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**HEADTEACHER:** MISS JESSICA MILLARD

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Dear Neroche families,

I hope you all had a lovely break over the past two weeks. It has been great to see the children back in school today.

This morning, we met as a whole school for assembly in order to set a positive mindset for the term ahead, which included recapping our school values (be the best you can be, show that you care and shine bright) as well as our four school rules (be ready to learn, join in, be calm and respectful towards others and care for each other, the school and the environment). We also spoke about our Summer Term Awards. These awards are listed below:

#### Awards from staff:

- Weekly Star Awards certificates – two certificates each week linked to the three school values or the four school rules
- House Points
- Raffle Tickets – given for individual merit and put into the class jar. At the end of the week a ticket is pulled, and that person gets a prize. Tickets given for kindness/going above and beyond in class.
- Marble in a jar – marbles added for class collaboration. When the jar is full (roughly once a half term) then the class get a treat, e.g. extra play/sports, 'Golden Time' type activities.

#### NEW Reading Award

- All children aiming for a Gold Reading Award during the summer term:
- Years 2 – 6 can earn a Gold Award linked to an Accelerated Reader target.
- Reception and Year 1 – Read 15 books during the summer term to earn a Gold Award.
- The class that gets all Gold Awards first will win a £5 book token each.
- Any class who gets all their Gold Awards by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July will get 3 new books for their class for next year (books decided within class by democratic vote).
- There is a new reading display in the hall to track the progress of each class and motivate all readers. If you need support with reading with your child, please speak with your child's class teacher.

#### NEW Writing Award

- Going for Gold in Writing – Gold Star Writer Award.
- A Writer of the Week (Star Writer) award in each class from Preschool to Year 6.
- The writer of the week will get a certificate in assembly. The name of each pupil from each class will get displayed on the writing display board outside the Headteacher Office, along with a copy of their writing.
- Each writer of the week will get to write with the golden pen (KS2) or pencil (EYFS & KS1) for the following week and display the golden 'quill' trophy at their table during writing tasks.

#### Preschool awards

- 1 weekly care bug given to a child who has been showing care and kindness that week.
- 1 weekly bee badge given to a child who has really tried their best that week.

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## Headteacher Awards

- Teachers will send children during the week to receive Headteacher awards. Award winners will get a badge at the time and postcard/certificate sent home.

We are really looking forward to seeing what all the children can achieve in school this term.

## Clubs

We are looking to send out information regarding Extracurricular Clubs by the end of tomorrow.

## REMINDERS

- Suggs Lane is closed until 17<sup>th</sup> April, so please factor this into your journey to school to ensure your child is not late.
- The school bell will ring at 08.50am each morning to signify the start of the school day. All children should be in class by the time. The school gates will close at 08.50am teachers will know to begin registration as soon as the class are settled.
- Please phone the school office or email [absence@neroche.bep.ac](mailto:absence@neroche.bep.ac) if your child is unwell.
- We are receiving a high number of holiday requests. Please be mindful that all absence contributes to attendance rates.



Please get a Term Time Absence Request form from our school website: [Term Dates — Neroche Primary School \(bep.ac\)](http://Term Dates — Neroche Primary School (bep.ac))  
Or collect a form from the school office.

Please see the latest Online Safety Newsletter for up-to-date information about how to support your child in staying safe online. We had minimal response to our Online Safety Parent Workshop last half term. If you do have any questions regarding online safety, please speak to your class teacher or please feel free to speak to a member of SLT on the gates each morning.

We are looking forward to an exciting half term with lots of enriching and engaging learning opportunities for the children.

Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Jessica Millard  
Headteacher

