



# Joy Lane Primary School

*A Love of Learning, for Life, for All*

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Oyster Bay Nursery & Oysters SRP (ASD)

Executive Headteacher: Ms D J Hines

Head of School: Mr M Ashley-Jones

Dear Parents & Carers



## Class Dojo Trial at Joy Lane Primary School

Joy Lane Primary School is excited to be trialling a new behaviour and reward system for pupils as from Term 6! These changes will support the already excellent behaviours for learning displayed by our children and it is hoped that we can make the most of new technologies that are available to enthuse and motivate the children even more.

Class Dojo is an online system which rewards individuals, groups and classes with dojo points. It is an exciting and interesting tool to use, as it not only allows us to update the way in which we reward children and manage their behaviour but also gives you as Parents and Carers (as from September 2016) an inside look on a daily basis as to how your children are being rewarded and behaving in School. Dojo award points will be used to accrue house point tokens for our existing teams **Mayflower, Endeavour, Discovery and Victory**. It is also intended that children will be rewarded with certificates, letters and emails home and even class dojo tickets to win prizes throughout the School year.

Year 5 pupils have been trialling this system since Term 3 and we have received very positive feedback from the children:

**Connor says, "I think Dojos are better than house points because you can't be given loads in one go. You feel like you have achieved more with a dojo than we did with one house point."**

**Kirsty says, "It is much better earning a token than being given a house point to mark on a chart. I like that you get them for different reasons."**

**Holly says, "It is easier for us and the teacher because the teacher controls it on their laptop. We don't have to get up and mark the HPs on! Also they are fun because you have monster characters."**

Each pupil will have an online avatar from which they can gain points for a range of positive behaviours such as: team work, being on task and excellent work. In line with our behavior policy, children can also receive a 'red' point for repeated inappropriate behaviour. Children will eventually be able to alter the design of their avatar from home. From September 2016, we hope to also enable Parents and Carers to access their child's Class Dojo account so that you can see how many Dojos your child is accruing.

There are many more exciting ways that we hope to develop this behaviour and reward system and it is our intention to hold Parent and Carer workshops early in the new academic year to explain this further. If, at this stage, you have any questions regarding Class Dojo, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Moorfield and Mrs Stanley who are leading the trial. Also, if you have any trial feedback please contact us.

If you would like further information about Class Dojo please use this website link:

**<https://www.classdojo.com/en-gb/learnmore>.**

Yours sincerely

Ms D J Hines

Executive Headteacher

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