We are excited to inform you that from September, we will be using ClassDojo in years 1-6 (Reception class already use Tapestry which serves a similar purpose). Following a successful trial in year 4 and after taking feedback from parents involved in the trial, we plan to use it to share more about your child's learning whilst they are in school.

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ClassDojo has been certified by **iKeepSafe** and is fully compliant with GDPR. Children's use of ClassDojo will be very closely moderated in school and can be remotely moderated by school staff. Each class page will only be able to be viewed by parents and pupils from within that class and the children will not be able to share anywhere other than on their individual portfolio which can only be seen by you as parents, and class staff. There is more information about ClassDojo's safe use and privacy policy here.

Is it safe?

So, what is ClassDojo?

ClassDojo is a free app and website that allows teachers to more effectively communicate with whole classes both in school and at home. "ClassDojo's mission is to reinvent classrooms by bringing teachers, students and parents closer together. Teachers use ClassDojo as a communication platform to encourage students, and get parents engaged too."



A letter will be sent out soon, asking if you are happy to participate in ClassDojo. On return of this consent, you will receive an email link with details on how to access the app.

Signing up to ClassDojo is of course completely voluntary- and you won't miss out on any important information by not taking part. It won't be possible for us to share pictures that are shared on ClassDojo in a different way, but of course, pictures of children whose parents have not agreed to participate, will not be used on ClassDojo in any instance. **PLEASE NOTE-** We will not be **using the 'messaging' system within ClassDojo and all communication with school should continue to be via the school office.**

What will this look like in our school?

There are many aspects of ClassDojo and schools are able to select the parts of the app that will work best for them. Our plan is for class teachers being able to share with families examples of children's work and photos of learning taking place in the classroom, and important class information- for example: reminders of special event days or to bring wellies in for an outdoor activity. Some class teachers may choose to use ClassDojo for awarding house points or moves up and down our behavior chart, but this will not affect home use

