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Dear Parents and Carers

This coming Monday (22nd January) will be Positive Noticing Day at our school. Positive noticing builds confidence and self-esteem, forms new friendships, celebrates great behaviour and supports the happy, nurturing environment that we have here at SSJS.

We will be spending time thinking about the power of positive noticing and encouraging the children to notice the qualities and great behaviour of each other throughout the day, writing these down on labels. At the end of the day, your child will bring home their label and may wish to share what others positively noticed about them.

We know that children thrive when they are positively noticed by parents and loved ones in the home and so we are also sending a blank label to you. You may like to use Positive Noticing Day as the chance to start daily positive noticing at home too! Create and share positive labels with family members, put them somewhere that everyone is able to see (the fridge, the table, a cupboard front) and capture the positive things that you see.

There are lots of things that you may like to celebrate, here are a few ideas:

- I noticed that you helped to clear up after dinner. Thank you for being considerate.
- You are so kind to people around you, that is really special.
- I noticed how patient you were with your little sister just then, and it isn't easy.
Thankyou!
- You are really trying with XXXXXX and I am proud of you.
- You are really good at XXXXXX and I think that makes a real difference in our home.

We know that staff and children at our school do many wonderful, kind and brilliant things in each and every day and we are delighted to be taking this opportunity to focus on this.

Finally, we would like to say thank you for all the ways that you support and enhance your child's learning journey and enrich our school community as parents and carers. We positively notice you too!

Yours faithfully

Mrs Heaney
Headteacher