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Dear Parents

PARK WOOD HOUSE TEAM 'GENERAL ELECTION' 2016

As you are aware, Park Wood Infant School and Park Wood Junior School have shared a common set of 'house colours' for a number of years. We have also tried much harder over the past few years to make sure siblings have the same colour and we have also started to have shared sports days and events, where points are built up from Foundation Stage all the way to Year 6.

However, the two schools have used different house names, the Infants names after trees and the Juniors after boats. As we get closer together as a federated school in a building which will soon be joined, we feel it is important that the whole school federation share the same house names.

Next Thursday, each class will vote in a School General Election to decide the new house team names from a choice of 4 alternatives. Every child will have the chance to vote and every class will work as a constituency, with the highest vote in their class being their class 'choice'.

As well as the 21 class 'constituencies', we will also be asking Staff to vote and Governors to vote.

The 24th 'constituency' will be the parents. Plenty of our parents attended the school and we have hundreds of very supportive parents whose voice we like to have.

Attached to this letter is a parent voting form on coloured paper. On the form are two voting slips. These can be completed by any two adult family members, just in case parents disagree! Each child will take home one voting form for parents, but remember this is the parent vote. Children will have their vote in school next week. Please remember though, this is fun, and as is the case with any election, you don't have to vote.

The four choices are, the names of the woods on which the Park Wood houses were built and surrounded the area, the names of Kent Castles, the names of local hops and finally, the names of positive characteristics we would encourage in schools.

We have not included the colours they will be linked to as we are voting for names only, rather than the name we most like with our colour.

The children will be voting on Thursday and results will be announced that day, if all counting is done.

All parent votes need to be in by the morning of Wednesday October 5th.

Happy Voting

Mr Moir