

The House System



Allocation of Houses

The school is divided into four houses:

- St Patrick- **Green**
- St David – **Yellow**
- St George – **Red**
- St Andrew - **Blue**

Children will be allocated a House when they start in Early Years Foundation Stage or when they join the school at a later stage. Where possible children of the same family will be allocated to the same House, whilst ensuring that the number of children is fairly balanced between each house.

Captains and Vice Captains

There will be a boy and girl Captain in each House and a boy and girl Vice Captain in each House.

The SMT team will select children and decide on the final Captains and Vice-captains after consultation with class teachers. Those appointed will wear a badge to show their position in the school.

Captains and Vice-captains will be expected to:

- Play a full part as members of the school Council for year 3 and 4
- Be an example of exemplary behaviour and attitude
- Collect and count up the House points weekly
- Help to organise food and drink on reward days
- Organise House competitions and events
- Be a buddy to younger children in their House
- Propose and represent ideas from their House ideas that will improve the House System and the school.

Captains or Vice-Captains whose behaviour or attitude is not a good example to others will be asked to stand down from the captaincy or vice captaincy.

Awarding House Points

Any member of staff can award House Points to any child, at any time and for any reason if they are “caught being good”. A token should be given to the child to show they have gained a house point. Tokens will be placed in the box kept in the hall and the award recorded on the list on the classroom wall.

The following children will automatically receive a House point for their house.

- Shooting Stars
- Every child who hands their homework in on time for a whole half a term
- Any child who achieve a Maths/ Spelling award in assembly
- Representing the school at public events, beyond the school premises

House Points will also be given out for participating in or winning House Competitions.

Recording House Points

The points for each house should be clearly displayed on the classroom wall so that the Captains and Vice-captains can see them.

Rewards

The House Captains and Vice-captains will total the tokens and hand them into the SMT before special assemblies. There will be termly awards as well as an annual award.

Interim Awards:

These will be given when the House reaches the following amount of points during a term:

- More than **150** points – 10 minutes extra playtime on the first dry playtime of the next week
- More than **300** points – all the children will receive a pencil in their House colour
- More than **1000** points – shall spend an afternoon over the Downs

Annual Award:

A Home Cup will be presented to the House with the most points.

When the Houses are being given their rewards it is important that the children who are not involved are participating in normal classroom activities.

Consultation with Pupils

Every year the School Council will be given the opportunity to review the rewards and propose new rewards.

Meeting Behaviour and Attitude Standards:

The expectation is that children will be loyal to their House and try their best to earn points for their House by displaying good behaviour and attitudes.

If children are consistently getting Level 4 on the School Behaviour Policy and consequently not contributing points to their House then they will be temporarily removed from their House.

An individual behaviour plan will be drawn up after consultation with the SMT, class teacher, parent or guardian and the pupil, Targets will be set for the pupil to meet so that they can rejoin their house in the future once their behaviour and attitudes have improved.

Whilst the pupil is not in the House System they may not participate in any of the interim, termly or annual rewards for their House.