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Dear Parents and Carers

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

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to our Children in Need non-uniform day. Together, we raised £548.00 for this fantastic charity, an excellent achievement!

Our Ten Tors team completed their first training walk over the weekend, and thankfully the weather was kinder than expected. A great start to their journey well done to all involved! Thank you to our primary families for your engagement in this week's parents' evenings. Ms Wood will be sharing a short survey soon to gather feedback and help us improve these processes further.

This week, I had the privilege of attending my first Devon Education Forum meeting at County Hall, followed by an Exeter Headteachers meeting with John Laramy CBE, Principal of Exeter College. There are some exciting opportunities ahead for our students, and it was great to share our story with colleagues. Looking ahead, we will be hosting the next City Progression Partnership meeting in the New Year.

### **Next week:**

As you know, improving school attendance remains a key priority. We've made good progress across both primary and secondary phases this term, but the next few weeks are critical to maintaining momentum. Nationally, attendance often dips during this period, so we're introducing an extra incentive: For each of the **next three weeks**, every child who attends school every day will receive a cookie on Friday. We'll run this reward weekly to keep spirits high and encourage consistent attendance.

### **Classopoly Update**

Congratulations to Magnolia in Year 7, who won the first week of Classopoly! They've chosen an extra non-uniform day this Wednesday. Next up, it's Year 8's turn to play Classopoly, good luck!

**Please keep the 6<sup>th</sup> December free, as it is our PTFA Summer Fayre in school.**

### **Parent Feedback**

#### **IT Update**

I met with the IT team on Thursday to discuss the use of Macs in a school context. They explained the rationale behind the current policy and highlighted plans to support Photography moving forward.

#### **Homework**

Thank you for the feedback regarding self-quizzing strategies. We will use this to help students practice and develop these techniques so they understand what they need to do to improve.

#### **Year 10 Parents' Evening**

The suggestion to hold an information evening for Year 10 parents, covering exams and the timetable for the

final 18 months of their school journey, is a sensible one. We will look to schedule this in the new calendar year.

**Clubs Policy**

If a club is cancelled, this will be recorded in Arbor, and our reception team will email parents of registered students. I have made amendments this week to clarify collection points for clubs, which will now be in front of Thomas Hall. We take this seriously and I am working with colleagues who run the clubs to ensure they understand the importance of timely communication.

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 stroke extending to the right.

Phil Arnold  
Headteacher