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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! We all hope that you enjoyed the festive season with your loved ones.

As you are aware we had two Staff Training days last week and one of these focused on our behaviour systems in school. We want to ensure that we routinely advertise and reward the behaviour that we want by ensuring that good behaviour is explained, modelled and celebrated publicly.

This week, during our whole school assembly we shared with your children the rules which we would like our whole school community to follow, these are;

- Move sensibly
- Listen carefully
- Use kind hands
- Speak kindly
- Tell the truth
- Take care of all property (yours and others)
- Look smart

We will continue over the coming weeks to share with your children our expectations of behaviour and celebrate success.

Last term we shared with you the positive behaviour systems which we have in place. These systems will continue to be used and they are included again below for your information.

Credits & Merit Certificates

Positive behaviour, politeness, good work, care, regular home reading, great homework (basically anything positive!) can be rewarded in school with 'credits'. Pupils who earn ten credits are then awarded a 'Merit Certificate'.



For outstanding work or effort, a 'Merit Certificate' may be awarded automatically. All 'credits' and merits gained will then add points to children's 'House' totals.



Non-School Uniform Tokens

Once a child has received 2x Merit Certificates, they should bring both of their Merit Certificates into school and will then be awarded a Non-School Uniform Token! Both Merit certificates should be earned within the same school year to earn a Non-School Uniform Token.

The Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher also award special stickers and each classroom also has individualised ways of praising the children alongside the whole school system.

Alongside these already embedded practices we are also introducing a whole class reward. Each class will have their own marbles, a jar and a behaviour ladder. Throughout each half term each class will be awarded marbles for whole class actions which promote positive behaviour and attitudes such as lining up nicely, leaving assembly quietly or tidying up quickly etc. The aim is for each class to achieve 50 marbles per half term and reach the top of their behaviour ladder. Once at the top of the ladder the class receive a 'treat' which is determined by the class.

We will also be introducing 'Hot Chocolate Friday' with Mr France. This will be by invitation only for children who regularly go over and above, or who consistently model a real shining example of positive behaviour.

We are also aware that there are occasions where we need to support our children if their behaviour has gone below a minimum standard.

If we believe your child's behaviour slips below a minimum standard, we will communicate this with you. This will be either face to face or by telephone, but not in front of your child. In School we will then use restorative approaches and conversations to help support your child to move forwards.

Thank you to those parents/carers who contacted the school office last term to express an interest in a working party looking in to behaviour management. We would like to invite you, and anyone else who would like to find out more about our new strategies, in to school for a Tea and Talk session on Monday 23rd January 2023 from 2.30pm until 3.20pm. Feel free to drop in at any point during this time to ask any questions you may have, find out more or just have a cup of tea!

If you are unable to make this session but have any questions/comments please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher or catch us on the school gate.

As always, we are very grateful for your continued support.

Best wishes

Mr Simon France, Mrs Laura Dominey, Mrs Heather Helm and Mrs Amy Foster

Senior Leadership Team

