

Okeford Fitzpaine CE Primary School

Friday 25th September 2020



Dear Families,

In an ideal world I would be able to offer parent meetings to explain some of the changes that are happening in school. In particular the changes we are making to our vision, values and behaviour expectations. As I am unable to hold meetings at the moment; I am going to try to explain some of the changes in this newsletter. If there is anything that does not make sense or you would like further clarification, please do have a chat with me 'on the gate' in the mornings. Thank you.

Annie Dowling

Headteacher

With the distinct turn in weather please can I remind you that children will need both their jumpers and coats in school on a daily basis. Due to Covid guidance we need to keep windows open for ventilation and as such the classrooms can feel cold at times.

The ladder of choice:

The ladder of choice links directly to our school Golden Rules. There are clear rewards and consequences for the behaviour children show in school. At all times all school staff try to 'catch the children being good and doing the right thing'. We want to focus on the positive and praise the children for all that they do well. The consequences are there so that children know what will happen if they do not follow the golden rules.

Please see the attached ladder of choice. Children move up the ladder when being rewarded and move down the ladder when a consequence is needed. This system is supported by all staff members and has been accepted really well by the children over the last three weeks. Many of the children have already made a visit to my llama box for an individual reward and Oak class are having their first whole class reward on Tuesday. Maple class are not far off their treasure chest total!

With all the disruption that the children have had to their learning this year we wanted a system that would praise and reward them for their efforts both academically and socially. Our belief as a team is that 'when children are happy they will learn'. Our focus for all of our children is for them to make great progress from their own starting points!

Our Golden Rules:

We have introduced the children to six golden rules that we expect them to follow:

- We are kind, polite, helpful and aware of others' feelings
- We listen carefully to others without interrupting them.
- We look after our own and other people's belongings.
- We try our best, work hard, and learn from our mistakes.
- We treat other people the way we would like to be treated.
- We always tell the truth.

As a staff team we have agreed that we wish to change the school vision and accompanying values. We believe that relationships are key to learning and life.

We have taken the bible quote: "Encourage one another AND build each other up" from Thessalonians 5:11 to formulate our new tag line and vision: "learning together to be the best that we can be".

We value the importance of relationships and this will be visualised through our Okeford hand of friendship, which will encompass our school values of: Love, Respect, Courage, Forgiveness and Compassion.

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What happens when I make a choice?

Our choices link to our whole school **Golden Rules.**

What happens when I make a good choice?

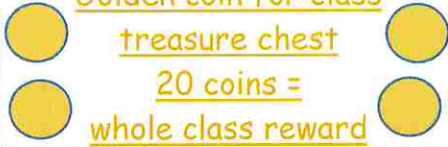
Certificate given in Let's Celebrate and name in the Golden Book!

Headteacher's Award

Star of the day certificate - Given by your teacher to take home.



Golden coin for class treasure chest



20 coins =

whole class reward

20 stickers =

A visit to the reward box to choose a prize

Alpaca Box

Earn a sticker for your own star chart

My Star chart

Verbal qualified praise (Well done for ...)



Every day is a new day!

What happens when I make a poor choice?

Verbal warning given (At Okeford we ...)
Always linked to our Golden Rules



No stickers earned for your star chart.



No morning playtime

Talk with Mrs Dowling or one of the teachers about why you are missing break.

Mrs Dowling will phone your grown - up



Behaviour support plan to be agreed

Behaviour Support Plan

Fixed Term Exclusion



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