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Dear Parent,

Once again, the weeks have flown by and we have arrived at the last newsletter for this term. Assessment week went smoothly and Period Grades are being processed this week, ready for publishing on the Parent Portal. We have a large number of children who are achieving wonderful personal standards.

It was good to take the Year 8 pupils bowling on Wednesday evening. Pupils looked like they enjoyed themselves and had the chance to have some much-needed social time together. They were fun to be with and it was a nice evening. My thanks are extended to Mrs Morgan who arranged everything and Mr Dilks who came with us, to make the evening possible.

There is a Music Concert in Big School this evening starting at 7pm. Pupils involved in this event will have been contacted by Mr Coupe and arrangements will have been made regarding their time after school/pick up arrangement, etc. We are really looking forward to this event as it is another step towards re-establishing all of the wonderful events that go on for pupils at the College. If you wish to attend please email Mr Coupe tony.coupe@ellesmere.com for tickets.

There will be a musical tea on Monday 28th March. This small event will give the opportunity for our young performers to showcase their skills in front of a supportive audience. If your child is performing, please feel welcome to come along and hear them. Refreshments will be available to ensure that the atmosphere is relaxed and informal. We are hoping to start at 4.30pm and please may I ask that visiting parents park in the Tennis Centre car park and touch base with the Lower School Secretary on arrival, so that a fire list may be constructed.

The Easter holiday is almost upon us and it is planned that we have an Easter Egg hunt with the children in Years 3-5. It will be £1 to take part and all proceeds will go towards young peoples' mental health charity. More details will follow at the start of next week and the proposed day is Thursday 31st March.

Still on a charity note and following Department for Education suggestions, the College will have a non-uniform day next Thursday 31st March. Over the last week, schools around the country have worn something blue and yellow and paid £1 as part of a county-wide fundraiser in a quest for world peace.

You may notice trees being planted at the College. We have committed to 70 trees being planted to mark the 70 years of HRH Queen Elizabeth's reign. The campus is beginning to look lovely in this warm, spring sunshine.

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It is worth a mention that pupils do not have the need to bring money into School, except for tuck shop day. As you will imagine, it can cause more problems to solve in a busy school environment, from many perspectives. We guide and encourage the children to limit their consumption of sugary snacks and there is a fully stocked fruit trolley available every day when pupils are peckish. Pupils certainly should not be transferring sweets to other children on non-tuck shop days, nor should children be offering to buy them from others. Please would you support this from home too, I have been very clear about this to the pupils.

We are looking towards the sports for next term. Cricket is a major sport. Please do not feel that enormous outlay is required for personal equipment. The PE and Sports Department usually guide parents on essential items. However, the College will supply cricket bats, etc as these are expensive items and pupils do not necessarily require their own. Obviously, if there are families who would prefer to purchase their own, Mr Jones or Mr Owen would happily help to advise regarding size, etc.

Please remember that the last day of term finishes one hour earlier at 4.30pm. Also, the first day back after Easter is Tuesday 26th April for day pupils.

Have a lovely Easter.

Yours sincerely