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Dear Parent,

The end of term has arrived so quickly. We are now at the last Newsletter for this academic year. Time has flown! It is lovely to see how the new children from last September and throughout the College year, have settled quickly and feel at home at Ellesmere.

It has been good to see the Year 8 pupils grow and develop in maturity. They are ready for their next chapter in Middle School. Life will be different, but they should always feel that Lower School have supported them carefully for this transition.

We have lessons as normal next week on Monday and Friday. Expeditions will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday with sports and activities in College for all Lower School on Thursday.

Once again, I insert the details of destinations. In case families missed it in previous Newsletters.

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*)

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KS2 parents are welcome to come to Sports Day in the morning on the 30th from 10.00am until 12 noon. KS3 parents may wish to come and watch KS3 Sports Day from 2.00pm until 4.00pm. It is possible to take KS3 pupils home at 4.00pm if families would prefer however, please do inform a member of staff that this is taking place before you go. Refreshments will be available at both Sports Day events.

The swimming gala that was originally planned for certain KS2 age groups for next Monday, is now postponed until September.

Mrs Rogers, teacher in charge of Academic Enrichment opportunities, has been very pleased with the responses to the enrichment programme this year. The latest Poetry Competition had a huge number of entries. The English teachers are helping sort through the poems and have the formidable task of separating out winning entries. The results will be published towards the end of next week.

We are encouraging pupils to tidy and empty lockers and bag rooms. It is amazing how many things accumulate in there! They are beginning to take home any non-essential items in readiness for a lighter load on the last Friday of term.

It will be good to see families on the last Saturday (2nd July) of term.

Lower School Speech Day starts at 12.00 noon **after** the Headmaster's Prize Giving and Speeches during the morning. If a pupil has an award to be presented in the Headmaster's event, they will be notified by Mrs Pritt-Roberts.

KS2 Lower School Speeches and Prize Giving, with Mrs Phillips and the KS2 teachers will be in the Arts Centre.

KS3 Lower School Speeches and Prize Giving will be in the hall at the top of Lower School.

Unless a pupil is involved in the Headmaster's event, the ideal scenario is for pupils to come in with parents at 11.30am for refreshments and in readiness for the 12 noon events. Refreshments are available at both the Arts Centre and Lower School. Afterwards, all Lower School families progress to parties on the terraces.

If a child has to attend without their family, school transport leaves one hour later in the morning and will depart for home from the College at 1.15pm. Please let your child's personal tutor know if this is to happen.

I close this Newsletter wishing all Lower School families a restful Summer break in readiness for the new opportunities that a new academic year brings.

I hope the sun shines too!

Yours sincerely,

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