



Joy Lane Primary School

A Love of Learning, for Life, for All

Monday 17th September 2018

Oyster Bay Nursery & Oysters SRP (ASD)

Executive Headteacher: Ms DJ Hines

Head of School: Mr M Ashley-Jones

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a pleasure to welcome you all back to the new academic year and I have heard about the children's wonderful adventures and fun during the glorious summer break. I am pleased that they are all already settled and working hard in School.

You will have received the year group newsletters on Friday which outline the learning for the coming terms and introduces our current and new members of our talented Teaching Team and I am sure you will find these really useful. For further clarity, I have listed below the Leadership Team at Joy Lane:

Senior Leadership Team

Ms D Hines – Executive Headteacher

Mr M Ashley-Jones – Head of School

Mrs A Godden – Assistant Headteacher, inclusion

Mrs S Harkins – Assistant Headteacher, Lead Professional KS2

Miss L Millum – Assistant Headteacher, Lead Professional EYFS & KS1

Mrs N Richford – PA to the Leadership Team

Team Managers

Mrs Dowling – Oysters Specialist Resource Based Provision

Miss Longhorn/Miss Millum – Nursery and Year R

Mrs Clemo/Miss Millum – Years 1 and 2

Mr Rogers – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Inclusion Team

Mrs Godden – Inclusion Manager and Lead SENCo

Mrs King – SENCo EYFS and KS1

Mrs Bowler – SENCo KS2

Mrs Dowling – SENCo SRP

Mrs Allen – Family Liaison & Emotional Literacy Support Assistant

Mrs Barrett – Inclusion Assistant: Well Being & Emotional Literacy Support Assistant

Mrs Baker – Family Liaison & CP officer

Mrs Elton – Family Liaison Officer & Well Being Mentor

Mrs Ames & Mrs Elbourn – Speech & Language Assistants

School Admin Team

Mr Henderson-Varlin – School Business Manager

Miss Rumbles – Finance and Personnel Officer

Mrs Platt - Senior School Administrator

Mrs Cruttenden - Admissions and Attendance Officer

Miss Dean – Assistant Administrator & Receptionist

Miss Horton – Receptionist

School Premises Team

Mr Thompson

Mr Allan

Mr Albers

You will often see them on the gate.

It's good to talk!

Our team is available to greet you each morning and bid you adieu every afternoon. You are most welcome to pass on any messages through any of these members of staff or through our school office. If you have a concern, in the first instance, please speak to your child's Class Teacher and if you require a curriculum matter clarified, please also speak with the year group leader or Team Manager. If you require further clarification, then please make an appointment with a member of our Senior Leadership Team or come to our Friday drop-in sessions, which are held between 9am and 10am – please let our Office team know that you have arrived for a 'drop-in'. This is in addition to your daily contact with your child's Class Teacher, Inclusion Team and our Family Liaison Officers.

Online Safety

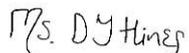
At Joy Lane, we prefer to have personal conversations with our parent community, whether this be for a clarification, concern or thank you – it is much easier to communicate face to face or occasionally by telephone. We use social media through our Class Dojo system to share information with you at the point of your child's learning so that you know a little bit of what they do during the School day; we know from you that you enjoy this type of communication and this supports our school website and e-communications with you. We also model and teach our children about e-communications and how to communicate safely online and on mobile devices, which includes social etiquette. We need to continue to work in partnership with you so that we are good role models for our children in this challenging if somewhat integral part of our everyday lives.

I still find it surprising that, on occasions, social media posts have been shared with me outlining a concern or opinion from our parent community who have not spoken directly to the School before posting their thoughts on social media – I would urge you to always speak to the School first before posting. Any post that is inaccurate and names a Staff member could be subject to libellous action. At Joy Lane, we always prefer to hear your feedback so that we can resolve any issues or clarify any issue for you. Please continue to use the plethora of communication and as the old saying goes, if something is good at Joy Lane, tell others, if not, tell us directly. Thank you in advance for your help and support in this matter.

Forest School

I am absolutely delighted to inform you that we are beginning to make use of our newly developed Forest School within our School grounds. Mr Greenway and his able helpers have worked very hard to establish the area and our children are now starting to access this as part of their curriculum. I will be sending you further information on our Forest School in the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely



Ms D J Hines
Executive Headteacher