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Dear Parents/Carers

Last year we formed our new Children's Government, replacing our previous School Council. We had an amazing group of children who helped us choose our new logo, school colour, raise money to twin our toilets and decide on the winner for the trust awards ceremony, among other things. We also had representatives from our school joining with children from all the schools in the trust on a termly basis. It was great to see some of our children collaborating with children from different settings, working towards common goals.

Now is the time to start thinking about electing our new government ministers.

We are looking to have two children from each year group, **NOT** each class, to form our 'government' - that should give us a total of six children: two from reception, two from year one and two from year two. Once the government has been chosen they then appoint the different 'ministers'. Each member of the government will have a specific area of responsibility.

At the end of last year we had a discussion about whether we should be electing 6 new ministers or whether we would benefit from having some of our returning children staying on. Our then Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister in particular felt it would be good to have some experienced ministers staying on, and adding some new ones. After much discussion it was agreed that those who wanted to stay on would do so. We are therefore looking to appoint **3 new ministers this year**. We are looking to appoint:

2 children from reception (Cherry, Sycamore & some of Chestnut)

1 child from Y2 (some of Alder, Oak & Maple)

Any child in the appropriate year group wanting to be considered for our new children's government needs to think carefully about the commitment it requires. We will be talking to the children about this in school but would value your support in making sure the children understand the importance of the role.

Our children's government will be responsible for representing their year groups. They will have a budget to manage and will make decisions about changes and improvements to our school environment. They will feedback to our senior leadership team on a regular basis and will prepare reports, with help when needed, to share with governors and the rest of our school community.



What's in it for them?

Our government ministers will:

- help make decisions that will have an impact on us all
- learn about handling responsibility
- gain confidence in public speaking
- have fun!

Children thinking about standing for our children's government need to be fully aware of the commitment:

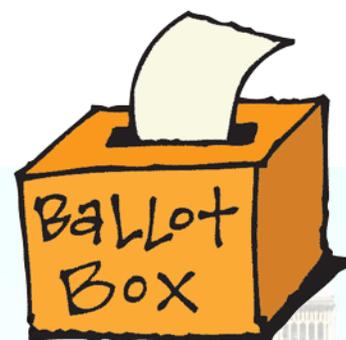
- candidates need to produce a 'manifesto' outlining why people should vote for them – this could be in the form of a poster, a flier, a video or any other form of prepared communication
- children need to be prepared and committed to meeting weekly, **Friday 2.45 – 3.15pm** in the Senior Leadership Team office
- as parents you need to be committed to your children attending these meetings and agree to pick them up on time, at **3.15pm, from the main office door**
- children need to be prepared to share their ideas and thoughts in our meetings



All those interested in being considered for our government should submit their **manifesto** to the school office by **24th September 2018**.

Our **campaign week** will be held **week beginning 1st October 2018**, during which information about all candidates will be shared across school. We will then be holding an **election day Thursday 11th October 2018**.

The results will be announced the following day, once all ballot papers have been counted and verified.



This is an exciting opportunity for all our children to get involved in the life of school. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'S. Ingram'.

Mrs S. Ingram
Deputy Head Teacher

