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Dear Parent,

There was a lovely atmosphere in School last Friday. Sincere thanks are extended to our parents for supporting the recent cake sale and coffee morning in aid of the Macmillan Nurses fund. In addition, may I thank the Parents' Society once again for their hard work with these events. The coffee morning raised the considerable amount of £264 and the cake sale generated £141.31.

Thank you also for the speedy response and return of Open Day reply slips indicating that pupils are available to help on Saturday. There are a number of roles that the children can assist with. There are classroom/sport/music demonstrations and the older pupils usually are asked to act as family guides. As you will imagine these occasions really do help develop self confidence in our pupils and it is wonderful to see them rise to the occasion. It is a long afternoon therefore, please feel comfortable establishing a time slot for your child to help, it need not be the whole 3 hours!

There are fixtures on Saturday and the girls should finish in time to stay on to help. Mr Williams has arranged for the kick off time to be earlier than detailed in the White Calendar thus making it possible for the boys to return from rugby fixtures and help with Open Day. Full and updated details of the fixtures can be found on the College website.

It was good to see the parents of Year 3-5 pupils on Monday at the Parents' Meeting and share the progress that pupils are making.

The next Parents' Meeting is on Friday 11th November for Year 6 pupils. This is followed the week after on Friday 18th November by the Year 7 Parents' Meeting. Both of these events are held on the Top Floor of Lower School starting at 5.15pm-7pm. Light refreshments are available throughout both meetings and closer to the time there will be a booking slip attached to the newsletter with respect to the work room facility for your child if child care becomes a problem.

Expeditions are fast approaching. The Year 7 pupils are really looking forward to their residential stay at Kingswood Activity Centre. Please contact your child's tutor should you require any further information. Mrs Morgan has attached a grid of information relating to other expedition arrangements.

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Just a reminder that mobile telephones and gadgets that connect to networks are not allowed during the working day in Lower School. All pupils have been excellent using their personal, secure lockers to lock away these items as they arrive to Lower School in the morning. They collect the item as they return at the end of the day for homeward travel. We find that these items act as a distraction during the working day and often cause more problems than they solve for socially immature individuals. Mrs Leonard is very happy to make or receive calls and pass on messages if you decide that your child does not require a telephone at all. We will happily support you if this is the case.

The Book Fair will arrive on Monday 10th October. Pupils may visit the fair to browse through the new books on offer. There is a slip at the end of the newsletter to indicate a spending limit for your child should you allow them to purchase a book.

On Thursday 20th October, the Author Tom Palmer will be holding some workshops with the Years 3,4,5,6 & 8. There will be the opportunity to purchase some of Tom's books. If you would like your child to purchase one, please return the slip below and the cost shall be added to the bill. Alternatively, a cash payment can be made on the day.

Pupils are looking very smart at the moment and long may this continue through the year. Jumpers are part of the uniform and should be worn around school. Permission should be sought for pupils to travel home in full tracksuits. Permission is usually reserved for pupils who have a sport commitment straight after the end of the School day.

The Under 11 football team are playing in the Ellesmere Football Tournament on Sunday 16th October. The event starts at 12 noon and is usually a lovely afternoon. Parents are warmly invited to join us on that afternoon.

Pupils have been training hard for the forthcoming fixtures. We hope the weather holds out for this weekend to allow a dry Open Day and for the matches to continue.

Have a good weekend.

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Yours sincerely,

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LOWER SCHOOL BOOK FAIR	
Pupil's name	Form
may purchase a book(s):	
□ between £5 and £10	
□ between £10 and £15	
Signed	
Visit of Author Tom Palmer	
Pupil's name	Form
may purchase a book(s):	
□ between £5 and £10	
□ between £10 and £15	
Signed	

	Y 3 AND 4	Y5	Y6	Y8
WED	LIVERPOOL MUSEUM AND UNDER WATER STREET	SALT WORKS	SHREWSBURY GEOG FIELD TRIP AND MUSEUM	JODRELL BANK
THUR	AUTHOR VISIT AND FLAMENCO DANCE WORKSHOP	AUTHOR VISIT AND FLAMENCO DANCE WORKSHOP	AUTHOR VISIT AND FLAMENCO DANCE WORKSHOP	AUTHOR VISIT AND FLAMENCO DANCE WORKSHOP
FRI	CADBURY WORLD	GROUDWORK WREXHAM	QUARRY BANK MILL	BLACK COUNTRY MUSEUM

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