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Dear Parent,

All too soon it has come to the end of the Michaelmas term and to the last newsletter for 2022. It is a good time to reflect on the term. The pupils will be setting targets from their grades and looking at building on things that went well and also to reflect on the action plans for areas that need improvement.

The Christmas break is a welcome rest for everyone. However, it is an incredibly long time and we will need to keep children on study habits to some extent. With this in mind, teachers will set a few short tasks to do. It may be as simple as some reading. Prep diaries are used for recording details, but also the note of it will be on the FROG learning platform. It is not intended to take over the holiday, merely to add some cognitive focus ready for the return in January.

Sister received a notification from Shropshire Community Health NHS Trust that nasal flu vaccinations will be offered to Year 7 and 8 pupils on January 13th 2023. A letter and consent form will be sent to families. Please look out for this and return it to school before the end of term.

The Pantomime was a huge success yesterday and it is highly recommended for families to go. The flamboyant 'Dame' character traditionally will hone in on a poor unsuspecting male member of the audience for her 'over the top' advances! Mr Fisher was the focus of her amour this year. The pupils thought this was hilarious. Mr Fisher should be congratulated for his good sense of humour and having the courage to speak up and provide forced compliments to the excitable dame on her many flamboyant outfits. I hope that he will fully recover from the experience!

Still on a performance theme, it is lovely to note that we have a group of children who have formed a rock band called 'The Small Furry Animals'. It is great to see their acclaim spreading. A few weeks ago, they played in Whitchurch and they have now been invited to play at the switching on of the Christmas lights in St George's Telford this Friday. We wish them all our best!

Thursday night saw the Lower School traditional 'Lighting of the Christmas Tree'. It was magical for the younger pupils in Lower School. Children enjoyed hot chocolate and Christmas treats as they sang carols along with the choir. The two youngest children from Lower School pushed the switch.

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The Lower School Carol Service is next Monday. A reply slip was attached to the newsletter last week to help with the organisation of the children for the evening. Another form is attached to the bottom of this newsletter, it includes the 3 options from which families could choose.

The KS2 Christmas play takes place in the Arts Centre next Thursday. Please arrive for 3.30pm as the performance starts at 3.45pm. Tickets that have not already been requested will be reallocated on Monday 5th December.

Lower School will have their Christmas Lunch next Friday. They may also wear a Christmas Jumper if they so wish. It simply replaces the College purple jumper. Donations of £1 will support the charity 'Shelter'. The Sixth Form will also be singing carols at break time to help swell donations.

We will encourage children to empty their locker through the week. They will also take home all of their sports kit to be laundered ready for the new term.

Next term, girls will play netball, KS2 boys swap to rugby and KS3 boys will have a focus on football, even though some 7's rugby will take place too in the after-class sessions. Cricket focus at lunch time and after classes will start to increase too in readiness for the Summer fixtures.

Please remember that College finishes at 4.30pm on Friday.

The new term starts on Monday January 9th 2023!

May I wish all of our Lower School families peace and happiness over the Christmas break.

Yours sincerely,

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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