



Falcon Junior School

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Credit System UPDATE

Further to our previous letter, we have an update and clarification on the Falcon Junior School credit award system. After consulting with staff, members of the SLT (Senior Leadership team) and governors, the feeling is that consistency is the key to ensuring all children have the opportunity to earn credits for different aspects of Falcon life. We started the process of looking at the system by looking at the explanation of 'what a credit is'.

Our Positive Behaviour Policy states:

Credits are awarded for sustained improvement or outstanding achievement in any aspect of school life.

Our school motto is '**soaring to success**' which is individual to every child, so it is important to focus on effort and progress as well as achievement. We think our credit system should be consistent across the school, and also recognise each child's achievement of personal success.

After speaking to both parents and staff, guidelines of what credits can be awarded for are stated below.

- Ten weeks of reading (within this, the expectation is that children read at least three times a week for at least 20 minutes and their reading page of the journal is filled in and kept up to date).
- Successful completion of times tables challenges (set by your child's maths teacher within school maths lessons). Please see your child's maths teacher or Year Leader if you require any further details.
- Representing the school at particular events.
- Achievement with the star sticker system:
A credit is awarded when a child earns 15 star stickers. Star stickers are displayed on children's bird pictures in their classrooms. A star sticker is awarded for every five team points achieved in a week. After a child has achieved a credit from their first 15 star stickers, the child will be required to earn another 15 star stickers for their next credit and so on.
This star sticker system is being used across all year groups and provides the opportunity for all children to earn credits.
- Team Captains, Eco-Councillors and School Council representatives receive a credit (at the end of the school year) for their roles as active school citizens and leaders.
- When a child has demonstrated sustained improvement, or extraordinary effort, in a particular subject.

Please note this list is not exhaustive and there will be circumstances that arise whereby a member of staff deems 'an aspect of school life' credit worthy and in this instance will award one.

Certificates and tie pin stars:

After every three credits are earned, the child meets the Headteacher to discuss their accomplishment and is presented with a certificate in year group assembly. The child earns a tie pin star and prize for every third certificate (every ninth credit). The certificate, star and prize are awarded in Friday celebration assemblies.

Parents and carers will be sent an invitation stating the date and time the assembly will take place (please wait until you have received an invitation, as assemblies are sometimes moved due to other events).

The total number of credits and certificates, together with stars and prizes are listed in the table below:

Total credits	Certificate	Star	Prize
9	Third	Bronze	Bookmark
18	Sixth	Silver	Dictionary
27	Ninth	Gold	Pen
36	Twelfth	Platinum	Paperweight
45	Fifteenth	Diamond	Personalised thesaurus
54	Eighteenth	Falcon	Sponsorship of a Falcon

To finish, the lower school has been using the upper school team point system since the beginning of the school year. This system enables all children across the school to earn team points, then star stickers and eventually credits. Your child should hopefully be clear about how the process works.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Deputy Head