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Dear Parent,

I'd like to begin by wishing you a very happy 2017. It's really pleasing that the children have come back focused, ready to meet their targets and looking forward to an enjoyable term of learning. Please look out for your child's class newsletter later in the week for details of their topic themes and areas of learning for the term. May I also take this opportunity to thank you for supporting your child with their spellings, learning logs, daily reading and times-tables. Your ongoing support with this is not only valued but is having a real impact on their progress.

It was lovely to see so many parents at the Christingle Service (your kind donations raised £100 for the MacMillan Cancer Charity) and our 'Carols around the Snowflakes' on the last day of term. Also on the last day, the wearing of Christmas jumpers raised a fantastic £223.52, half going to FOSH and the other half going to the national charity for Christmas jumper day, 'Save the Children'.

If you are interested in gaining experience in a school setting we would be very happy for you to gain this experience as a volunteer reader. Many volunteers have gone on to work in schools including at Seven Hills. Importantly, it would further help to support our children with their de-coding skills, understanding of text and improve their general reading ability. Reading is most often the key that can unlock a child's ability and capacity for learning.

As you are probably aware, in order for a child to be at age related in their writing they now have to be able to spell the vast majority of their year group words accurately. A look at their year group's age related spelling list shows that this is not an easy task. Over the coming week we will be holding our winter spellings challenge where the children will be tested on the 30 words that they took home over the Christmas break. Children that achieve highly in this will receive a prize in assembly.

There were 218 children that achieved 97% attendance and entered in to the prize draw. Three lucky winners received their prize during our special assembly. We will hold another attendance competition later this term with a large number of chocolate eggs ready to be won.

Once again, your continued support is most appreciated, at the beginning of this extremely important term of learning.

Kind regards,

Mr Catherall

