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Dear Parent,

It was so pleasing to hear the positive comments made about Lower School pupils recently. An activity leader during an expedition trip expressed that the group who had visited were 'a delight and the most polite and appreciative that he had experienced so far'. A member of Common Room also commented that he had really enjoyed taking the groups on expeditions. He believed that there is a really warm atmosphere and there are some lovely pupils in the School. I thought that it would be good to share these with you as they certainly cheered my day.

Year 6 Parents' meeting is this Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November. Teaching staff will be available from 5.30pm onwards. The top floor of Lower School will be used and light refreshments are available throughout the evening. This is the same arrangement for the Year 7 Parents' meeting next Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November too. It is preferable that pupils go home during Parents' evenings, as you will imagine it is difficult for supervision when teachers are all involved. However, should this prove a big problem for families, a sixth former will supervise a small group in the Computer Room after tea. Please ensure that Mrs Leonard is aware for catering purposes. Please only use this option if it is absolutely necessary and other arrangements cannot be made.

There will be a Remembrance Day service in the College on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November. Pupils and families are very welcome to come. The service starts at 11am with coffee served beforehand at 10.15am. It would be appreciated that Lower School pupils would wear uniform if possible. It is lovely that a number of Lower School pupils have offered their help on the day.

The Autumn Competition entries were superb this year. It would be unfair to mention one person by name as the entry level and effort from pupils was outstanding. If you have a moment and you are in School, please pop to see the entries. They are displayed in the Lower School Hall.

Well done to Oliver Moore on his selection for the Staffordshire County U13 cricket team. We will watch Oliver's progress with interest. Similarly, congratulations to Georgia Munro who is selected for the U14 Shropshire County hockey team. Lucy Conway, Honor Graham and India Freer-Carmichael are selected at U13 level too!

There are hockey and rugby fixtures this weekend. We hope that the teams enjoy their game and play well!

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The build up to the end of term is always a busy period. We are aware that we have a large number of new families to Lower School. Therefore, a brief overview will follow regarding the main events. A summative grid is attached at the end of this newsletter to hopefully help with clarity. Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Leonard should anything cause confusion.

Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Lower School Christmas Tree Lighting (KS2 and Lower School Choir)	4:30pm – Lower School Playground KS2 (Years 3,4,5,6) Parents warmly welcome. Mince pies and mulled wine. Carols Pupils may go home early with parents after signing out.
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	KS2 Christmas Party £5 per ticket to include food, games and disco	6.30pm – 8pm Top floor of Lower School – party clothes brought to School in the morning.
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Monduli Christmas Bazaar	4.40pm – 5.15pm Big School Hall Parents and families welcome to join in the fun. Pupils will require a little spending money. Various options for pupils/parents moving on to Carol Service. Reply slip to follow
	Lower School Carol Service	7pm Chapel Followed by ‘Mulled Wine and Mince Pies’ in Big School

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Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Pantomime trip – Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury	Back in time for buses Pupils wear School Uniform. Option for collection at Theatre Severn by arrangement.
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Christmas Play	Refreshments served from 2:45pm in the Arts Centre for a 3pm performance Pupils may go home with parents afterwards after signing out.
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	End of term	<b>Buses leave at 4.30pm</b>

Yours sincerely,

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