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Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday this week, I talked with pupils and staff about our vision and reinforced our 6 core values of Integrity, Self-Discipline, Gratitude, Respect, Courage and Empathy, which help us model kindness to each other and ourselves. We want to keep promoting these to ensure we have harmony across the school. Colleagues have suggested that to enhance our recognition of the positive contributions that the children make, that our reward system should promote each values explicitly. Thank you too for your feedback on this over this term, we hope we can develop this in the coming weeks to help you share the positive things your children are doing throughout their school day.

To promote our STEAM curriculum, this week has been a joy to see such a variety of activities celebrating the arts. Our Key Stage 2 choir have been working with Choristers from Exeter Cathedral and will be performing in the Cathedral on Saturday afternoon, which will be a wonderful event. Pupils in our secondary phase have been busy visiting the theatres this week too. Our Year 11 drama pupils watched a production in Exeter's Northcott theatre on Wednesday, and Year 11 and 9 went to study Macbeth on Tuesday and our Year 10s went to watch Romeo and Juliet on Thursday, both Shakespeare productions took place in Torquay.

To support our holistic education offer, we are investing lots of time in both Exmoor Challenge and 10 Tors Teams, with both training groups being out on the moors last Saturday. The growing numbers are fantastic, and it was also fabulous to see to many parents helping too. Thank you to Mrs Albertyn and Mr Page for making these things happen.

Next week sees our World Book Day celebration. Thank you for your donations and please pop into school on Thursday at pick-up to take advantage of our PTFA book sale. We are looking forward to seeing what literature characters might be coming into school on Thursday!

Response to feedback:

Thank you to parents that have already provided feedback to us at school. I hope to address one key point that was a thread in some of our responses, particularly within Key Stage 3. This was the use of the toilets in lesson time for secondary pupils. This has also been raised through the pupil voice. I do understand that this can cause anxiety. Pupils are allowed and to use the toilets between lessons, before school and in breaks and lunches. We ask teachers to ensure that pupils are reminded of this, but ask that where possible, pupils do not leave lesson time for the toilet. When this has not been in place, it caused significant disruption to lessons, and we felt that the frequency of no longer than an hour was manageable for the majority. We do consider medical exceptions and ensure that these pupils have passes. We have fed this back through the school assemblies, and we will continue to review.

Myself and Mr Evans met with some parents this week to start conversations about how we can support wellbeing for pupils and we hope that this will open a better dialogue between home and school.

Please do continue to share your views. Your points are anonymous and help us hear directly from you about positives and developments you feel would make the school a better place. The link to the form is also on the parent homepage of the website.

Form

<https://forms.office.com/e/LADjim55cU>

Website link

[Parent feedback](#)

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Phil Arnold', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Phil Arnold
Headteacher

