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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to announce the arrival of 5 mythical creatures to the Beaver Road school community this term. Travelling from distant lands and bringing with them sparks of magic and treasured qualities, our mythical creatures will become an integral part of life at Beaver Road. Together, the creatures will represent five different Houses across the school which are: **Centaur, Dragon, Griffin, Phoenix and Pegasus.**



Children first commenced work on developing the Houses in the summer term and in collaboration with Mrs Reeve, created designs and chose special qualities, Global Goals and Articles to represent their Houses. With support from a number of staff in school, in particular Mrs Reeve and Miss Zealey, the children's ideas and artistic contributions have now come to life around school on shields, banners and badges. We would like to give a special thanks to

Mrs Weaver, her husband Paul and PKS Media for the time they gave over their summer holidays to print and manufacture the shields and banners that they have since donated to school.



All of these exciting introductions have created an air of marvel and wonder in school, which reached a wonderful peak with the House Unveiling assemblies that took place on the first day back this term. During these

assemblies and in subsequent lessons in class, children discovered their Houses and the qualities accompanying each through a whole school problem solving activity.

Each House includes a synopsis, which explains the traits and qualities embodied by members of the Houses. These synopses, along with further information on the Houses and associated projects, can be found on our newly created [Houses Webpage](#).

When allocating Houses, several factors were taken into account to ensure a diverse range of children across all Houses. We have used a best fit approach and have given consideration to siblings being placed in the same House. However, in instances in which this has not occurred and there is a strong desire for children to be in the same House as their siblings, we encourage you to speak to the School Office or your child's class teacher who can arrange this for you.



Starting this week, children will now be able to collect House points to work towards special rewards in class and in their year groups. There will also be opportunities for members of Houses to collaborate on projects and events held in school such as the annual Sports Day. All children will be working towards winning the House Cup at the end of the year, for which there will be an exciting reward. We will also soon be selecting children to become Heads of Houses for each year group who will then collectively form the school House Committee.

The first House Project has already launched in class in the form of the **House Anthology Project**, set by Mrs Sameer-Mour and the English Team. Across school, children will be creating narrative and information pieces of writing linked to their Houses. All of the pieces will be collated at the end of the project to form a House Anthology, which will be available on both sites and will become a part of Beaver Road's History. The House Anthologies will also be available for parents to purchase and more details of this will be released at the end of the project.



The arrival of the Beaver Road House system has brought with it mythical mystery and magic to the school. This excitement and buzz will continue and flourish as the Houses develop over the years. **We would like to mark this wonderful addition to our school by inviting children to participate in a non-uniform day on Friday 26th November 2021.** Children are encouraged to come to school dressed in the colours associated with their Houses (as indicated on the House badges) and may wish to bring in elements of their mythical creature to their outfit, i.e. a Dragon's tail. *We are asking for a donation on this day, the proceeds of which will be used to fund future House projects at our school and a House badge that all children will receive on the non-uniform day.*



Our Houses will continue to grow and in years to come, we will all be able to look back and reflect on the foundations children create today to contribute to a truly wonderful part of life at Beaver Road.

Best Wishes,

Mr Davenport
Deputy Headteacher

Mrs Sameer-Mour
Leader of English