



UPLANDS MANOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Over the past few days, the children have been introduced to some exciting changes at Uplands Manor. A new 'House System' has been developed and the staff and children have now been allocated to one of four houses.

- Addenbrooke Eagles
- Thimblemill Titans
- Old Chapel Cobras
- Thompson Jets



To make things easier for parents, we have tried to ensure that siblings are part of the same house. If this is not the case for your children, please let us know ASAP so we can reallocate.

The aim of the house system is to develop the feeling of belonging and school spirit. The house system will enable us to hold events where children from different year groups and classes are able to mix and socialise. Children are now part of a group that extends beyond their classroom, and they will now have a joint responsibility for ensuring the success and rewarding of their house. Through this, we hope that the older children will develop their sense of being role models to the younger children and, in turn, the younger children will have peers to look up to and feel supported by.

Please see the attached overview for more details about how the house system will work. There will also be a new 'House System' page on the school website if you would like to find out more.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully,

Mr A Dickinson
Head Teacher

Mrs P Chester
Assistant Head Teacher –
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The Uplands Manor House System



What is a house system?

A house system is where the school is divided into a number of groups and children are allocated to one of these groups mixing years and classes across them.

Why do we need a house system?

Uplands Manor is a very big primary school and introducing a house system will help us to develop our feeling of belonging and school spirit. The house system will enable us to hold events where children from different year groups and classes are able to mix and socialise. Children will be a part of a group that extends beyond their classroom and will have a joint responsibility for ensuring the success and rewarding of their house. Through this we hope that the older children will develop their sense of being role models to the younger children and, in turn, the younger children will have peers to look up to and feel supported by.

How are the children split?

Careful consideration has been given when splitting the children to ensure that there is a fair mix based on gender, sporting ability, academic ability, attendance and behaviour. We have also ensured that siblings are in the same house.

Are staff in the houses?

Yes, all staff have been allocated a house with the exception of Mr Dickinson. Each house has two staff leaders, called the 'house masters' who are elected by the staff in that house.

Are children house leaders?

This year, prefects have been divided up across the houses and will become 'house captains' and 'house vice captains'. In future years, house captains and house vice captains will be decided through an election process.

What are the houses called?

We have four houses, named as follows:

- **Old Chapel Cobras (Yellow)**
- **Thimblemill Titans (Orange)**
- **Thompson Jets (Blue)**
- **Addenbrooke Eagles (Green)**

How were these names decided?

Staff and children were consulted for ideas for the house names, and then ideas were used and combined to come up with the house names that were chosen.

What is the reward system?

The school's Dojo system will be reset and Dojos will become the equivalent of 1 house point. Children will receive house points for special achievements, effort, progress and exemplary behaviour that is above and beyond what is expected of all children. Individually, children will build their house points and receive certificates when they reach milestone numbers.

Rewards will also be given to whole houses in different competitions. This could be in the form of extra house points or a special event to celebrate the house success.

What competitions will there be?

Some of the competitions that houses will be involved in are:

- Attendance
- Behaviour
- Sports day
- Fundraising
- Community events
- Design
- Music

How will house winners be announced?

Each week, the winning house will be displayed on our House board in the main school hall. Winning houses will also be published on our half termly newsletters.