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Dear Parent,

This is the last newsletter of the Michaelmas Term, it has come around very quickly. Reflecting on this term, it has been really good to see pupils back in school and settled into their learning routines in class. I know the teachers prefer to teach children when they are actually in class and interacting as normally as possible under the current circumstances.

Assessment week passed by smoothly and the second Period Grade for this Michaelmas Term will be published this week. Pupils have been reviewing performance and making plans for addressing any areas of weakness.

To share a little fun, we have had crazy dinosaurs in school this week. There has been a storytelling, Media challenge set from the English/Media department and the Year 7 pupils have really unleashed their creative skills! We are looking forward to seeing the final pieces of work.

Many of the Lower School musicians were taking Associated Board, Royal Society of Music examinations on Thursday. We are certainly blessed with aspiring talent. We are hopeful that they achieve the results that they certainly deserve. They work very hard in practice.

The Year 8 pupils are generally stepping up to take responsibility and this is pleasing to see. They have one final academic push next week in English, as they complete their next Star Reader assessments. Mr Dilks, Assistant Head Academic for Lower School, manages this assessment and will feed back to pupils early in the new term when new English reading targets can be set.

Mrs Wignall has asked me to draw attention to the work of Age UK in our locality and place a spotlight on a competition open to pupils from Lower School. Pupils who love ponies and horses are challenged to take a photograph to make people smile. There are two classes, Under 12 years and Under 13 years. There are trophies, rosettes and rugs etc., as prizes and entries are £2. Please [click here](#) for more information.

Mr Williams reported that a very closely contested badminton competition took place this week with everyone in Year 8 taking part. The final result was: 1<sup>st</sup> Phillips with 17 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brownlow with 16 points and 3<sup>rd</sup> Heywood with 9 points.

Brownlow House took back the House Point Cup again this week. They had a convincing lead over the other two Houses when House Points were tallied on Monday.

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We have tried very hard to keep our community safe this term and with a slight feeling of being like Ebenezer Scrooge, I want to propose a sensible way forward to proceedings next week. Without wishing to cause offence to anyone, it would be wise for us not to hold huge 'Secret Santa' swapping of presents next week with children within forms. We want to reduce unnecessary items coming into School, if possible. I am also mindful that parents can't get out and about to buy these items either and wish to keep life as stress free as possible for home. It would be best that if gifts were to be exchanged, it could be done from household to household without the items coming into School. Should you wish for something to come in to School e.g. a card, etc, we can store it in a box and distribute it after 72 hours. Please give Mrs Leonard a call if you have a difficulty.

On the festive note, please remember that school finishes and College transport departs at 4.30pm, one hour earlier on the 4<sup>th</sup> December, the last day of the term.

May I take this opportunity to wish all of our Lower School families a chance to relax over the holiday period. I hope that you have peace and good health too.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely