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Dear Parent,

It's been a busy week. Assessments appear to have gone ahead without fuss and performance will be reviewed by pupils and subject teachers over the next few days. The second Period Grade for the term will be published soon. A Period Grade gives a snapshot of work done over a short work period. Attainment grades will range from A to E and effort grades go from one to five, with five being highest grade for effort. A grade three for effort would be deemed satisfactory and still indicates that all is well, all work set has been done and a pupil is engaging well in lessons, as expected. This then sets the bar for effort assessment above this grade. We encourage pupils to extend their work in their study time to achieve the higher effort grades. This helps in the steps towards higher performance learning.

Pupils have enjoyed working in House teams for the House Play Competition. The final event is next Wednesday and each of the three Houses are vying to take top spot!

Team Photographs were last Wednesday. The Lower School photograph was taken on Thursday. Everyone looked smart and further details and proofs will be sent home as soon as we receive them. We have swelled a great deal in pupil number this year and more rows of pupils have been added. It is amazing how the photographers organise the whole affair as safely and quickly as they do!

Chess Club is fiercely contested in KS3 with KS2 pupils catching the chess bug too. Pupils do not have to know how to play. They come along to the club and pupils are matched on experience. No one has beaten Mr Atherton yet. The challenge is still set!

Mrs Rogers also has a large number of children turning up for Craft Club and Communion Club is well attended. There is also a focus for the older children in KS3 with Prayers and Pizza Club too. This adds breadth to the multifarious Sport and Music sessions there are in the week. We like busy children in Lower School.

Once again, a large number of children have represented College playing football, rugby and hockey. They played exceptionally well, there were impressive results but above all they played with a sporting spirit and were a credit to us! The House Rugby and Football events were very competitive last week too.

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On Wednesday 30th November, Lower School will be going to Theatre Severn to watch the pantomime of Beauty and the Beast. The performance should be finished by 4:30pm, therefore, if a parent wishes to collect their child from the theatre, please could you inform the Lower School Secretary and Personal Tutors, so that arrangements can be made for collection from the main roadside entrance after the performance. A member of staff will stay with these children until they are collected. This will allow the rest of Lower School to return in time for College transport.

KS2 will light the Christmas Tree on Thursday 1st December at 4:30pm. KS2 parents are warmly welcome to join us for carols and refreshments and then take pupils home afterwards. It is usually lovely, full of the joy and excitement that tinsel and children in a joyous mix can bring!

The Lower School Carol Service is on Monday 5th December at 7:00pm. We will require communications from home to help with the organisation for the children. There are options on the reply slip at the end of this letter. Please return the reply to Lower School secretaries on the email lowerschoolsecretary@ellesmere.com.

Nasal Flu vaccinations take place on Monday 5th December too, please return your completed consent forms to the Lower School secretaries.

Please also remember to book tickets for the KS2 Play that is taking place on Thursday 8th December in the Arts Centre.

Pupils will have a 'Christmas Jumper Day' on the last day of term. The purple College jumper is simply swapped for the Christmas jumper of the child's choice, (obviously all in good taste). Donations of £1 will be collected for the charity Shelter, providing support for homeless people. In addition, on that day, the 6th Form pupils are carol singing. They will have collection tins for further small change donations for Shelter.

There are fixtures at the weekend. I hope the weather stays good and that pupils enjoy the matches and play well!

Please make a note, the **end of term and coaches depart at 4:30pm** on Friday 9th December. Pupils will have had a lovely Chapel Service and Last Assembly prior to departure. In the last week of term there are many items to take home, so it is wise to start this process at the beginning of the last week. Pupils would benefit from having an extra bag in their school bag to help organise the safe transport of the items to home.

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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Carol Service Reply Slip

Pupil Name _____ Form _____

Please delete as appropriate*

- * Pupil will return home as normal and will return for the service with the family
- * Pupil will remain in School and have supper - family will collect from Lower School at 6:15pm
- * Pupil and Family will not be attending Carol service

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