



Harpole Primary School

Changes to the School Charter

You may recall that back in January a questionnaire was sent to all parents from the School Governors concerning the School Charter and in particular the Awards system and Celebration Assembly. The purpose of this letter is to provide some feedback to that questionnaire.

We are extremely grateful for the responses received and we have been through these in great detail to ensure that we capture the opinion of the parents in any changes to the School Charter. In addition to asking parents, we have asked teachers and also children for what they like and dislike about the system.

Following full consultation and the formation of a working party to propose a system that might better meet the requirements of both school and parents, a revised charter is to be launched at the beginning of the new school year.

Full details will be shared with all parents in September, but in summary, the new system gives each child an A5 card to be kept in their drawer. On the front there are 20 squares in which teachers will 'stamp' to indicate a reward. When complete, the teacher writes a comment on the card and arranges for the child to see the Head Teacher. The Head Teacher will congratulate the child and sign the certificate that is on the reverse. To avoid children becoming disheartened when they do not advance through certificates as fast as others, all certificates are the same colour. When the 3rd certificate is signed (60 stamps) the 'Diamond' level is reached and parents are invited to attend a celebration assembly to mark the occasion. When the 6th certificate is signed (120 stamps) the 'Gold' level is reached and parents are again invited to a celebration assembly.



There will be no display on the wall of individual children's awards, but rather each child will be put into one of 4 teams. The teams will be made of children from every class within the school. When the child is awarded a stamp as a reward, they also receive a stamp for their team. Every two weeks, the number of stamps received by each team in each class will be calculated and the team with the highest score for that fortnight will receive a team prize (experience) for the whole team across the school. The prizes are to be decided by School Council. At the end of the school year all team scores will be totalled and a trophy will be presented to the winning team at the final Celebration Assembly.

More details explaining all of the elements of this revised system will be circulated in September, but at this time we would like to take the opportunity to thank all parents and staff that have contributed suggestions and advice.

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On behalf of the Governors