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Dear Parent,

Autumnal signs are definitely creeping in and there have been some stunning mornings at Ellesmere this week.

Mrs Morgan is launching this year's Autumn Arts competition on Monday. Pupils are challenged to either take photographs, paint, write poems, prose or build things to depict the season of Autumn. The event will run over a number of weeks to allow pupils to create entries. There will be prizes for year group winners plus an overall winner. Last year Edward Astbury created a bronzed deciduous tree in metalwork, complete with fallen leaves.

The non-uniform event went in good spirit today and pupils have been sensible in their choices of clothing for School. The £2 "non-uniform day" donations, from pupils throughout School, will go to support MacMillan Nurses.

Pupils are looking very smart. For information, the onsite uniform shop opening times are Wednesday 12.30pm-5.30pm and Thursday 2.00pm-5.30pm. Items can also be ordered online at [www.schoolshopdirect.co.uk](http://www.schoolshopdirect.co.uk).

A kit list for the Year 7 expedition to PGL shall be sent shortly. I know that the pupils are looking forward to enjoying the many activities on offer at the PGL Activity Centre. There are details regarding all visits for each year group at the end of the newsletter.

I have reinforced my expectations that our pupils should wear their uniform correctly. I have also encouraged girls with long hair to tie it back. This has been supported by the School Sister who has asked me to relay the request for parents to regularly check their child's hair, as head lice can become a concern in the early weeks of a school term.

I have been very pleased with the number of children who are eating well and healthily at lunch times. The Lower School teachers will continue to keep encouraging healthy food choices. Fruit is available for break time and tuck shop treats are once per week, per age group, with a maximum £1 spend. We discourage pupils bringing to School lots of sugary snacks as it affects how they perform during a School day.

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Year 3, 4, 5 Parents’ Meeting is on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October for Mrs Phillips and Mrs Morgans tutor groups. There is the facility, for parents who prefer to come earlier in the day, to book a 15 minute slot with their child’s form teacher between 3.00pm and 5.00pm. Please contact Mrs Leonard, the Lower School Secretary, to secure one of those time slots. The form tutors will have a break between 5.00pm and 5.30pm and then subject staff will be available on the top floor of Lower School. Light refreshments are available throughout the meeting. We prefer that pupils do not stay in School but if it is really difficult for a family, please contact Mrs Leonard who can book a child into supper and arrange a 6<sup>th</sup> former to supervise a prep session. However, it is not possible for School to look after siblings.

Please remember the Parents Society Coffee Morning “Welcome Event” is next Friday morning on the 29<sup>th</sup> September. It would be lovely to see as many parents as possible.

Also, thank you to parents who have completed and returned forms to indicate that pupils are available to help on Open Day. There is a repeat slip at the end of this newsletter to help us with organization.

The Lower School Book Fair will be held during morning break time from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. This is a regular event to encourage our pupils to enjoy books and reading. Pupils will have the opportunity to look at new books and choose one to buy if they wish. We have attached a slip below to help with this process. It indicates whether you wish a purchase to be made and also the value of spending allowed. Purchases will be added to your bill. Please return response slips to Mrs Leonard.

There were good rugby performances last Saturday and we hope that the U13 and U12 Hockey girls play well this weekend. The boys will also look forward to facing Wilmslow School too!

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**LOWER SCHOOL BOOK FAIR**

Pupil’s name..... Form.....

may purchase a book(s):

- between £5.00 and £10
- between £10 and £15

Signed.....

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## LOWER SCHOOL OPEN DAY

Name of pupil.....

will be able to attend Ellesmere College Open Day on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Please choose a convenient time:

12.45pm-4.00pm

1.00pm-3.00pm

2.00pm-4.00pm

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

## Expeditions Lower School

### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October

Year 4/5 – Shrewsbury Museum followed by Theatre Severn

Year 6 – Quarry Bank Mill, Styal

Year 7 – PGL, Boreatton Park

Year 8 – Warwick Castle

### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October

Year 4/5 Birmingham Sea-life Centre

Year 6 Geography field trip to Shrewsbury Town Centre followed by Theatre Severn

Year 7 - PGL, Boreatton Park

Year 8 – Wood Lane conservation activities

### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October

Year 4/5/6 Play Practice in School

Year 7 PGL, Boreatton Park, returning pm.

Year 8 – Jackfield and Coalport Museums (workshops)

Yours sincerely

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