



ST CHAD'S PATCHWAY CE VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to tell you about an exciting new reward system that we are introducing at St Chad's, which is starting today.

As you may be aware, the children are currently in houses (Cabot –Red, Wesley – Yellow, Brunel – Blue and Banksy – Green) and those children who attended St Chad's last academic year represented these teams at Sports Day, during World Book Day and for other sporting events throughout the year. This year, we are raising the profile of this house system even further across the school. Whenever your child receives a dojo point, they will also receive a house point, which will contribute towards their house team total. Every week, the children will work towards earning the most house points and the winning team will be presented with the house cup on Friday in ICA (I can achieve) assemblies. Children can earn points as they always have done at St Chad's by demonstrating positive application of our values (perseverance, respect, responsibility, compassion etc.) in school but will also get additional points this year if they have 100% attendance at the end of a term.

There will be opportunities throughout the year for the children to work with other children within their house and work as a team to earn points; these activities will aim to celebrate the talents of all children across a range of subjects. Each house has a captain and vice-captain representative from Year 6 who will take on leadership responsibilities alongside the staff (these children were voted into their roles).

The dojo system and ICA awards will still enable children to be rewarded on an individual basis, whilst the house system will encourage contributions towards a team and enable children to work with other children across the school. The house team that earns the most house points across the entire school year will receive a team treat in term 6 to celebrate their success. We will keep you updated with how well teams are doing via Twitter, the termly newsletter and on our noticeboards. There is also a display in the main hall that will be updated weekly if you wish to take a look.

All children have been allocated to houses and a list of their house allocation is on display outside of your child's classroom for your reference. Siblings have been allocated to the same house team and we have tried to keep the children in the same houses as they were in last year (where possible). Teachers are likely to run house-based events in class/phases so if you have a t-shirt of the appropriate house





colour at home that the children could have in their PE kit then this would be very helpful for grouping the children in activities and helping to identify their team.

The House system will run every year (should it prove successful) and your child will remain in the same house for the remainder of their time at St Chad's.

The children have been working hard today to earn their first house points for their team. Our first house competition of the academic year will be on Languages Day (Friday 23rd September) where the children will take part in a languages quiz; the winning team will receive points towards this week's cup.

Who will be our first winning house at St Chad's? Good Luck to all house teams in this year's challenge!

We look forward to sharing the results with you as the year progresses.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jenkins
Deputy Headteacher

