

23rd January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Class Dojo

I am writing to you to introduce a new communication platform that we are going to be using in school as we start moving forward.

Class Dojo is used by millions of teachers across the world and is a safe communicative tool between parents, teachers and pupils. What's more, it is not available for just anybody to view and you need to be a part of the school community to gain access thus making it a safe sharing space that we control, unlike social media.

Within Class Dojo each child will have an avatar (picture) and they are assigned to their class which will have a class story, allowing the teacher to post pictures, videos, provide positive praise or just celebrate all the amazing things your children do on a weekly basis. It will also allow you to leave comments or likes and there is messaging service that you can use to contact the teacher should they need to be updated on an appointment or school concern. This messaging service will replace the current class emails, although the admin address will stay the same.

In addition there is a school feed which the office or myself can then post on which will go to all members of the school. It really is a positive step forward to the modernisation of school and ultimately allowing clearer communication pathways.

Just think, you need to change the plan for picking up your child, no problem just send a message on the app and your teacher will receive it instantly. Alternatively, you are not sure what time a club finishes, no problem just send a message on the app. We have some exciting school trips coming up, including overnight residentials. This will be a great way to keep in touch while your child is away.

Next steps:

- 1. Please complete this form here (if you have done so already, there is no need to complete it again) with your contact information so we can add you to the platform Remember this is just our school no public members can access this.
- 2. Download the Class Dojo App
- 3. Await further information from school on how to sync the app to our school



If you are able to complete your information form by Monday 29th January we will endeavour to get this going as soon as possible. However, please be patient with us whilst it is in its infancy as we need to ensure we get it right for the benefit of us all.

Should you have any further questions then please do not hesitate to contact me or Miss Houghton, who as our Computing Lead, is working hard behind the scenes to get this set up.

Thank you as always for your support in helping to make Belsay a great school!

Kind regards,

Mr Shaw Headteacher