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Dear Parent,

Core Values were explored in assembly this week. Discussion focused on working hard and with perseverance and giving of ones' best. Kindness towards others within all that we do in Lower School was a thread throughout the dialogue too. Dr Chatterjee also clarified the School rules regarding electronic communication and the emphasis that pupils should be 13 years before accessing many of the social network sites.

Last week the Parents' Society hosted a Macmillan 'coffee morning'. The pupils in Lower School held a Cake Sale, which was also a popular event. The Parents' Society reported that over £400 has been raised. Thank you very much for all of the support from home that made this venture possible. It was lovely to hear testimony to the super pupils that we have in Lower School, when a number of parents also shared that they were impressed with the manners and warmth of the children on that day.

The shooting range is open again after a period of closure for evaluative work. Shooting has continued in other venues around School however, business is now back to normal and children may be collected from the range during the evenings.

The Book Fair has generated much interest this week and pupils have enjoyed choosing a book to buy and read. The Accelerated Reading programme continues to stretch and challenge pupils across all of the year groups. It is greatly appreciated that pupils are also encouraged by parents to read regularly at home too.

Thank you in advance to parents for transporting pupils to Lower School for the College Open Day tomorrow. Pupil help is much appreciated and the pupils are certainly the greatest asset of our School. Pupils should arrive either in full uniform to Lower School or report to the Sports Hall in sports kit should they be involved in the cricket session.

Mrs Morgan has provided a grid of details for expeditions at the end of this newsletter. The dates are on Wednesday 18th, Thursday 19th and Friday 20th October as per White School Calendar. The expeditions are a valuable part of the enrichment programme for our pupils. Please make a special note of protective clothing requirements in case of inclement weather.

The Lower School Eucharist Harvest Festival Service is on Tuesday 17th October starting at 8.50am. Parents and families are warmly invited. There will be refreshments afterwards in the Dining Room. Any non-perishable food donation would be very welcome eg. cans of food etc and the produce will be distributed to the local food bank.

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Well done to the hockey girls last week there were fine performances. This weekend the boys have fixtures at U13 level and we wish them well.

The swimmers have continued their training and ten Lower School swimmers will be competing at the Worcester Open Gala at the weekend. Katie Hale will also be representing Shropshire at the national Inter County Championships on Sunday. She will be the youngest swimmer representing. Well done and ‘perform well’ wishes are given to all of our swimmers.

The Ellesmere College Parents’ Society are extremely busy organising social events. On Friday 13th October is the Quiz and Curry evening. Teams of 6 are invited to enter. The cost is £10 pp and the aim is to score more points than the Headmaster’s team!

Future events to look out for are Wine Tasting Evening on 24th November, Carol Services and the Burns Night in the New Year. All of these events are great fun and a nice way of meeting other Ellesmere parents and friends.

Have a good weekend when it arrives.

Yours sincerely

	Wednesday 18 th October	Thursday 19 th October	Friday 20 th October
Year 3/4/5	am: Shrewsbury Museum: Landscapes workshop pm: Theatre Severn, Awful Auntie	Sea-life Centre, Birmingham	Play Practice in School
Year 6	Quarry Bank Mill, Styal, National Trust	am: Shrewsbury Town Centre Geography field trip pm: Theatre Severn, Awful Auntie	Play Practice in School
Year 7	PGL Activity Centre	PGL Activity Centre	PGL Activity Centre
Year 8	Warwick Castle	Wood Lane conservation activities	Jackfield and Coalport Museums, clay workshops

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Kit list for Wood Lane Year 8

Thursday 19th October

- Wellington boots
- Warm, thick socks (thermal if possible) or two pairs of thinner socks
Remember wellies have no warmth in them and cold feet are miserable
- A pair of foam or thermal insoles in wellies are an advantage
- Thick trousers or tracksuit bottoms for both girls and boys (tights or leggings underneath are a good idea if it is very cold)
- Layers for the top of the body:
 - Vest
 - Long sleeved top or T-shirt
 - Fleece or wool jumper
 - A waterproof jacket and trousers (A warm jumper or fleece is better than a coat for wearing underneath the waterproof jacket).
Depending on the weather, layers can always be removed
- Hat, gloves and scarf; very important to keep the chilly wind out.

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