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Dear Parent,

I hope you have had a great summer. The children have been excited about seeing their new classrooms but have also been very settled and ready for their learning this term.

Our first assembly back linked our seven school aims to seven Olympians who had great achievements at Rio. For example, our 4th aim: "To enable our children to understand that all people are equally valued and important irrespective of age, race, religion, gender, culture or disability," had a picture of Nick Skelton alongside as he won Olympic Gold in the show jumping event at the age of 58 - after having previously broken his back!

Last year was another fantastic 12 months at Seven Hills with great progress and attainment in all year groups. For instance, 82% of our Year 6 children achieved ARE in mathematics - this is over 10% above the national figure! Other achievements included becoming an Asthma Friendly school and achieving the Silver Award for Sustainable Travel. This week the children will be developing their own class rights and responsibilities in line with the school's Code of Conduct. They will also be looking at aspects of Staying Safe and Being Healthy in line with British Values and, importantly, will begin their new class job!

Amongst a variety of contributions to school, Friends of Seven Hills provided some wonderful playground markings and Buddy Benches. If you are interested in joining and willing to help with a few or all of the FOSH events this year please mention your interest to Mrs Hollingworth in Reception class or through the FOSH page via the link on the school website. You will be made most welcome.

Remember to look out for your child's class newsletter on Friday which will contain dates for the term, important messages from the year group staff and information about the curriculum for this half term.

In order to continue their progress in what is an extremely challenging curriculum, your support in hearing your child read daily and ensuring phonics, spellings, times-tables and homework is completed, is very much appreciated by all the staff.

Wishing you all the best for the new school year.

Kind regards,

Mr Catherall

