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Dear Parent,

It has been a solid week in School. Pupils are quickly back into work routines. It is good that at the moment, pupils appear to be dodging coughs and colds too. With this in mind, pupils are advised to carry a tissue and maintain systems to wash/sanitise their hands at regular intervals around School. In order that the health of all is maintained, Sister asks if a child is ill, they should be kept at home until all symptoms are clear.

Half of the Year 8 pupils enjoyed a STEM challenge day on Wednesday (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics). The second half of the Year group will complete theirs next term.

The College Remembrance Service is on Sunday 13th November at 10.50am in the College Chapel. Families are warmly invited to attend. Pupils usually wear full School uniform. Refreshments follow in the Big School Hall.

Team photographs are next Wednesday 9th November. Clean sports kit will be required. The times, etc are noted in the white College calendar.

On the topic of kit, it is difficult to keep our very active children mud free at the moment. We have not been playing football at breaktimes on the grass, but footwear is still getting very dirty. It is very important for the children to have a change of footwear and a rain jacket in College.

When we have wet play, there are a lot of children who play chess. If families have old board games or chess sets that they don't want any more, we would be happy to use them.

Ms Rogers' Autumn Competition has been very popular and there are many excellent entries. She will judge the entries at the end of next week and the winners will be announced in Assembly.

Pupils have been beginning work on House Plays. Each House has the challenge to write and produce a play. The House Play festival will take place in the Arts Centre for the children during Wednesday afternoon activity time soon. Good luck to all performers!

As we approach the end of term, a number of lovely events will be taking place in Lower School. Many of these events are open for parents to enjoy too. To help with organisation and logistics for families, a grid will be produced and attached to the forthcoming newsletters. I will attempt to explain each event in detail for the benefit of our new families in Lower School.

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Please remember to contact the Lower School Secretaries with any concern this term. It gets very busy towards the end of term. Mrs Arrowsmith and Mrs Lowe may be able to offer a possible solution to the problem or will point parents in the correct direction. Tutors are the first point of communication for academic concerns.

Please could I politely remind parents that they should report to the Lower School reception as they enter Lower School and not go directly to teaching areas and form rooms. This ensures that we comply with safeguarding legislation. The usual process is to call the Lower School Secretary first when parents arrive in the car park, the Secretary will then meet you. Similarly, children must sign out at Lower School reception should there be a need e.g. dental appointments, etc.

There are sport fixtures this weekend and all details are on the sport section of the College website/portal. We hope that all pupils enjoy the matches and play well!

Good luck and swim well any swimmers at the East Midlands Championships.

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,