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Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you have all had a good week and enjoyed the sunshine – when it was here!

We have been having a lot of conversations around behaviour in school both this week and last, as there has been a lot of movement on the behaviour charts in many of the classes.

I have spent a long time in celebration assembly this morning explaining to the children that if they are rewarded with a bronze, silver or gold badge, because of positive behavior, we expect to see these positive behaviours across all areas of the school, not just in their classrooms. We also discussed that none of us are perfect, we all make mistakes, and sometimes we do or say things that we shouldn't. If these mistakes we make are negative behaviours, then children with a badge will lose that and have to hand it back into their teachers. The most important thing in these circumstances is that the children clearly understand the behaviours they showed which were not appropriate, and that they learn from these mistakes going forward. This is a life lesson for all of our children. Positive behaviours are expected to be shown consistently and if they are not, then there are consequences. I have attached a copy of the Going for Gold chart at the end of the letter for you reference.

Own Clothes

There are a number of occasions that children are invited to wear their own clothes, e.g. VIP days, Friday's for children with bronze, silver or gold badges. Please supervise the children in choosing the clothes they wear to school; it is a school day, not a beach day or a disco. The clothes they wear should be clothes they would wear in their own time on a weekend or after school, nothing too short or extravagant.

Weather Protection

As I am writing this message, I am looking out of the window at the rain pouring down, however, earlier this week it was particularly hot and sunny. When the weather is warmer, please send your child to school with a cap, a water bottle and sun cream. I would also suggest that you apply sunscreen at the beginning of every day leading up to the summer holidays. Teachers have thirty children in each class and cannot apply to each one of them before playtime.

On days like today, the children do need to have a rain jacket. We do still go out to play when it is raining lightly, but we will only allow the children to play out if they have a jacket they can then remove when they go back into the classroom. We won't allow them to sit for the rest of the day in wet clothes.

One more week to go and then another half term over. Have a great weekend!

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Lindsey Hodgson

Head of School

