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Dear Parents/ Carers

We are delighted to announce that, following a whole school community vote, our new houses have been named after the Elements!!!! They are:

Fire (Red)
Water (Blue)
Air (Yellow)
Earth (Green)

Yesterday, we held our Sorting Ceremony. During the ceremony, we announced the winning house names and the children (and staff) were placed into their houses! There was great excitement, we waved flags, threw confetti and we also had a performance from our Hawthorn Choir.

Our Hawthorn House System aims to support:

- Positive pupil relationships: A chance to develop a sense of healthy competition, team-working and supporting house-mates.
- Pupil and staff collaboration: Children will get to know children and staff in different phases of the school and will work together to support their house.
- Experiences for all: A wide range of inter-house events will take place across the year. There'll be something for everyone!

Our house system will promote:

- Respect
- Kindness
- Responsibility

What does this mean for our Hawthorn children?

Pupils in each house will work together to earn points for their house, through displaying positive behaviours linked to our Hawthorn values: Community, Teamwork, Resilience, Respect, Thoughtfulness and Creativity.

Children will also have the opportunity to earn house points through a series of house events and competitions throughout the year.

Members of staff are also allocated a house, so there will always be someone to cheer the children on and support them in getting involved in house events!

When children earn 15 house points they will be awarded a Bronze Certificate, when they earn 30 they will be awarded Silver, 45 for a Gold and 60 for a Platinum Certificate.

How can you support us?

Support from you is essential in helping our children make the most of the new house system. Thank you to everyone who voted for the House names, this has really made it part of our school community and our children loved the fact that parents were involved! Please talk to our children about which house they are in and encourage a sense of pride and belonging to their house. Encourage them to do their best in house events and remind them that they will receive house-points for displaying positive behaviours linked to our school values.

Launch Day

On **Monday 6th January** (our first day back after the Christmas holidays), we invite your child to come to school dressed in their house colours.

During the morning, we will have house assemblies where we will introduce House Captains. The children will then complete some activities in their houses, such as designing a house logo, choosing a house song and learning how earning house points fits in with our school values.

Children will then start earning points! We will share with you the list of our house events and the running house point total. At the end of the year, we will have a special ceremony to celebrate the house with the most points.

So...watch this space!

Thank you as always for your support!

Emma Jacob

Head Teacher