

Friday 13th December 2024

Dear families

A massive thank you to all families who have attended our SEND and Parents Evening consultations. We have managed to meet with 96% of families over the past couple of weeks. If you did not manage to meet your child's teacher, they will be in touch with you to arrange a face to face or telephone meeting. Our aim is to have a consultation meeting with every family before we finish for the Christmas and New Year break on the 20th December.

As part of our family engagement plan, we have been reviewing how we communicate electronically between school and home. Currently we have three different systems (Class Dojo, My Ed and the School Cloud for parents evening) for contacting you. However, from January we will be launching the Epraise App that will pull all three systems into one place. You will have one app for messaging, parents evening and for finding out how your child is doing in school. There is a link on Epraise through to Parent Pay as well.

We have also been reviewing our behaviour rewards and sanctions system. From January we are launching 'Houses' in school for children in Reception to Year 6 (Just like in Harry Potter!). Children will be in one of four houses:

- London Red
- Edinburgh Blue
- Cardiff Yellow
- Belfast Green

We have ensured siblings are in the same house and placed staff into houses as well. Children will be awarded house points for demonstrating our school values of 'Kindness, Hard Work and Ambition' alongside points for 100% attendance each week. Houses will compete against each other across the year e.g. Sports Day, Times Tables Rockstars. Each week we will announce which House is in lead and which child has the most house point in each class/ house.

Children can collect milestone, accolades and achievement badges on the app for different awards. Your child's badge will show up on their profile so you can keep track of their achievements in school. Our Year 5 and Year 6 children will also be able to download the Epraise App onto their phones so they can keep track of their awards themselves. You will get a notification when your child gets a house point including the reason it was awarded.

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As well as house points and badges, children who receive a stop and think, yellow or red card will have their demerit recorded onto Epraise. This means you will be notified if they have made a wrong choice and will be able to discuss with them what to do next time. You will continue to receive a phone call for red cards.

We will be sharing our updated Behaviour Protocol in January so you have a full understanding of how we manage behaviour in school. It will include the house point and demerit system. We would welcome your feedback once you have read it.

To get you set up on the Epraise system, we will send you the details of what you need to do next week. We will continue to run Class Dojo and My Ed alongside till we know everyone is set up. We will also run a family clinic on Thursday 19th December morning from 8.45am to 9.45am if you are struggling to load the app.

In the meantime, if you want to find out more about Epraise please follow the link below.

[School rewards system, seating plans, homework, parents' evenings and more | Epraise](#)

We will launch the Houses with children next week as well. Year 5 and 6 children already know as they have been finding out about the roles of House Captain and Vice Captains. Our older children have had the opportunity to nominate themselves for the roles and we will announce the Captains and Vice Captains for each house when we come back in January. They are all excited to get started.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact school. Don't forget you can come along to my Headteacher Clinics each Thursday from 8.30 to 9.30am and 4.30 – 5.30pm.

Kind Regards

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