



Waverley School

The House System Policy

Children in Year Reception to Year 6 are assigned to one of the 3 Houses; Jupiter (yellow), Mercury (red) or Neptune (blue). The Houses compete against each other on Sports Day and throughout the year in the house point competition. Each House has a Captain and a Vice-captain.

House points are awarded to children by staff for encouragement and reward. Pupils showing courtesy, thoughtfulness, helpfulness or great effort or improvement in their work will be given a house point. House points are not given simply for work of a very high standard, for this would result in the most academically able children receiving an unfair share of the house points. However, they will be given when a child has clearly made exceptional effort to produce work of a high standard or improve the quality of work.

Prior to regular house meetings, the house points are totalled for each child. If a child exceeds the class target then he or she will be presented with a certificate. Once the child has collected 3 of the same coloured certificates and reaches their house point limit they will receive a shield in their house colours. Once they have a shield the process will start again with a different coloured certificate.

The order of the certificates are bronze, silver and then gold.

Class Targets:

- Year Reception, 1 and 2: 15 house points
- Year 3 and 4: 20 house points
- Year 5 and 6: 25 house points

Children should take their certificates home with them. At the beginning of each academic year each child will start at the beginning of the process and will be aiming to get a bronze certificate. It should not be expected that a child will receive a certificate each time they are presented. Sometimes only a minority of the class will get one. The fact that a child does not receive a badge does not mean he or she is not working hard enough. There is no shame in not getting a certificate.

The house points gained by all the pupils in the same house are totalled each meeting to see which house has achieved the most. Friendly inter-house rivalry is thus maintained. The "House point Bear" is displayed in the reception area of the school wearing a Merit badge of the house that is that meeting's winner.



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