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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I wanted to thank you for your support at home in introducing and discussing our new Golden Rules with the children. This has been well received at school and we are already beginning to see the impact this is having on behaviour and attitudes. This is part of a process and work to really make the Golden Rules part of everything we do will continue over the coming weeks.

Part of our review of behaviour included considering the rewards we have given at school and I am pleased to share this with you too.

School Council met and discussed the school's current rewards before half term, and their views were the driver behind the changes we have made. They felt we had too many rewards and this was sometimes confusing. It was also clear that children across the school valued some rewards far more than others! After speaking with all staff, our rewards moving forwards will be as follows:

In class collective reward: Each class will have a jar to fill for working together to be ready for learning, keeping their classroom tidy and showing they are following our Golden Rules. When it is full, a class treat will be earned to celebrate their hard work. Over time, this will be uniform, and staff will monitor how they are awarded to make sure this is fair and equitable.

House Points: These will remain but are now the currency with which individual learning and conduct is rewarded. They are all added together each week and the winner gets to lift the House Cup! There are also other incentives, for example an extra day with the play equipment each week for the winners. House assemblies, led by House Captains in Y6, will also take place regularly to celebrate and inspire the children to make positive choices.

Reading Raffle: Children who work hard and demonstrate a love of reading are awarded a raffle ticket each week. The winner will be drawn every week in assembly and receive a brand-new book to keep as a prize.



Headteacher's Award: This is a new award for the truly exceptional. This is for anyone who goes above and beyond themselves in their learning, or in the way they are behaving as part of our school and community. As well as a shiny gold badge from Mr Ball (or in his absence Mr Leigh or Mr Timmins), this will secure you a special invitation to an exclusive event. We haven't told the children what will happen yet, so it's only fair we keep you in suspense too.

In addition to the above, we will be feeding back more positive messages about learning and behaviour in class via email. We feel it is important you are hearing about your child's progress and achievements. Keep an eye on your inbox...

All other rewards are being phased out over the next two weeks. Anyone due a merit badge will still receive it and then we will focus on our rewards above to raise their profile and make sure children know how and why they are rewarded for positive choices at school, as well as keeping our Golden Rules.

We thank you for your continued support.



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