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## Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards

Dear families,

I sent a letter in September regarding our new Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards. We have so far had two awards assemblies which have been really enjoyable events for the children and adults who have attended and have had extremely positive feedback.

As a reminder, each half-term, the children will have opportunity to work towards a Bronze, Silver or Gold badge – they must start at bronze and work their way through the badges. There is a set of achievable criteria to meet to achieve each badge – this is on the reverse of this letter. Some of this will require your support as families, such as ensuring children have access to the correct uniform.

Going for Bronze	
School Values	I follow all school values nearly all the time.
Stages	I demonstrate good behaviour nearly all the time.
Attendance	My attendance is 96% or higher.
Uniform	I wear the correct uniform all of the time.
SKA 50 Things	I have completed 10 activities.
Dojos	I have achieved 100 Dojos.
Name: _____	

Dojos	I have achieved 200 Dojos.
Name: _____	

Dojos	I have achieved 300 Dojos.
Name: _____	

There is also a special Platinum Award up for grabs for children to aim towards once they have achieved their Bronze, Silver and Gold award. This involves completing all 50 of the 'SKA 50 Things' and being a 'Community Hero', where they complete something positive in the local community, for example a fundraiser for charity or a community litter pick.

I am writing to clarify a couple of issues and queries that have come up since the launch of the awards:

**I have taken a term time holiday and it is not fair that my child has not achieved the award because of the decision of the parents/families.**

*While I understand the reasons behind taking a term-time holiday, my stance is that they cannot be authorised unless there are special circumstances. This means that a term-time holiday will negatively impact attendance and will prevent a child from achieving a badge that term if it causes their attendance to dip under 96%.*

*I will however change the criteria so it is based on the term rather than the whole academic year which means they will have an opportunity each term to achieve a badge as long as a term-time holiday has not taken place.*

**My child has poorer attendance due to medical reasons – does this mean they will not get their award?**

*Attendance data for individual children can be filtered so we are able to see what their attendance is minus certain attendance codes such as medical appointments. We will not prevent a child from achieving an award due to circumstances out of their or their family's control. For example, if a child has 85% attendance because of medical appointments, but 97% if medical appointments are filtered out, they will still achieve the award. If you think your child has not achieved their award because of an error regarding attendance, please do get in touch.*

Thank you for your understanding and if you have any questions about this, please catch me on the gate or give me a ring.

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<b>Bronze</b>	<b>School Values</b>	I follow all school values nearly all the time.
	<b>Stages</b>	I demonstrate good behaviour nearly all the time.
	<b>Attendance</b>	My attendance is 96% or higher.
	<b>Uniform</b>	I wear the correct uniform all of the time.
	<b>SKA 50 Things</b>	I have completed 10 activities.
	<b>Dojos</b>	I have achieved 100 Dojos.
<b>Silver</b>	<b>School Values</b>	I demonstrate all school values at all times.
	<b>Stages</b>	I demonstrate good behaviour.
	<b>Attendance</b>	My attendance is 96% or higher.
	<b>Uniform &amp; P.E. kit</b>	I wear the correct uniform every day and remember my P.E. kit.
	<b>SKA 50 Things</b>	I have completed 20 activities.
	<b>Helpful Jobs</b>	I have done a job around school for one week.
<b>Gold</b>	<b>Dojos</b>	I have achieved 200 Dojos.
	<b>School Values</b>	I am a role model to others.
	<b>Class Work</b>	I always try my best in class.
	<b>Stages</b>	I demonstrate exemplary behaviour.
	<b>Uniform &amp; P.E. kit</b>	I always look smart and wear the correct P.E. kit.
	<b>Attendance</b>	My attendance is 96% or higher.
	<b>SKA 50 Things</b>	I have completed 30 activities.
	<b>Helpful Job</b>	I have done a job around school for a term.
<b>Platinum</b>	<b>Dojos</b>	I have achieved 300 Dojos.
	<b>SKA 50 Things</b>	I have completed all 50 activities.
	<b>Community Hero</b>	I have done something positive in the local community.