

# Hawthorn Community Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carers of children in EYFS

At Hawthorn we run a house system. When our children start with us, they are assigned to one of four houses:

Fire (Red)

Water (Blue)

Air (Yellow)

Earth (Green)

On Monday we are holding a sorting ceremony for our new Reception children where they will be assigned a house. We will let you know which house your child has been allocated after the ceremony on Monday.

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 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 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.

At the end of the year, we have a special ceremony to celebrate the house with the most points, and the children who have earned the highest amount of house points throughout the year.

### **How can you support us?**

Support from you is essential in helping our children make the most of the house system. Please talk to your child 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.

Thank you for your support!

Emma Jacob

**Head Teacher**