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Dear Parents and Carers

As we wrap up the half term, here are some highlights and important updates from across the school:

This week's highlights

It's been wonderful to see our Primary Phase pupils immersed in enriching learning experiences this week: Maths Magic sessions sparked curiosity and problem-solving, Year 3 enjoyed a fascinating visit to Kent's Cavern, exploring prehistoric life and primary pupils also brought history to life through role play as Samuel Pepys, deepening their understanding of the Great Fire of London.

General notices:

Communication and Attendance

We are committed to improving communication with families, and we need your support. To safeguard all children, it's essential we know their whereabouts each day. If your child is absent and we haven't heard from you, our admin team must follow up with calls and, in some cases, home visits. This process is time-consuming and diverts staff from other key tasks. Please help us by contacting the school promptly if your child is absent. This allows us to complete checks efficiently and frees up staff to better support you and your child.

We've seen a slight improvement in uniform consistency, thank you! We will continue to raise expectations to promote a sense of pride, belonging, and high standards. Recently, we've noticed an increase in non-school uniform trousers and skirts that do not meet length guidelines. Please ensure your child returns after the break in full, correct uniform. This helps us maintain a positive and encouraging environments for all.

Resources and Support

Our School Senate shared with me this week that Vinted offers a good selection of revision and curriculum guides, this may be a helpful resource for families.

Next term's Knowledge Organisers will be printed over the break and uploaded to the Year Group areas of our website for easy access.

Key Dates

- **Monday 3rd November** – Staff INSET Day (school closed to students)
- **Tuesday 4th November** – First day back for students

Parent Feedback

Thank you to all families who have taken the time to share feedback and appreciation, it makes a difference. I share a weekly review with staff celebrating wins, attendance, positive behaviour, and parent praise from the form that is filled in.

We've also discussed your suggestions at leadership level, including, year 10 exam preparation and Year 2 classroom arrangements for next academic year

I met virtually with Miss Cook today and will share an update at the start of next term. We continue to send her our best wishes for a full recovery.

Please keep letting us know your thoughts and feedback.

<https://forms.office.com/e/mhQRPsh3NW>

Website:

Thomas Hall School – Parents

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Have wonderful half-term break and I will look forward to seeing you when we return.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Phil Arnold', is positioned above the typed name.

Phil Arnold
Headteacher