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Dear Parent,

It has been another enjoyable week in School. The second set of Period Grades for this term are to be published soon and many pupils have made good progress, which is wonderful to see. The Summer Examinations are in the third week after Easter, therefore Year 7 and 8 pupils are advised to do some form of revision over the Easter holiday in readiness for these important assessments. Key Stage Two teachers will advise parents about their child's assessments during the first weeks of the Summer Term.

The weather has gradually been getting a little better and outside play is more often than not possible. However, the ground is still heavy and pupils are advised to bring a spare pair of footwear for playtime.

Looking ahead to next term it is worth thinking about Summer Uniform. Pupils may choose to dispense of their School Jumper, should the weather be warm. Shirts must either be buttoned at the cuff or worn in 'officer mode' i.e. neatly folded to above the elbow. Ties should have a neat knot and the point should be at belt level. Jewellery is not allowed and boys must have hair of a sensible, short length, not touching the collar but not so short that the scalp is visible. There should not be steps or shaved parts in the cut. Girls should tie hair back with fastenings in the College colours of either black, white, purple or gold. It is also advisable for pupils to bring a water bottle to School. Although we do have water fountains, we encourage children to drink water regularly and this is especially recommended in warmer weather.

We had a recommendation from a parent regarding a useful app to help with monitoring your child's electronic communication use. It works as a Parental Intelligence Service. It logs everything the phone does, even hidden and secret apps, it alerts you to any strange 'goings on' and also has a locator. It records messages, photos, calls and also any risky activity and language. The link is below and it is worth just having a look:-

<https://www.uknowkids.com/>

This week head lice have visited Lower School, which is a common problem that affects Primary/Junior school children from time to time. Sister Moore has asked that you check your child's hair and if necessary to treat immediately to prevent further spread. Further information is available on www.nhs.uk/conditions/headlice. Your help is greatly appreciated.

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It is lovely to share news that Mrs Leonard, the Lower School Secretary had a baby boy recently and both mum and son are healthy and happy. We are delighted to welcome Mrs Gregory to cover Mrs Leonard's maternity absence. Mrs Gregory can be contacted for all Lower School business by email on lowerschoolsecretary@ellesmere.com

It is worth drawing attention to the change from normal routine on the last Friday of term as College transport departs at 4.30pm. This is one hour earlier than usual and this detail is also in the White School Calendar.

Day pupils return on Tuesday 25th April and boarders from 5pm on the previous evening. It is also worth noting that the Bank Holiday on Monday 1st May next term is a normal school day at Ellesmere.

All too soon we have arrived at the last newsletter for this term. I hope that you have a good Easter break and the children return refreshed and ready to tackle a busy Summer Term!

I hope you have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,