

3th November 2016

Dear Parents,

Our New Houses

It is with great excitement that we can now share the names of the four house teams at Kingsmoor, following our recent competition:



Congratulations to **Courtney** in Class 6 Australia for selecting the four new house names. The houses are all themed around the four elements. This is a great idea and links very well to our class theme of countries.



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House Credits

Each class will be issued with a 'House Credits Chart' in an assembly next week. Pupils can accumulate credits for putting great effort into their work, for any significant achievement, demonstrating excellent behaviour or for showing one of our 6Rs. Staff will be particularly looking at awarding credits to pupils who are taking challenges in their learning and being resilient when facing obstacles. We will transfer over from the current 'team token' system to a brand new system of 'house credits' on Monday 21st November 2016.

Each week, the House Captains and Vice-Captains will collect and collate the house credits. These will be shared each week in assembly with the weekly total being displayed on the hall board. Each half term, the winning house will be able to attend school for one day in their house colours. The winning house overall, for the academic year, will be invited to take part in a special celebration and will have their name engraved on a brand new shield which will be introduced – The House of the Year Shield.

Next Steps:

Electing Captains

The naming of the houses was just the beginning of developing the house system. Pupils in 5J and 6A have been busily completing application forms to stand as Captains (available for pupils in 6A) and Vice-Captains (available to pupils in 5J). Pupils will meet in their houses for our first 'house assembly' on Tuesday 15th November 2016. During this time, pupils wishing to be considered for a captaincy role will complete a short presentation to their house and a House Captain and Vice-Captain will be elected.

Design the Shield

Now that the house names have been unveiled, we are launching a further competition to design the house shield. Pupils may only design the shield for the house of which they are a member. The entry forms will be available during the House Assembly on Tuesday 15th November 2016. All entries will need to be submitted by **Monday 12th December**. The house captains, with the Leadership Team, will choose the winning shield for their house.

Yours sincerely,

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Mr Lock

Vice Principal



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