

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **House Teams System**

In September, we will be launching our 'House Teams' system to encourage team building, collaboration and co-operation between children, across all year groups. Thus, prompting a positive culture in school and building good relationships. Using house teams has shown to have a positive impact on motivation and behaviour, as well as encouraging a sense of identity and belonging among school pupils. In addition to this, it will raise a strong sense of team spirit at our annual 'Sports Day' event when all children are keen to represent their house and earn points!

There will be opportunities for children to earn points for their house both inside and outside the classroom. Children will be awarded house points for many areas of their school life, not just academic, including: recognition for their good attitude to learning, hard work, academic achievements, politeness (above the normal expectations), considerate behaviour, leading by example and putting others before themselves. The house team that has achieved the most points, each week, will be announced in assembly. At the end of each half term, the children in the house with the highest house points will enjoy a special treat to celebrate their hard work.

### **House Captains and House Vice Captains**

Children in years 5 and 6, have the opportunity to take the role of House Captains (Year 6) and House Vice Captains (Year 5). They will lead the house teams which are named referencing woodland themes: Hawthorn (Blue Team), Holly (Red Team), Beech (Yellow Team) and Willow (Green Team). Captains and Vice Captains are expected to discuss and decide on things that matter to the pupils, embody the vision and values of the school, and contribute to the wider community. They play a pivotal role in the organisation and leading of intra-house competitions, special days and themed weeks, assisting the staff in their planned activities.

### **Head Boy and Head Girl**

We will also be appointing a 'Head Boy' and 'Head Girl', from Year 6, who will lead our team of Year 6 prefects. Head Boys and Head Girls are responsible for representing the school and sharing students' ideas with the Leadership Team. Head Boy and Head Girl provide the vital link between students, staff and governors and contribute to the effective running of the school.

A key part of all of these roles is to set a good example to younger children and help mentor them, both in the classroom and on the playground. They will also help at school events and act as the official voice of all the pupils. These are extremely important roles and children have to apply, in writing, if they wish to be considered for the posts.

This is a great opportunity for pupils to get involved in the running of the school. Application forms are available from Mrs Popham. The closing date for applications is Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023 and the successful candidates will be announced in the last week of this term.

Kind Regards

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