

ALL SAINTS C.E. (V.C.) FIRST SCHOOL & BUSY BEES PRE-SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,



ClassDojo

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We are delighted to share some exciting news about how we will be developing communication between school and home this year. From Monday 15th September, we will be introducing ClassDojo, a widely used communication and learning platform that connects teachers and families in a simple, secure and engaging way.

ClassDojo is used by millions of teachers, children and parents in schools all over the world to share learning, celebrate achievements and keep families more closely connected to school life. By adopting this system, we aim to make communication clearer, more consistent and more accessible for everyone.

What this means for you:

- You will be able to send quick, secure messages directly to your child's teacher without the need for hand-written notes in diaries.
- Teachers can update you instantly with class reminders (such as PE kits, Forest School, or upcoming events) and send direct messages to celebrate your child's work or let you know if extra support may be helpful.
- Parents can share important information with teachers about their child's wellbeing (for example, if they've had a difficult night's sleep), as well as celebrate achievements or share homework and extra-curricular activities.
- The platform is completely free of charge. While there are optional subscription upgrades available within the app, everything we will use it for in school is included in the free version.

Monitoring and responding to messages

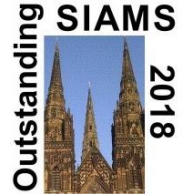
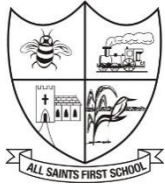
Our staff will check ClassDojo messages where possible during the school day. However, as their main priority will always be teaching and working with the children, we kindly remind parents that any urgent messages (such as changes to collection arrangements, after school club bookings, or illness notifications) must still be directed to the school office.

To support staff wellbeing and a healthy work/life balance, teachers will only respond to ClassDojo messages between 8:30am and 4:30pm on school days. Messages sent outside of these hours will be responded to as soon as possible during the next working day.

In addition, we will also be using ClassDojo in our Kingfisher Club (after school club). Parents will be able to message Mrs Jones directly if, for example, you are running late for collection or need to pass on a quick update.



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A few important reminders:

All formal communication—including letters, important information, and whole-school updates—will continue to come directly from the school office. Likewise, we kindly ask that parents continue to contact the office for any absences, medical appointments, after school club bookings or messages that need to reach staff during the school day. ClassDojo is designed to enhance communication around children's learning and day-to-day classroom experiences, not replace official school channels.

Why we are excited to launch this:

- It strengthens the vital partnership between school and families by making communication more immediate, personal and engaging.
- It allows parents to see more of what happens in the classroom and feel connected to their child's learning journey.
- It helps teachers and parents work together more effectively to support each child, celebrating their successes and addressing challenges quickly.

We are confident that ClassDojo will be a fantastic addition to our school community, making it easier for you to stay connected with your child's education and strengthening the family-school partnership that underpins all our work.

To find out more about how ClassDojo works, you can visit their website: www.classdojo.com. We will be in touch soon with details of how to get set up ahead of our launch date on Monday 15th September.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are really looking forward to taking this exciting step together.

With warm regards,

David Elliott-Hancock
Headteacher