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Dear Parent,

Thank you to parents for transporting children to help at Open Day. It was really appreciated. It was so good to see the children guide and speak in such a confident and natural way.

It has also been good to get a little nice weather this week. Even though it has been extremely windy on the top of the hill here at Lower School. Break-time and Games sessions have been a bit more pleasant for all.

There are varied sporting opportunities in School. Along with the team sports and swimming, many children are enjoying golf, fencing, badminton and shooting etc. We also have pupils performing extremely well outside school on their horses. It was a pleasure to read about Henry Bates in Year 6 recently. Henry competed in the area 5 pony club tetrathlon trials and qualified for the national championships in two weeks' time. He will be travelling down to the finals on 22nd March. This involves running, shooting and swimming too. We will watch his progress with interest. Well done Henry!

On a musical note it is good to see pupils press on with musical representation. We have a musical tea on the horizon and a number of pupils performed exceptionally well on Open Day. Please check the White College calendar for details.

Mr Dilks, Assistant Head of Lower School Academic, was pleased with the effort and attitude of the Lower School pupils in the recent assessment tests. Pupils have made good use of lunchtime sessions to go through areas that may not have gone so well. This all sets good habits for future study.

It has also been good to see the volume of reading that the Key Stage 2 children do. It is pleasing to see many of the younger children simply reading for fun! It is important that a little reading is completed each day. Any extra time spent reading at home is of great benefit too.

The Survive and Thrive programme has been enjoyed by the majority of Key Stage 3 pupils once again this term. There has been a carousel of challenging and inspiring sessions for the pupils to follow. Mrs Hibbot has been teaching basic cookery skills in the St Patrick's kitchen. It was lovely to see the group enjoy what they had made.

Our work continues throughout the year to support families to keep children safe online and when using electronic communication. We do not allow mobile telephone use during the working day in Lower School. Mrs Leonard is perfectly situated to make or take any important calls. Each child has a lockable space to store telephones away as they arrive for registration.

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Please provide children with tissues in their School bag. A bottle of hand san if possible too will help. We will continue with pressing for good hygiene standards in School. The children have been exceptionally good so far. The Headmaster will keep parents up to speed with any developments that may arise with respect to the Corona 19 virus.

Even though it is a couple of weeks away yet, it is worth noting the earlier finish time on the last Friday of term. School transport departs at 4.30pm and pupils may be collected from School at 4.15pm. This is one hour earlier than usual.

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely

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