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Dear Parents and Carers

It's been another busy and exciting week at school, packed with activities and achievements across all year groups. Over the weekend, our Duke of Edinburgh participants completed their overnight expedition on Dartmoor. A huge thank you to the parents who supported, and to Miss Cameron Mitchell, Mr Livingstone, and Mrs Albertyn for making the experience possible.

On Monday, our Year 7 girls travelled to Colyton for a football match and represented the school with pride and great sportsmanship. We also welcomed Tom Leverage to school, who will be working closely with us. In January, he'll be joined by Denise Burrows, who will take on the role of Secondary School Improvement Lead across the three Reach South secondary schools.

Well done to Year 3 and Year 7 for the positive attitude they showed during the GL Progress Tests and CATS assessments, a great start to the academic year.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Primary 'Meet the Teacher' evening and the PFTA AGM on Wednesday. Your involvement and support are always appreciated.

Looking Ahead to Next Week

- The Primary team will be finalising this year's Play Leaders.
- Year 4 will begin practising for the Multiplication Checks, with an early look at the format.

Staff Update

We're sad to be saying goodbye to Miss Reep at Christmas. She's off to pursue new adventures, and while we'll miss her greatly, we wish her all the very best. I've reminded her that when the adventures end, she'll always be welcome back here at school.

Parent Feedback

Thank you for the feedback you've shared recently – it means a lot. I've spoken with staff about the kind words many of you have offered, and the pride and emotion that comes from recognising colleagues who go above and beyond is incredibly powerful.

We've recently introduced 'shoutouts' for staff, a way to say thank you and celebrate the great work happening every day. It's had a wonderful impact. We also mirror this with student shoutouts in our celebration assemblies, and seeing what your children achieve daily is truly inspiring.

This week, feedback has focused on the new secondary homework process. Many of you have been in touch with tutors, and we're already seeing a positive impact in classrooms. Thank you to the many parents who've asked how best to support their child with this new system.

We've also received questions about curriculum options and potential new subjects. We're always exploring possibilities, but we're mindful that the transition from Key Stage 2 to 3 must prepare students effectively for Key Stage 4.

If you have any further feedback for us at school, please follow the links below.

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Website:

Thomas Hall School – Parents

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As always, thank you for your continued partnership. If you have any questions or feedback, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Phil Arnold', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Phil Arnold
Headteacher