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HAPPY NEW YEAR LEMINGTON!

Dear Parents, Carers and the community of Lemington,

A very happy New Year to you all! I hope you've had a great break! As we enter a brand new decade we have got lots to look forward to here at Lemington Riverside, including some exciting new changes that we hope will make your child's school experience with us even better.

RIVERSIDE REWARDS:

We are very excited to introduce our '**Riverside Rewards**' system for all children that starts from today (6th January). We have always rewarded children with house points for great work, effort and attitude, **but from today those house points can be saved and then spent on a range of exciting prizes!**

I am a firm believer that people who work hard and always do the right thing should be rewarded, this system will reward our children who **always** work hard, do the right thing and show the right attitude.

Children can earn house points for a whole range of reasons, including:

- Being in class in good time in a morning at 8:50am. **(1 house point every day)**
- Wearing the correct school uniform (blue jumper/cardigan, white/blue polo shirt, school trousers/skirt, and school shoes/black trainers). **(1 house point every day)**
- Having the correct PE kit in school on PE days (plain white t-shirt, blue or black short/joggers, trainers/plimsolls) **(5 house points at the start of every PE lesson).**
- Reading their reading book at home and getting their reading record signed by an adult **(1 house point every time the record is signed).**
- On our behaviour traffic lights, stay on green all day **(earn 1 house point)**, end the day on gold **(earn 5 house points).**

Children can also earn house points for showing great manners, being a great friend, putting above and beyond effort into their work, creating outstanding pieces of work, etc.



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What can my child spend their house points on?

Every Friday afternoon our Head Boy and Head Girl will visit each classroom where children can spend any house points earned. There will be prize boxes for 10, 20, 30, 50, 100 and 150 house points (very much like the system you see where you can earn prizes in an amusement arcade!). For those children who like to save and earn bigger prizes, for 500 house points children can redeem their points for a £20 Metro Centre Voucher and for 3000 house points for an iPad Mini!

House points will roll over school years if children wish to save for a bigger prize!

TOPIC OVERVIEWS:

From today, you will receive a **'Topic Overview'** at the start of every new half term for your child. This will give you all of the information you will need to know exactly what your child will be learning about each term in every subject. Don't worry if you lose your paper copy, all topic overviews will be the 'School Information' section of our website.

HOMEWORK MENUS:

We firmly believe that homework at primary school should be **enjoyable** and **meaningful** for both children and their parents/carers. From today we are proud to introduce **'Homework Menus'** which will be sent out in every class at the start of every new half term.

A homework menu will contain a **selection of optional tasks** that your child can complete at home and will run for a full half term (usually due back no later than the Monday before we break up). **We encourage parents/carers to work with their children on the tasks**, as we feel conversations with your child about what they have been learning at school are so valuable.

We have purposely designed each task to cater for the interests of the children in the class – there will be creative activities, written activities, mathematical activities, physical activities, etc. - something to appeal to everyone! We will also provide a homework journal book for all children to complete any written tasks they wish to.

We expect children to complete at least one activity off the menu per half term, but if they wish to complete more, even better!

The only other homework we will provide to children are **spellings** and **times tables** to practice. We also encourage children to **read their home reading book daily**.

We have listened to your feedback from recent surveys and hope that you will agree that these new ideas will continue to improve your child's educational experience here at Lemington Riverside.

Here's to a superb 2020!

Take care,

Mr. Heeley



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