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Dear Parents/Carers

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Happy New Year!

After a successful Autumn term rollout in Key Stage 1, we are very excited to be launching 'Class Dojo' across Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) from this week!

### What is it?

Class Dojo is an online platform for schools to share with parents the children's most important learning moments from school through photos, videos, messages, reminders and more. It is used by over fifty million teachers around the world and is an amazing way for you to find out more of what your children are learning at school. It is similar to Tapestry used by EYFS, however rather than a portfolio for each child there is one for the class. More information can be found using these links:

<https://www.classdojo.com/en-gb/>

<https://www.classdojo.com/en-gb/about/>

### How does it work?

Each child has their own login and avatar. You simply need to scan your child's QR code (which will be sent home this week) and download the app on to your smartphone or tablet. You can also login on a laptop/desktop by visiting the website. More than one parent or carer can log on for each child. The class story is similar to a Twitter/Facebook feed; however, it is **not in the public domain**, only the parents of the children in the class can view the photos.

**If you do not want your child's photo to be used within the secure Class Dojo platform, please email your child's class teacher to opt out using the class@ email addresses.**

### Communication

We are aware that we have lots of different ways of communicating with you. Below is a list of the different avenues and their purpose:

Office@ Emails / Phone calls	Communication regarding School admin or urgent messages.
Class Dojo	Informal, instant news for parents and a positive behaviour rewards system, as well as messages between class teachers and home.
Class@ Emails	for non-urgent messaging between home and school.





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ParentMail (School Comms)	used for official correspondence, newsletters and external information from School to you.
Website	contains useful information for current and prospective parents.

Due to the successful roll out of Class Dojo for KS1 in the Autumn term, **we will no longer be using orange communication books for Years 1&2.** Please message your child's class teacher on Dojo instead.

In summary, we will be using Class Dojo to share learning moments with parents and carers instantly, and communicate events in school. It is also there for you to share any learning your children are taking part in at home. We do sometimes share the posts with the children in the class, as it supports them to engage further with the learning that is taking place, and they can talk to you about what you will be seeing.

We are really looking forward to sharing lots of news with you using this platform. If you have any questions about Class Dojo, please take a look at the Class Dojo website or email your child's class teacher.

Kind Regards,

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