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Dear Parent,

It has been a good week in School. Pupils have quickly got back into work routines. It is good that pupils appear to be dodging coughs and colds too. With this in mind, pupils are advised to carry a tissue and wash/sanitise their hands at regular intervals around School.

Thanks are extended to parents for their support of the Operation Christmas Child Christmas Boxes. These have been steadily coming into School ready for the closure date, which is only a few weeks away now. Decorated shoe boxes containing toys, colours, simple clothing items etc. aimed at a boy or girl either 2-4 years, 5-9 years or 10-14 years will be sent to the collection depot and distributed by the charity organisation Samaritan's Purse. To help with transportation costs the charity hope for envelopes of £2 donations to be placed inside each box. To make this a fun event in School there is a prize for the form group who generate the most boxes.

The College Remembrance Service is on Sunday 12th November at 11am in the College Chapel. Families are warmly invited to attend. Pupils usually wear full School uniform. Refreshments follow in the Big School Hall.

Mrs Morgan's Autumn Competition has been very popular and many excellent entries have been received. She will judge the entries at the end of this week and the winners will be announced in assembly on Monday.

LAMDA examination results have been received this week. Congratulations so far to Honor Graham and Carmen Kilgannon achieving Level 1 grade 3 in Speaking Verse and Prose/Acting categories. Well done girls!

Last weekend Jack Arrowsmith won the Dave Hodgetts Memorial Trophy which was awarded to the player making the most outstanding overall contribution to their bands' performance in the third section. Well done Jack!

Congratulations are also extended to Zara Brookshaw who came 2nd in the Wrexham Open Golf Championship.

Pupils have been working very hard on House plays recently. Each House is given the challenge to write and produce a play. The House Play festival will take place in the Arts Centre for the children during Survive and Thrive lessons soon. Good luck to all performers.

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PSHE day is on Wednesday 15th November. Pupils will explore a variety of topics with social, personal, and health themes. It is usually an interesting and educational experience enjoyed by all.

Please could I politely remind parents that they should report to the Lower School reception as they enter Lower School and not go directly to teaching areas and Form rooms. This ensures that we comply with safeguarding legislation.

As we approach the end of term, a number of lovely events will be taking place in Lower School. Many of these events are open for parents to enjoy too. To help with organisation and logistics for families, a grid will be published next week and attached to the newsletter. We will attempt to explain each one in detail for the benefit of our new families in Lower School.

The Parents' Society are holding an ECPS Creativity Day on Thursday 16th November. The half day of Christmas focussed creativity costs £35 and includes lunch, please email contactecps@gmail.com to book a slot.

Please remember to contact Mrs Leonard, the Lower School Secretary with any concern this term. Mrs Leonard may be able to shed light on a possible solution to the problem herself or will point parents in the correct direction.

There are sport fixtures this weekend and all details can be found on the Sport section on the College website. We hope that all pupils enjoy the matches and play well! We also wish the swimmers well at the forthcoming Midland District Championships in Nottingham.

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely