Westfields Infant School

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Dear Parents,

This year, we are very pleased to introduce ClassDojo to you which is a learning and communication platform that is used worldwide to connect teachers, their children and their families.

At Westfields Infant School, we highly value our partnership with parents and ClassDojo supports our open door policy as it provides teachers and parents a safe platform to easily communicate through. ClassDojo provides a message facility through which both teachers and parents can send messages to one another without being viewed by other parents. Teachers will view messages and will respond during the hours of 8:00am and 5:00pm at their earliest convenience. Teachers will always endeavour to reply as quickly as possible but, as I am sure you appreciate, the school day can be incredibly busy so you may not receive a reply until the end of the school day or the following day if teachers have prior engagements or obligations, meetings or courses to attend after school. Teachers will not respond to messages during school holidays or at the weekends, with notifications being turned off at these times. It is important to note that if you are reporting an absence or a change in pick up arrangements, these requests <u>must go</u> through to the school office as usual due to the safeguarding aspects of these details.

In class, teachers will be using the 'Class Story' to keep you up-to-date with what is happening in and out of the classroom, posting about learning and activities and they will give information about future events and opportunities (with the bonus facility of setting reminders!). In a bid to be more environmentally friendly, ClassDojo will also be used to share home learning pages and resources that would have ordinarily been printed, copied and shared.

The children will be bringing home 2 letters this week – one with instructions for you to access ClassDojo and one for them if they have a device. The children all have individual QR codes and these will be stuck into Reading Records to make life a little easier!

It is important to say that this platform is secure and complies with up to date privacy regulations. For further information in regards to this, please click on the following link - <u>https://www.classdojo.com/privacy/</u>

Please note that the app is free. Whilst there are add-ons you can pay for as a family, in school, we only require the children to use what the free app provides so there is no necessity to purchase the add ons.

If you or your child are unable to access ClassDojo this week, please send an email to <u>infants@westfieldsfederation.org.uk</u> and we will be in contact to help.

We look forward to having parents and children connected via ClassDojo and hope you find it useful and information.

Kind regards,

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Mrs Jo Wilson Executive Deputy Headteacher