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Dear Parent,



Lower School did very well at the Oswestry Music Festival and I was able to present many trophies, awards and certificates to those who took part.

Some of our year 7 and 8 girl cricketers took part in a National Indoor Competition and are now in the next round coming up at the end of term.

Pupils have been reminded of all the enrichment activities on Frog and the House Poetry competition, the deadline for which is Wednesday 20th March.

We have been finding quite a few children have been bringing chewing gum into School. Please can you support us in checking that this isn't the case.

I have spoken to all pupils, numerous times, in assembly about online safety and what they shouldn't be accessing/using. It seems that group chats on 'messages' through iPhones are being used and just as in the same way Snapchat/Instagram/WhatsApp groups attract poor behaviour, so too does the messaging for groups facility on iPhone. Unfortunately, children seem to think they are anonymous if their name isn't showing but as we have found there is always something or someone that identifies them. Children also don't realise that very little is private once you've posted it on a chat. Another person could screenshot it and then send it on to other people or post it elsewhere on the internet. This can be quite scary for everyone involved. My advice is to check your child's phone regularly. Despite the fact they are told how to be safe by School and at home, once they are 'in that moment' online with peers, they seem to forget everything we have told them. I would discourage them from being on large group chats and to be very careful of what they post. I've attached a couple of links that might help you.

www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents

[sharing-images](#)

[socialmediaandmentalhealth](#)

If you would like any more advice, please let me know or refer to the School Policies page on our website, where there is an online safety page with many useful links in a grid at the bottom of the page.

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Reminder:

Could all parents and visitors please use our new Reception window. Please remain in the vestibule until we are able to assist you even though our polite children may invite you in.

Next week:

Monday 11 th March	Netball U13B NSSAA Tournament, depart 1.00pm Musical Tea, Lower School, 4.30pm
Tuesday 12 th March	Football U13 v St. Martins, home, 3.30pm
Wednesday 13 th March	Pizza and Prayer, 12.30pm Rugby U11 v Prestfelde, depart 1.00pm
Thursday 14 th March	Rugby 7s U13 v Adams Grammar, depart 8.30am Rugby U13 v Adams Grammar, depart 10.45am Football U13, U12 v Lakelands, home Rugby Years 3-6 House Tournament
Friday 15 th March	Whole School Photograph
Sunday 17 th March	12.00pm- 4.00pm Joseph Rehearsal - (KS3 Cast members only)
Dates for your diary:	
Sunday 10 th March	Mothering Sunday Service in Chapel, 4.00 pm
Tuesday 19 th March	Joseph performance in the Arts Centre, 7.00pm. (see promotional email from Mrs Fisher)
Wednesday 20 th March	Joseph performance in the Arts Centre, 7.00pm. (see promotional email from Mrs Fisher)



KS3 Choir



KS2 Percussion Group



KS2 Recorder Group

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There are lots of activities on at School over the Easter holiday, information has been sent out via InTouch, please let the Enterprise Manager dianne.bain@ellesmere.com know if you haven't received the information yet.

Yours sincerely,

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