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Dear Parent/ Carer

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Lots of things are changing at the Vale Primary Academy, many as a result of the conversations I have had with you on the playground in the morning and after school, some from the parent voice meetings and many as a result of the children's requests. As always your contributions and input is vital. Here are a couple of bits that you need to know about;

Our new behaviour policy

As I am sure the children have explained, we have a new behaviour system at the Academy. It is a positive and restorative approach that ensures the children understand the impact of their choices and that we can support them in making the right ones. Along with these changes, the rewards for fantastic behaviour and choices have changed as well. Children will not receive points for their colour team, they will not need to have a badge to receive points and no longer will reward points be taken off children as a sanction. Shortly we will have a 'Reward Point Shop' where the children can use the points they have earned for themselves, and use them to purchase prizes. The children can either get smaller prizes at the end of the week or save up for a long time and get a bigger prize after a longer period of time. To find out more either speak to the teacher at the doors on a morning or go to the website and read the policy in full.

Celebration assembly is also a little bit different

To celebrate the children's efforts and achievement, each week we will be having an achievement assembly. At this assembly the children will be presented with a Merit certificate. The children's class teacher will pick one child from their class who has worked hard, helped another, achieved highly or shown a wonderful attitude. These children will be the Academies 'Shining Stars' for that week. Although the children will share their achievements and the whole Academy will celebrate in their success, we also want to invite you along each week. Achievement assembly will take place at 2:45pm each Friday. If you wish to support the Academy and celebrate with us, then feel free to join us for this assembly whenever you can. It doesn't matter if your child is receiving a Merit certificate or not. Everyone is welcome. Please note that the office will ring and notify you on a Thursday afternoon if your child has been chosen to receive their class Merit certificate. This will give you the opportunity for yourself or others to try and attend if at all possible.

Please don't tell the children that they will be getting the 'Shining Star' certificate- we want it to be a surprise!!!

Again thank you for your continued contributions and suggestions.

Yours sincerely

Mr Yeomans