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Dear Parents

This year we are going to trial a new behaviour reward and sanction system across the school which we hope will build further on the good behaviours your children generally display most of the time. Current reward and sanction systems such as certificates/merits/house points/red cards at lunch time will remain, but we want to promote and reward positive behaviour for every child even more successfully by allowing them to work towards a special reward at the end of each half term. These rewards will be in the form of a fun activity afternoon in school on a half-termly basis. The aim is to thank and reward the vast majority of children who work hard and do their best all of the time while also providing a meaningful incentive for others.

The new system will involve children receiving a Passport for Learning which they will be responsible for looking after in school. Children will receive a mark for each teaching session during the day as well as assembly, break and lunchtime. The marks will be as follows:-

- A sticker for selected children who show outstanding behaviour consistently through a session.
- A tick for children who maintain a positive attitude towards the lesson/session and show consistent good behaviour.
- A strike (/) for children who have been given a verbal warning and time to think about their choices but who continue displaying inappropriate behaviour. Please note that, if after receiving a strike, their behaviour improves significantly, the strike will be turned into a tick. If, however, the poor behaviour continues, a behaviour mark will be given.
- Three strikes in one day become a behaviour mark. This is shown in the passport as a X. If two or more behaviour marks are received in one half term parents will be informed.

At the end of a half term children who have received the most stickers will attend a special treat with a member of the senior leadership team/governors to reward them for their consistent outstanding behaviour. This will be in addition to the activity that the other children will take part in. However, if children receive four behaviour marks over a half term they will not take part in the reward activity.

Introducing this new system is aimed at promoting outstanding behaviour in the school and rewarding those who achieve this. It is also about offering a meaningful incentive to those children who find it more difficult to make positive choices. The children have been involved in deciding, along with the staff, what constitutes good behaviour and learning, and the opposite, and in letting staff know what sort of activities they would love to have as rewards. Every child will be given ample opportunity to change poor behaviour before a strike is given and every day is a new day! Strikes are not cumulative. We appreciate the continued support you give to your children and the school. The 'Passport for Learning' will be published on the school website as soon as it is completed.

Yours sincerely

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