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Dear Parent,

It has been a fabulous week. The weather has been very kind and this has allowed all of the planned activities and sport fixtures to go ahead.

It has been a busy week for certain assessments too. Year 8 pupils have completed English Speaking Board examinations and the teachers have shared that there were a large number of solid presentations. The whole process is a good lesson towards developing essential life skills. Year 6 will be completing theirs next week.

I had a lovely problem to solve this week. Parents may be aware that we constantly promote the 'kindness to all' message in Lower School. Pupils can quietly share with their tutor, the name of another pupil who had been particularly kind to them and made their day a little better. We had great difficulty squashing in the latest set of names as the wall is packed full of names from the academic year.

Mr Coupe (Director of Music) sent out an email this week to focus attention on the Summer Music Concert, to be held in the Arts Centre on Monday 27th June at 6.30pm. Please feel welcome to attend and support the Lower School Musicians. It is worth a note that the earlier time in the white calendar book is incorrect. The Lower School Choir will be performing Jonah Man Jazz as part of this concert, a series of songs in pop and jazz styles that tell the biblical story of Jonah. The Lower School Band will be performing Shake It Off and Super Trouper and there will be a whole host of individual singers and instrumentalists. We are very much looking forward to this.

Well done to the Under 12 and 13 boys and girls who had good results in their respective cricket matches over the weekend and throughout this week. It is lovely to see the cricket nets full with pupils each lunchtime. The standard of cricket has developed rapidly since our return from Covid restriction.

Well done also to Kaylee Mellor who recently competed at Widnes Ice Rink and secured 2nd place in the National Ice Dance event. Kaylee shared that her individual compositions went well and will be a good preparation for the British Championships in July. We wish Kaylee well!

Looking a little further ahead I have once again added Mrs Morgan's brief overview of expeditions planned for the last week of term. Each day will be non-uniform but please bear in mind the weather, hopefully we'll have some sun and therefore **sun-screen**, **water** and a **hat** are essential. Sensible footwear is also a must. If we have wet weather a **waterproof coat** will be required for all activities. I have included some clothing guidance in brackets next to certain activities. Any spending money brought on trips is the responsibility of the child. A small day bag is a good idea as packed lunches will be provided and may have to be carried by the child until it is time to eat.

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Lower School Expos 28th - 30th June

Tuesday 28th

Y3 and 4 BeWILDerwood (trainers or walking boots, rough clothing and wellingtons if it is wet)

Y5 Chester Zoo + workshop

Y6 World Museum Liverpool + workshop

Y7 Beaumaris and Caernarfon Castles (trainers)

Y8 Climbing the Walls and Shrewsbury Prison (sports style clothing: tracksuit bottoms and trainers essential, tracksuit top/sweatshirt or hoodie as it is cold in the prison)

Wednesday 29th

Y3 Lake Vyrnwy farm visit (old, rough clothing, wellingtons/trainers)

Y4 World Museum Liverpool + workshop

Y5 Wroxeter Roman City, Shropshire

Y6 Manchester Museum of Science and Industry + workshop

Y7 Maritime Museum + workshop and ferry ride, Liverpool (trainers)

Y8 Chester Zoo Biology Field trip + workshop

Thursday 30th

Y3-6 Sports Day - morning. Activities - afternoon (come to school in sports kit) Y7-8 Activities - morning. Sports Day - afternoon (come to school in sports kit)

Friday will be a normal School day and children should come to School in uniform. If you have any queries please contact your child's tutor in the first instance.

It is worth noting again that the last day of the Summer Term is **Saturday** 2nd July. Traditionally there are assemblies in Lower School starting at 12 noon and families are welcomed. This is then followed by drinks and light bites on the School Terraces. It is a lovely end to an academic year. Some pupils will receive academic awards from the Headmaster in the Upper School Prize Giving Speech Day at 10.30am. Mrs Pritt-Roberts notifies any pupils who is in receipt of an award to attend the morning event with their families. This finishes in time to allow families to join Lower School Presentations at 12 noon. If a pupil is coming without their family, School transport runs one hour later and will depart for home at 1.15pm. Refreshments will be available in Lower School from 11.30am for Year 7 and 8 pupils/parents and the same time, but in the Arts Centre Foyer for Years 3, 4, 5, and 6.

The Parents' Society have asked if I would draw your attention to the ECPS Ladies Luncheon on Wednesday 29th June. Tickets can be purchased from contactecps@gmail.com and cost £39.50. It is usually a lovely event and a nice way to meet other people!

On a safety note, please would you ensure that the Lower School Secretaries are aware if you wish your child to stay on for any reason in School after 5.30pm. We keep a register of pupils on the site and Mr Owen in St Patrick's needs to ensure that the fire list is up to date so all checks can be made should the need arise.

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Please feel comfortable to call Mrs Arrowsmith and Mrs Lowe to explain any detail about any event, should confusion arise.

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,





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