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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope everyone had a lovely half-term break.

### **This week's highlights**

On Monday, staff took part in professional development, a valuable opportunity for us, just like our students, to continue learning and growing. We used the time to reflect on our progress since the start of term and shared some of the positive developments we're already seeing across the school.

It was fantastic to welcome the children back on Tuesday. Our Lantern making sessions brought a real excitement to the school, first with our primary pupils on Tuesday, and again with our Year 7s on Thursday. The creativity and enthusiasm on display were brilliant to see. Although the weather for this evening's lantern walk isn't looking ideal, we've planned an alternative route and are still looking forward to celebrating with our school community.

On Wednesday, our Year 10 and 11 students visited the Theatre Royal Plymouth to see a live performance linked to their GCSE Drama studies. It's always a privilege to give students the chance to experience professional theatre, it brings their learning to life and inspires their own creative work.

### **Next week:**

We have a busy and exciting week ahead at school. Monday, we have Odd Socks Day, where children are invited to wear odd socks to celebrate individuality and promote kindness. It's a simple but powerful way to start conversations about respect and inclusion. On Tuesday, Remembrance Day, we will be observing a moment of silence to remember and honour those who have served and sacrificed. This is an important opportunity for our students to reflect on the values of peace, courage, and gratitude. A reminder that students in the cadets, can wear their uniforms on that day.

Friday is Children in Need. We'll be supporting this fantastic cause with a range of fun activities to raise funds and awareness. Pupils are welcome to wear something spotty or yellow and bring a small donation if they wish. You will be able to donate through ParentPay. We also have a visit from Steve Race, our MP to the school on Friday. He'll be meeting with students and staff to learn more about our school community and the great work happening here.

Our Ten Tors team will be heading out for their next training expedition next weekend. We're incredibly proud of their commitment and resilience as they prepare for this challenging and rewarding event.

### **Parent Feedback**

At school, we're always looking for ways to enrich the curriculum and give our students meaningful experiences beyond the classroom. We're currently speaking with students about the kinds of opportunities they value and how we can build these into the school year more regularly. Where possible, we aim to offer activities that help young people explore their city and county, such as museum visits, beach trips, and other local experiences. Our goal is to use these opportunities not just for enjoyment, but to help students develop key life skills like independence, teamwork, and resilience. The Enrichment Week does not replace this, but enhances our offer.

**Uniform Reminder**

We've noticed that uniform standards have slipped in some areas, particularly with trousers and socks. Please support us by ensuring your child comes to school in the correct uniform each day. When students are dressed appropriately, it helps them feel part of the school community and supports positive interactions with staff. We'll be checking uniform more closely in the coming weeks and appreciate your help in maintaining high standards.

Please keep letting us know your thoughts and feedback.

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Have a lovely weekend.

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