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Dear Parents and Carers,

I thought it would be helpful to share with you all, further information regarding our reward systems in school. At Bagshot Infant School we have a '*catch them being good*' outlook, we are always trying to find reason to praise and celebrate our children's efforts and achievements, whether that be an immediate verbal 'well done' from a staff member or, a Headteachers' **Star of the Week** award. I am mindful that our very young children live 'in the moment' and can forget why they have been given a reward when asked by parents and carers at the end of the day so, thought it would be useful to share some of our rewards, in more detail with you.

**Star of the Week**- Every Friday we hold a celebration Star of the Week assembly. Two children are chosen, by their teacher to be recognised by me, their headteacher, for their hard work. Each 'star' receives a certificate and medal to wear at school.

**Values Awards** - As many of you will already know, we have five **Core Values** here at Bagshot Infant School; **Respect, Kindness, Collaboration, Motivation and Pride**. These values are thread throughout everything we do at school and how we expect our whole school community to behave and conduct themselves. This year we are pleased to once again hold **Values Awards assemblies**. Throughout the week staff are on the lookout for children who embody these values. On a Tuesday, Mrs Casemore, our **Values Champion** then rewards each child with a value certificate in assembly.

**Reading Champion** - Reading is at the heart of our curriculum offer here at Bagshot and whilst learning the mechanics of *how to read* are crucial, reading for pleasure and finding enjoyment in reading is also very important. Each week teachers nominate a 'Reading Champion' who has demonstrated a keen interest in reading, shared a book with their class or shown particular enthusiasm for reading. This Reading Champion then visits me, their Headteacher on Friday for a chat about their favourite books and then chooses a book, from our Reading Champion basket, to keep forever. We also hold termly Reading Champion trips, usually supported by local charities, to events such as reading festivals and theatre shows.

**Dojo Points** - Each class uses a system called *Class Dojo*. Teachers use this electronic system to reward hard work, effort etc on a day to day basis. Every time a child is awarded a Dojo point it is added to the class total. The children work collectively to earn enough Dojo Points for a class reward.

**Lunchtime stickers** - To encourage children to eat all of their lunch and try new foods our dinner ladies can reward children with a sticker. We find this will often motivate children to clear their plates and try a food they have not experienced before.

I hope you have found this information useful, if however, your child comes home with a reward and you are unsure why, please do not hesitate to ask your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely  
Miss K Aldred