



# Cropredy C of E Primary School

*'The Lord is my shepherd.' Psalm 23*

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

17<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Thank you for a very warm welcome and also to the parents who were able to come and meet with me last week. It's been a rollercoaster ride and great fun to be with you.

This letter is our first newsletter of the term and New Year. Having spoken to a few parents and colleagues, it would seem that a fortnightly newsletter might be appreciated, rather than one every week so we'll try that and see how that works.

As you will be aware, a number of children have been 'Caught Being Good', as part of our new reward system. This is a very exciting new venture and the children are really enthusiastic about it. Thank you for the positive feedback about this. However, we do need to recognise the huge successes that children achieved under the old system too. This is in hand and we will celebrate their success in due course. Some children, particularly those in upper Key Stage 2, have even been through the old system TWICE and we are justly proud of their accomplishments.

So how does the new system work?

## 'Caught Being Good' Reward System

Once a child receives 10 stamps (children are stamped on their hand when they receive a CBG), they will receive a certificate as recognition of their achievement. This will be repeated when they have received another 10 CBG stamps.

When they have been awarded:

- **30 CBG stamps**, they will be awarded a FIRST badge – BRONZE SCHOOL CRESTED BADGE
- **60 CBG stamps**, they will be awarded a SECOND badge – SILVER SCHOOL CRESTED BADGE
- **90 CBG stamps**, they will be awarded a THIRD badge – GOLD SCHOOL CRESTED BADGE
- **120 CBG stamps**, they will be awarded a FOURTH badge – PLATINUM SCHOOL CRESTED BADGE
- **150 CBG stamps**, they will be awarded a book of their choice with a sticker inside it stating when, why and to whom the book has been awarded.
- **180 CBG stamps**, they will be awarded a FIFTH badge – AMETHYST
- **210 CBG stamps**, they will be awarded a SIXTH badge – TOPAZ
- **240 CBG stamps**, they will be awarded a SEVENTH badge – RUBY
- **270 CBG stamps**, they will be awarded an EIGHTH badge – SAPPHIRE

The criteria for awarding CBGs are, for example:

- Exemplary work above normal standard
- Excellent effort
- Unprompted citizenship
- Politeness
- Spontaneous kindness
- Modelling good behaviour
- Ignoring inappropriate behaviour
- Consistent good role model
- Finding an adult to help resolve issue where appropriate

Our children will take the CBGs seriously and work hard to achieve their rewards. It will be rewarding for the staff to see them wearing their badges with pride.

Under-pinning our CBGs is The Cropredy Way, the foundation of our behaviour and learning. These principles are the foundation for good learning and good play. Children and staff refer to them and live by them. It's simple and accessible for everyone:

***The Cropredy Way:***

***I work hard to challenge myself  
I care for everyone and everything  
I use kind words and actions  
I listen to learn  
I have a 'can-do' attitude***

And now for something completely different ..... Just a few reminders:

**A few pupils have been wearing fitbits to school. These are obviously great for measuring fitness and motivating children to exercise. However, they are very expensive to wear to school and we can't guarantee that they will be safe in school. Our children love a good 'charge around' at playtime and we have noticed that they can get very worried about breaking their fitbits. Please bear in mind that we cannot pay for breakages if this happens.**

***On birthdays parents often like to bring something in for their child's class which is lovely. Please be aware of allergies and choking hazards. Something soft with no nuts would be great.***

**Please make sure we know if your child(ren) is catching the bus or staying for an after-school club and let the office know of any changes.**

Our theme this term is friendship and this is being explored in our worship and in the classes. We have talked about what makes a friend and the qualities of friendship. We have listened to stories and Reverend Hilary showed us some actions that helped us to understand friendship. This is clearly a theme close to hearts of our children.

**My magic moments so far this term:**

Without doubt this would be the children's singing. Seriously, watch out Simon Cowell! Their singing is beautiful and it has been a joy to hear them.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs M Gwynne, Interim Head

### Dates for your diary

23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Year 5 Sportshall Athletics
30 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 6 Junior Citizen
31 <sup>st</sup> January	Cygnets vision screening
5 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 5 Banbury Mosque
11 <sup>th</sup> February	Cygnets Forest School open morning 10am
12 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 3 & 4 Viking Day
17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Half Term
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Easter Church Service 1pm
6 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays

### Adverts (at a cost of £1 & in no way endorsed by Cropredy School)

**Bourton Village** Hall is still taking bookings, great for children's parties etc  
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