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September Newsletter

Dear Parent,

September seems to have really flown by and whilst the first week back seemed a particularly busy time, the children settled back extremely well. Class Rights and Responsibilities were worked out together with their teacher and support staff; aspects of Being Healthy and Staying Safe were considered and the children produced some well-presented and thoughtful work; in addition, new jobs were allocated in class which the children accepted with a real sense of pride and duty for their class team.

Attendance for last year was 95.5%. This is just below the government target for attendance in schools. In order to try and beat last year's attendance and reach our school target of 96% we will be running a number of fun initiatives this year. We will again hold the spring attendance competition where the children will be added in to a prize draw to win a chocolate egg if they have 100% attendance over the given period in the term. Also, during this autumn term any child that has 97% attendance or above will be entered into a prize draw and have a special mention in assembly. Finally, any child with 98% attendance or above over the whole year will be entered into a prize draw that will include some fabulous family prizes, such as cinema tickets.

Last Friday we held our Jeans for Genes Day and raised a great total of £187.96 for this very worthwhile charity. It is estimated that one in 25 children is affected by a genetic disorder and therefore 30,000 babies and children are newly diagnosed in the UK each year. Some genetic disorders e.g. blindness and disability, are apparent at birth whilst others are diagnosed at different stages throughout childhood e.g. growth and heart disorders, and sometimes into adulthood. The charity offers grants to groups and families that support the quality and life chances of the children and families affected.

This month we have appointed a new premises manager. With a variety of skills in managing sites in England and overseas with the RAF, as well as looking after school sites in England, we are pleased that Mr Johnson is joining the school. He is looking forward to maintaining and improving the school and its grounds and meeting parents and children over the next few weeks and months.



Children that are new to Nursery and new to Reception have started the year. The children in Reception are now in school for the whole day, including lunchtimes. At Seven Hills we are extremely proud of how all the Nursery and Reception children have settled in to school life.

Over the first three weeks of this term the children have been given spelling tests from their age related spelling list which they took home over the summer. Overall, the children have done quite well with these and some children achieved full marks. Even if your child didn't quite achieve full marks may I thank you for encouraging and helping your child to learn them. Learning their age related spellings is vitally important as children can only be assessed as being at their age related year group level if they can spell these words correctly within their writing.

There are a variety of extra-curricular clubs this term - 12 in total - including: drama, Spanish, craft, multi-sports, Glee, girls' football, story explorers, park run and Project Green.

It was also the first fixture of the Morley Football League. As ever, the children played well and Mr Townsend was impressed with our children's determination and fair play.

This week Mr Oldroyd took a team to the Year 4 Tag Rugby Tournament at Morley Rugby Club. In the morning the children practised skills including: passing accurately; running with the ball and tackling (tagging) confidently and safety. In the afternoon the team played four games, winning two, drawing one and finishing in second place overall.

May I take this opportunity to politely remind you that Parents Consultation Evening is on Wednesday 12th October.

Kind regards,



Mr Catherall

