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Good Morning All,

Introducing the new School Houses

This week the school will be introducing four new houses - Oak, Willow, Maple and Beech.
Children will find out which house they have been allocated to before we break up for half term.

Head of Houses

For Years 5 and 6, the children will have the opportunity to become Head of House. Any children interested would be asked to prepare a short speech over the half-term holidays explaining why they'd like the role and what would make them a good Head of House. If you have a child in Year 5 or 6 that would like to take part, please do encourage and support them with their speech over the half term.

Head of House elections – after half term

During the first week back, children who would like to be Head of House will present their speeches to their classes. The class would then vote for their top two candidates for each house. This would mean we have two finalists from Year 5 and two from Year 6 for each house.
These finalists will then present their speeches in a whole-house assembly, with all children from that house across the school attending. The children will then vote for their preferred candidate. The child receiving the most votes becomes Head of House and the runner-up becomes Deputy.

Earning house points

House points will be awarded for a range of positive contributions, not just academic achievement. For example:

- Academic achievement and effort
- Positive behaviour and attitudes
- Following our three R – Responsible , Respectable and Resilient
- Manners, kindness and politeness
- Demonstrating our West End Way of walking
- Teamwork and supporting others
- Contributions to our school community

This gives our teachers flexibility on awarding points for a bigger range of behaviours and accomplishments.

We are very excited to launch our brand new houses and see the new experiences and fun this will bring to the children.

Many Thanks

Mrs Zoe Baker

West End Academy

Our Houses

Belong
Achieve
Grow

Four houses.
One amazing team.

Different trees. A stronger forest.

Oak House

STRENGTH

We stand strong together.

The oak is known for its strength and longevity. It can represent the strong foundations children develop at school and the strength that comes from being rooted together as one community.

Strong Roots Brighter Futures

Willow House

KINDNESS

We care for one another and help everyone to grow.

Willow represents kindness and care. Its gentle, sheltering branches symbolise how we look after one another and help everyone feel safe, valued and able to grow.

KINDER PEOPLE BRIGHTER TOMORROWS

Maple House

INDIVIDUALITY

We celebrate what makes each of us unique.

Maples are especially known for their distinctive leaves and their changing appearance through the seasons. Maple can represent children changing, developing and discovering their own strengths — blossoming in their own way.

BE YOU BELONG BLOOM

Beech House

WISDOM

We are curious, learn and grow together.

Beech has longstanding associations with learning, knowledge and the written word. It therefore fits a school particularly well, representing curiosity, learning and the wisdom children gain as they grow together.

CURIOUS LEARNERS BRIGHTER FUTURES