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Dear Parent,

We have "lovely children in a happy School atmosphere". This week the weather has added to this feeling. It has been a treat to see all of the pupils enjoying this dry spell and using the facilities to the maximum. The pupils were a credit to their parents and to us when pupils chatted to our visiting parents this week. The comment above was from the visitors, it was nice to hear.

Activities have been well attended with many children enjoying football in the sports hall, chess club, art club, shooting etc. It is good to see everyone 'finding their feet' in this new term. Please could you ensure that your child's personal tutor knows if your child is to stay in School after 5.30pm for an activity e.g. shooting; we can then add them to the evening register.

As you will be aware, Lower School pupils must lock away any mobile telephone during the working school day as we have found they cause more problems than they actually solve. Please communicate via the Lower School Secretary on 01691 626511

The Whole School photograph was taken on Wednesday. Pupils looked very smart and photograph order forms will be available soon.

The College Open Day is Saturday 9th October 1pm-4pm. Our best advocates are the pupils. With this in mind we ask Year 7 and Year 8 pupils to volunteer to be guides. Please would you indicate that your child may help on the day, by returning the slip attached to this newsletter. I believe these pupils have fixtures on the morning so possibly they may stay on, have lunch and then help for a while? It's a long period of time so please indicate the times that they may be able to help.

The U11 Football Festival is held at Ellesmere on Sunday 10th October. We hope that the weather remains fine and that the tournament is a success. More details will follow soon from Mr Williams, Director of Sport.

Well done to Tilly Leonard and Meg Griffiths who performed exceptionally well at the recent Southview Equestrian Centre Show Jumping competition recently. It was also nice to see that past Lower School pupils have carried on their success further up the School.

We have fixtures on Saturday in rugby and netball. Good luck to all teams, play well and with good attitude and spirit. There were very promising results from last week's fixtures. It is always good to get the first matches of a season underway. Pupils had very good attitudes, played well and were polite to their hosts.

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We are working very hard to keep everyone healthy in Lower School. With this in mind, please could families keep children at home if they have sickness or feel at all unwell. Usually Sister asks that it is a 48-hour period from the last episode of sickness or temperature. Obviously, if Covid is suspected it is important to follow the Government advice.

It is with sadness we say farewell to Mrs Leonard today after twelve years at the College. Mrs Leonard has been the Lower School Secretary for the past five years. Prior to this she was a valuable member of the Admissions Team. She leaves to undertake training to be a Primary School teacher. I would like to think that her time in Lower School has inspired her in some way to fulfil this ambition. We will give her a fond farewell and wish her the very best for the future. I know personally that we will miss her as part of our Lower School team!

Have a good weekend.
Yours sincerely
Shoran Owen
REPLY SLIP
LOWER SCHOOL OPEN DAY
Name of pupil
will be able to attend Ellesmere College Open Day on Saturday 9^{th} October 2021 Please choose a convenient time:
12.45pm-4.00pm □
1.00pm-3.00pm
Signed

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