



Dear parents/ carers,

As some of you may be aware last year, we used Class Dojo's in some classrooms. The children and staff have really enjoyed using it, as it is a fun, interactive and instant system. Because of this, we are going to start using it as a whole school system starting in September 2020. Dojo's will replace the smiles in the back of children's planners.

It is a communication platform that teachers, children and families can use and share learning via photos, videos and messages. You and your child will be able to message your class teacher, upload photographs of any home learning or homework tasks, any out of school achievements can be added (football trophies, swimming certificates etc.). Class teachers will be able to directly message you and your child, send messages to whole classes, add homework tasks, send you photographs of what your child's class have been doing during the day. Teachers will also reward children in school with Dojo's and these will automatically be sent to you, via an app, so you will know when your child has earned a point. Our school values (Learn, grow, enjoy, achieve and Succeed) will form the basis of all the dojo's. See the attached sheet for what behaviours will come under each of the values. Children can be awarded a minimum of 1 point and a maximum of 3 points each time depending, for example if your child is putting in good effort they will be awarded 1 point, if they are putting in outstanding effort they may be awarded 3 points for a piece of work etc.

As these are replacing smiles we will still give certificates and prizes out in assemblies to the children. See the table below

Number of Dojo's awarded	Certificate
100	Bronze
250	Silver
500	Gold
750	Platinum
1000	Diamond
1500	Ruby

- At the end of the school year the child in each class that has been awarded most Dojo's will be awarded with a book token.
- At the end of every half term, the class with the most Dojo's will be awarded a prize – this may be a non uniform day, extra PE session, extra playtimes, cinema afternoon etc. This will be decided by the winning class and their teacher.

Points can also be deducted from children. This will be done for any of the following reasons

- Making poor choices
- Poor attitude
- Disruptive behaviour
- Being disrespectful
- Being rude

If you would like to find out more information about Dojo's and how the app will work, you can take a closer look here -

<https://www.classdojo.com/en-gb/about/?redirect=true>

Over the next week or so, we will send you an invite from Class Dojo so please check your email inbox for an invite. This will provide you with a unique code so that you can directly message the class teacher, get learning updates of the class story and upload any files or images of your child's learning that you would like to share with us.

If you have any questions regarding Dojo's please feel free to contact me via the office email address and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Many thanks,
Mrs. Wakefield
(Assistant Head)