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Dear Parent,

The weather has a definite autumnal feel to it and the difference in the hour of light available has been marked already this week. I have asked pupils to be especially vigilant when moving around the School after tea at 4.30pm. This is important on all of the roads in School and of course on the coach park. It is difficult to see small children through blurred, wet windscreens of cars, therefore duty staff will be asking that vehicle speeds should be as low as possible when dropping off and picking up children. Your support is very much appreciated with this.

Play times are getting a little muddy under foot so it would be useful if pupils could bring in a change of footwear to keep in their locker. This will enable them to still enjoy the fresh air and stay relatively mud free for classes and home.

Expeditions at the end of last half term went extremely well. It has been really pleasing to receive compliments from members of the public and organizations about the conduct and enthusiasm of the children. This praise was passed on to the Lower School pupils in assembly on Monday. Year 7 pupils appeared to especially enjoy the residential trip to Kingswood.

There are two more Parents' Evenings approaching. Year 6 have theirs on Friday 11th November and Year 7 is the following week on the 18th November. The ideal scenario would be for pupils to go home as usual please. However, in special circumstances pupils may stay and do prep work after going to supper. Please complete the appropriate reply slip to book a space should this be necessary.

This weekend the rugby teams play Solihull School. Good luck and play well! We also wish the swimmers well in the forthcoming National Arena Swimming League Rounds.

Still on the sporting theme – I have spoken to the pupils and reminded them that aerosol use is not allowed in the sports changing rooms and general areas. I have explained that is not good for the health of all if aerosols are used in enclosed spaces. At times they also can be misused and this can be dangerous and at the very least cause problems. A roll-on alternative is the preferred alternative should an individual have the need for such a toiletry item at School.

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Mr Williams, Director of Sport asks if we can remind all KS2 children to ensure that they have black swimming kit and goggles for their sessions. This will aid in technique correction and good body positions in the water. It is also very wise for pupils to bring full tracksuits and base layers for games sessions now that the weather is colder.

The stack of Operation Christmas Child boxes is growing. Thank you very much to all pupils who have donated a box this year. The closing date for collection is Wednesday 16th November.

It has been good to see the energy and enthusiasm for the House Plays this term. The pupils write, direct, create and perform their chosen pieces. It is all good fun and also a good insight for the pupils to see the work that is required.

Looking further ahead, Mrs Allen will once again be coordinating the annual Monduli Bazaar on Monday 5th December. Lower School pupils usually are really creative and helpful running stalls to raise money for the Monduli Village projects in Tanzania. Mrs Allen will be sending out more information via Parent Mail however, at this early stage she wondered if any parents would have prizes to donate to use for the Monduli Raffle? Should you wish to help please contact Mrs Allen directly on cathy.allen@ellesmere.com

You may remember that The Captains of School, Tianna Williams and Harry Pochin have organized a Lower School tea towel. The tea towels have arrived covered in comical self-portraits from the children! They cost £4 and would make really good stocking fillers for the family. Please return the attached reply slip and money in a named envelope if you would like to order one and have missed the mailing sent out by the Head of Sixth Form.

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely

Please return to the Lower School office

I shall be attending: Year 6 Parents' Evening on Friday 11th November
 Year 7 Parents' Evening on Friday 18th November

And would like _____ to stay for tea and prep
(Name of pupil)

Signed _____

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Name of Parent/Guardian _____

Name of Pupil/s _____

Quantity required _____ x £4.00 =£ _____ (*cash/cheque enclosed)

Signed _____ Date: _____

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