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Dear Parent,

It has been a wet and windy affair this week. Please could pupils ensure that they have a good School coat in School in order to move from building to building and for playtime. A hat and gloves are always a welcome addition when it is particularly cold. It is also essential that pupils have a full tracksuit for Games. Pupils may wear base layers too. We like to keep outdoor activities as normal as possible at Ellesmere through the winter. These extra steps allow us to keep the pupils as comfortable as possible over the next few weeks until the spring sunshine arrives.

Please name all school items too. This helps Mrs Leonard to return lost items and keep her lost property bin from overflowing!

Pupils have enjoyed playing in a wide range of competitive sports over the first few weeks of term. It is also good to see the choir growing in size too! We have appreciated hearing the musicians accompany hymns during the Chapel services.

Pupils have been enjoying 'Quest Club'. Ms Rogers sets mind stretching challenges for the pupils each week. It has been great fun and the pupils have found that they have hidden skills that help them to overcome both the physical and mental aspects of each conundrum.

Mr Baurance sets a weekly 'French Word' challenge too. He chooses a particularly difficult French word. The first pupil to pronounce it correctly to him, wins a small prize. Some of the attempts at the more difficult ones have been hilarious, as you will imagine.

The Cricket Coaches have visited assembly to encourage attendance at lunchtime cricket nets. Pupils may attend the winter net programme even if they have never played cricket before. Mr Jones advocates that 'Winter Net' play certainly helps to get the summer cricket season off to a flying start. It is good to be thinking of the better weather ahead!

It is assessment week next week. Pupils are furnished with revision lists ready for these small, snapshot assessments. The results inform teachers for tracking progress.

The School Entrance Exam morning is on Saturday 3rd February. Please contact Admissions should you require any further information for anyone considering a place for a child in the School.

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There is a Non Uniform day on Friday 9th February. Pupils may choose to come in their own clothes on that day. £2 donations will go to support Monduli Green initiative. Pupils will be reminded that no makeup or extra jewellery should be worn and School rules apply as normal throughout the day too!

The swimming coaches asked me to mention that the Titans Learn to Swim Club holds sessions on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. Class sizes are small and further details may be collected from Steffi Bircher on 07825631945 or alternatively email: steffibircher@gmail.com

It is good to note a forthcoming event. Lower School House Cross Country is on the afternoon of Thursday 15th February. Pupils have been steadily improving their personal performances in PE lessons. The focus is certainly just 'trying ones best'. All members of the House team are awarded points for simply completing the course. This year a few teachers are joining the children too! The hot chocolate is usually lovely and families are invited to come and watch. Pupils can sign out with tutors and may go home earlier with families as soon as the event has finished.

Have a good weekend when it arrives.

Yours sincerely,