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WJS New House Names

Dear Parents/Carers,

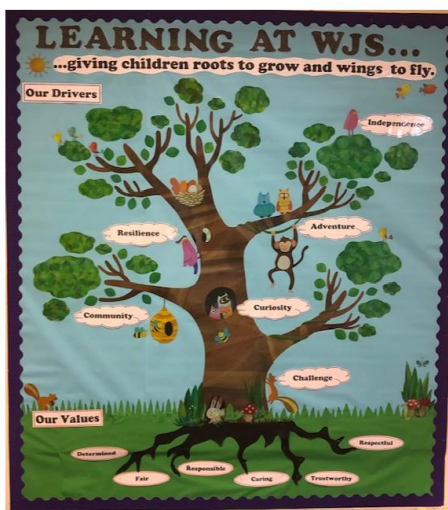
I am writing to you regarding our new House names. It feels like an absolute age since we started the process of changing them. As you may remember we held a survey in term 3 and it was decided that we will change our House names to trees.

Below is a link to a survey for the children to complete. This survey will decide which 4 trees will become the new House names for WJS. This link has already been shared in Google Classrooms and so can be accessed from there.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ZGG2P8V>



The survey will close on Friday 5th June and we will move to the next phase of allocating colours to the 4 trees chosen. The children will do this via another survey link. The House colours will be the same colours as now, red, blue, green and yellow.



We want our Houses to be meaningful and represent what we believe in as a school and so we will be linking them to our curriculum drivers; Adventure, Resilience, Community, Independence, Challenge and Curiosity. On our driver tree these are represented by creatures. Every House will have the drivers; “independence” represented by a bird about to fly and “community” represented by a bee hive. Then we want the children to choose one of the four drivers left to be assigned to each tree Adventure (monkey), Resilience (woodpecker), Challenge (squirrel) and Curiosity (owl). This driver will be the one that that House is responsible for leading through the school.

The new House names will start September 2020 and children will stay in the same colour House that they already belong in. New children joining the school will be allocated in the same way they always have been.

We are very excited about the change and we are looking forward to involving the children as much as is possible in the whole process.

Warm wishes,

Annie Knoupe
Headteacher