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Dear Parents and Carers,

An end of year message from Mrs Isaac

The summer break is almost upon us and another successful year draws to a close next Tuesday. It is with great pride and happiness that I can now say I've completed my first full year here at Seton! Looking back at all that our children, staff, parents and governors have achieved over the year is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate what it means to belong to Seton School and for me to offer a few words of thanks in recognition of the school's successes.

The strong commitment and support shown by our families and the wider community are a real strength of Seton School; we are a *community school* in every sense. Community is something which lies at the core of all that we do and which we value as essential to our continued improvement. So thank you everyone for the many ways in which you continue to support our work.

Our amazing achievements this year include academic success, sporting excellence, creative innovation, drama and musical performances. Alongside classroom success, we have enjoyed the various fun and fundraising projects organised by our Friends of Seton. The dedication and hard work of this team are second to none. They give their time freely and generously with a significant dose of good humour! (They would also very warmly welcome new members if you have an hour or two to spare.)

Throughout the year our staff have continued to work incredibly hard to provide the best possible opportunities for every child to be happy and successful. The times when staff have gone 'above and beyond' their duties are too numerous to mention, but I would like to publicly thank them all for their professionalism and genuine love of the school which they demonstrate time and time again. As well as the teachers and support staff, our dinner team including Mrs Welford and our midday supervisors, our site manager Mrs Stonehouse, our volunteers, our parent-helpers and students make up the staff team. Supporting them all and keeping matters organised, Mrs Dixon does a fantastic job in the school office. Each and every one plays a vital role in our success. Of course the new academic year brings with it some changes to our staffing structure and we are certainly going to miss Mrs Dhanjee, Mrs Wootten and Miss Atkinson. Their legacy of excellent teaching, kindness and sense of fun will be warmly remembered long after they've moved to their pastures new.

Our governors' contribution to the school's success is significant, but often unrecognised. They tirelessly give up their time to support the school's improvements; scrutinising reports and data, government initiatives and local and national updates, liaising with other partners and attending training, yet they still find time to be in school as much as they possibly can, supporting generously the activities and projects which need an extra pair of hands.



I've saved the best until last... The greatest part of our school is our children! Our children have worked their socks off throughout the year and have risen to the challenge of tests, SATs, assessments and more. They have shown great resilience as the demands of the curriculum increase year on year, term on term. They show a determination to try new things. They display excellent behaviour and manners, kindness and maturity, which are commented upon by visitors and members of the public alike. Essentially, they are just wonderful children who make our school a very happy place to be! Now as our Y6 children prepare to move on to their new schools and the next part of their learning journey, I hope that they will look back on their time at Seton School with fondness and that they might return to regale us with news of their latest achievements. I am very proud of them and wish them the very best of good luck for the future.

So it is onwards and upwards for our Y6 children and the same is true of our school. We never stand still and we are always looking at how we can improve. As our new teachers, Mr Evans and Miss Jackson join our team in September, we will be looking at various innovations, including the introduction of Google Chromebooks in KS2, increased sporting opportunities and a variety of new extra-curricular activities. Our running track project will enter the next phase and continued improvements to our playground will take shape. Building upgrades will take place over the summer and beyond. We also have plans for a new library area and community room. The developments continue at a pace!

We are constantly striving to provide the best opportunities, facilities and resources that we can. Working together, with your continued support, we can ensure Seton's children have the best chances possible. If you have any ideas about our future developments or if you can help in any way, please do let us know.

Meanwhile, I would like to wish you a very happy and peaceful summer break with your families and friends and I look forward to the new academic year with you all.

Yours faithfully,



Helen Isaac  
Headteacher