



All things are possible for one who believes. Mark 9:23



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Houses update and inter-house competition information

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have had an extremely busy but exciting few weeks in school, as our house system is now in full effect. As mentioned in Mrs Marshall's newsletter last week, the candidates for house and vice house captain were incredibly well prepared and it was a pleasure to hear the children speak with such love and enthusiasm for our school. Over the last two weeks, our captain and vice house captains have shared and announced the winning house for the week during our Good News assembly. During these assemblies, our children have been sat in their houses rather than year groups - this has led to a wonderful team atmosphere.

Last week, the children had the opportunity to vote for name of each house. The children were given a shortlist of four, which had been whittled down from the thirty plus entries.

The winning house names are:

- Red – Ruby
- Yellow – Amber
- Green – Emerald
- Blue – Sapphire

The accompanying sentence, which led to these names being a part of the shortlist was '**everyone in our school is valuable and so are gemstones**'. Which is such a wonderful message and links beautifully to so many of our school values.

Thursday 20th October, will be the first of six inter-house competitions. On the Thursday, we would like the children to come into school in their house colour - this could be one particular item of clothing in the colour, or the whole outfit depending on whatever you can find in the wardrobe. The clothing worn will need to be suitable for the competition the children will be taking part in.

All children will participate in one of the four inter-house competitions, earning five house points in the process. The winning house for each competition will be announced on the Friday during Good News assembly, as a result, winning more points for their house. This week children will have selected the competition they will participate in, which are: **Netball shooting challenge** (Sport) **Designing a Freedom Quilt** (History and Art) **Outdoor Portraits** (Art and Learning Beyond the Classroom) and a **General Knowledge Quiz** (Computing and all other subjects). The children will participate in these competitions within their year groups at a specific time within the afternoon of the 20th October. House and vice house captains, will support other year groups with the running and management of each competition.

As the academic year develops we aim to use our house system to enable children to work collaboratively across year groups. Thank you for your continued support, if you have any questions, please email info@waverley-abbey.surrey.sch.uk

Kind Regards

Mr Brown

