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Autumn One Newsletter

Dear Parent,

This is the first newsletter of its kind as it comes at the end of the Autumn One term, rather than at the end of September. This will enable me to provide a summary of many exciting happenings in year groups as well as providing the opportunity to highlight important events for the upcoming term.

Our first FOSH meeting set out many exciting events over this year, with firm favourites such as autumn and spring discos; personalised children's Christmas cards; Readathon and Bags2School as well as an exciting fundraising event in March, involving a bouncy castle!

Data from the ten Morley Primary Partnership Schools shows that we had the best progress in Reading and Writing in all the schools last year and the second best in Maths. In addition, our school's KS2 attainment for Reading, Writing and Maths combined figure of 74% is 13% above the national figure, and 23% above the average for the Morley Primary Partnership schools!

We recently requested a Safeguarding audit from Leeds City Council to ensure our children are Safeguarded to the highest of standards. We had no red ratings (the worst category) and only a small number of orange ratings, which also recognised we had put the necessary measures in place. The vast majority of ratings were green, whilst we also had a number of pink ratings where we demonstrated exemplary practice according to the LCC Safeguarding team. These pink ratings included: Cluster Council work, pastoral care, nurture groups, work on British Values; and, samples from our case studies which showed that we had followed exemplary procedures to ensure the best possible outcomes for the children. Many thanks for filling in the Safeguarding and Learning questionnaire at the recent parents' evening (results will follow shortly).

This term there has again been a variety of extra-curricular clubs, including: glee, girls' football, table tennis, gardening and drama to name a few. Furthermore, we are really pleased with the attitude and teamwork demonstrated by the school football team in their fixtures so far, leading to a number of wins already.

Jeans for Genes Day helped our children to understand how we can support children (and adults) with challenges faced through having genetic disabilities. The fund raising collected £155.31 for this very worthwhile charity.



Our new **Nursery** starters have made a great start on their journey with us at Seven Hills.

The phonics information meeting with **Reception** parents was well attended and was said by parents to have been helpful for them in supporting their child's early reading skills.

Years 1 and 2 have produced some wonderful work and displays in line with their class books involving Katie Morag and Stone Age people.

Year 3 have linked their work on rainforests with nature around school. Children have begun Diners' Club and linked the growing of plants in the allotment to foods that they eat.

10 of our **Year 4** children represented the school at a recent tag rugby tournament. Developing their skills and winning a number of games, the children had a fantastic day.

The **Year 5** Workshop 'Looking for Callum' was part of our school's Safeguarding work, supported by the Morley Primary Partnership Cluster. It addressed issues of how children can keep themselves safe and protect themselves in their community from potential situations of grooming and exploitation. Our Year 5s also studied 'Alright Charlie' which highlighted the danger of online grooming.

As our determined **Year 6** children begin an important year, Leeds United carried out an initial induction workshop with each class. Further workshops next half term will develop aspects of learning, including resilience, teamwork and determination as well as providing some important messages, such as supporting each other through challenges and giving racism a red card.

If you were able to support our children at Morley Methodist Church today, I am sure you will agree that it was a most enjoyable event with wonderful singing and examples of high quality harvest learning and work. In addition, your kind contributions of food for St George's Crypt, will help to support the great work that they do in helping to provide a hot meal and empowering people to support themselves, through providing skills and training for adults and young people in need. The generosity of parents shown by the amount of food contributed this week has been quite overwhelming. Thankyou.

Next term there will be many exciting learning experiences for the children as they continue with their class books and the opportunities these present. Your continued support with learning logs, hearing your child read, and practicing spellings and counts/ times-tables is very much appreciated.

Kind regards,



Mr Catherall