm Top floor of Lower School – party clothes brought to School in the morning.
Monday 3 rd 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
Wednesday 5 th December	Pantomime Trip – Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury	Back in time for buses Pupils wear School Uniform. Option for collection at Theatre Severn by arrangement.
Thursday 6 th December	KS2 Christmas Play	Refreshments served from 2:45pm in the Arts Centre for a 3pm performance Pupils may go home with parents afterwards after signing out.
Friday 7 th December	End of term	College transport leaves at 4.30pm

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