



Behaviour systems



Dear Parents and Carers,

On the half termly newsletter it mentioned that school was trialling a new behaviour system and therefore we thought we would use some of the rewards in Nursery. Detailed below are the systems that we will be adopting in class:

Merit bookmarks

Merits are awarded for effort and progress in work. If your child has tried really hard on a piece of work or made progress in an area of learning they will be awarded a merit (star stamp). This will be recorded on a bookmark, which will be displayed in the classroom. Once a child has received 10 merits they will be given a prize.

Star of the week

Each week, one child from each class will be awarded the 'Star of the Week'. This can be awarded for anything the teacher feels that the child has excelled at that particular week e.g. following instructions first time, trying hard to answer questions at carpet time, not giving up when a task became too challenging for them etc. The 'Star of the Week' will be shared on our weekly letter and their name will be displayed in the main reception. As well as this, the children will receive a special sticker and a postcard to take home with them.

Headteacher's Award

This is the same as star of the week but is chosen by Mrs Wheatley rather than the class teacher. Because it is 'extra' special, this award may not be given as frequently. If your child does receive this award they will get a sticker and certificate and their name will be displayed in the main reception.

Rainbow mention

To help us decide on our award winners each week, we will have a rainbow as part of our behaviour display. For any children who we feel have gone over and above in their learning or attitude to school, we will display their name on the rainbow. If your child does reach the rainbow, they will be given a special sticker so that parents and carers know and can celebrate their achievement at home.

Stickers

Please note that we will still be giving out stickers for children who complete the morning activities and follow the golden rules.

Sanction systems

Alongside our reward system we will be introducing a new behaviour display for children who choose not to follow the golden rules. This will be displayed in the classroom and will be portrayed as a weather/cloud based system.

Sunshine - all children will start each session on the sunshine. From here they can 'reach the rainbow' for going over and above in class (as mentioned previously). Whilst on the sunshine, children can also receive an informal warning for not following the golden rules.

Partly cloudy - after the informal warning if the child continues not to make the right choice, they will be given a formal warning and their name will be moved onto the 'partly cloudy' cloud.

Cloudy - if the child continues with the behaviour and still chooses not to make the right choice, their name will be moved onto the 'cloudy' cloud. This is recorded by the teacher and the Headteacher is informed.

Thunder cloud - if the behaviour still continues then the child will be moved onto the 'thunder' cloud and they will be asked to sit on the 'cooling off' chair for a short period of time. The incident is recorded by the teacher and the Headteacher is informed. Mrs Wheatley will then come and speak to child about their choices and a letter will be sent home to the child's parents, which they have to sign and return to school.

Once the child has been on the 'cooling off' chair and have received a consequence for their choices they will then be moved back to the sunshine and given an opportunity to make the right choices.

For all the other clouds, if the child begins to make the right choices then they can be moved back along the display and back onto the sunshine.

Further information

Hopefully this letter has given you a brief overview of the new behaviour policy that is being trialled in school. If you have any questions or queries then please speak to a member of the staff. Alternatively you can see it in action during our Nursery Open Morning on Tuesday 5th December (8.50-9.30am).

If you would like further input into the new behaviour system then school is holding a Parent Forum on Thursday 16th November at 9am. You are more than welcome to attend as we would really appreciate hearing your views and opinions.

Thank you as always for your continued support
Mrs Neal & Mrs Holliday ☺