



## **REWARDS AND AWARDS POLICY**

At Deepdene, we believe in challenging our pupils to be the best version of themselves. One of the ways we strive do this is by celebrating success in all aspects of school life, supporting and encouraging our pupils and recognising both personal and academic achievements. Rewards and awards are integral to this and the purpose of this letter is to ensure that parents feel informed about the systems we use.

### **MERITS**

Pupils in Reception to Year 6 are awarded merits for a range of achievements including classwork of a high standard, excellent homework, positive behaviour and actions which are seen to uphold the school's 5 golden rules. Merit totals are displayed in every classroom. Both coloured badge and end of year certificate systems operate as part of the merits system by tracking and celebrating the total number of merits awarded to individual pupils each year.

### **POSTCARDS HOME**

Pupils in Reception to Year 6 can be awarded postcards home in celebration of behaviour and actions that uphold the school's 5 Golden Rules. These postcards are colour coded to match the colours of the Golden Rules as displayed throughout the school. As a further incentive, golden tickets are issued with every postcard home. These are entered into the Golden Pot Prize Draw at the end of every term and prizes are issued in a celebration assembly during which the golden tickets are selected at random.

### **ACADEMIC AWARDS**

Academic certificates for both achievement and effort across the curriculum are awarded at the end of the Michaelmas term and Trinity term for pupils in all year groups. Class and subject teachers nominate pupils for these awards and they are formally awarded in a celebration assembly at the end of term. From Trinity term 2017, these certificates will go home with the child at the end of the day. Additional certificates are awarded for participation in school events and competitions throughout the school year.

## **THE ROLE OF OUR SCHOOL HOUSES**

Recently, we have made our rewards system more robust by linking it to our House system. As you will know, your child belongs to one of our four school houses: Arundel, Bodiam, Hertsmonceux and Lewes. Houses meet regularly for house meetings at which the pupils plan fundraising activities, learn about their chosen charities for the year and discuss other house business. These meetings are led by our House Captains and help to create a sense of house identity and community across the year groups.

## **THE DEEPDENE HOUSE CUP**

Healthy competition also plays a key role in our house system and this year, the pinnacle of the house calendar will take place when the Deepdene House Cup is awarded to the house with the most house points. House points are awarded throughout the year: the annual spelling competition, the annual maths competition, house fundraising events, money raised through the half termly collection of pupils' matchboxes, sports day and pupil participation in competitions across the year all contribute points to the House Cup totals.

From the beginning of the Trinity term 2017, pupils' merits became linked to the Deepdene house cup points totals. For every merit a pupil receives, a house point is awarded towards the pupil's house cup total. House points are now tracked on a weekly basis and displayed in the school hall for all pupils to see. House point totals are communicated to parents through the weekly bulletin so that parents and pupils alike can cheer on their house.

A member of the Senior Leadership Team would notify Ofsted and any of the relevant agencies of any serious accident or injury to a child whilst in our care.

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