



# Joy Lane Primary School

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

Oyster Bay Nursery & Oysters SRP (ASD)

Executive Headteacher: Ms DJ Hines

Head of School: Mr M Ashley-Jones

September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

I write you again, this time at the beginning of the new academic year. In my previous letter I introduced you to myself and the governing board of Joy Lane Primary School.

Firstly, let me extend a warm welcome from the governing body to all our new parents and carers. Whether you are new to the school or already have a child at Joy Lane we hope the time your child spends at the school will be a happy, memorable experience.

Since I last wrote to you two new governors have joined the board. Rev. Paulette Stubbings is Vicar of St Alphege, Seasalter. Catherine Shearer is currently Senior Deputy Head at St Edmunds school. Both bring additional skills to the board to combine with the varied expertise that makes up our governing body. Details of all our board members can be seen on the Governor page of the school website., along with my previous letter to you explaining the role of the governing body.

One emphasis for the Governing Body is to increase our knowledge of Governance and we are all involved in extra training where possible, both inside the school and through the external programmes. We have a vacancy for a Co-opted Governor, and we will be taking our time to make sure we appoint someone with the right skills to compliment our team.

Governors work closely with the Senior Leadership Team to move the school forward, and to build on previous success.

I would like to congratulate all the children and teachers at Joy Lane who have once again achieved outstanding progress and attainment outcomes during the previous academic year. The teachers and support staff deserve huge credit for ensuring the children leave primary school having attained outstanding SATS results but importantly are also well equipped to embark on the next stage of their learning journey. I am sure that Ms Hines and Mr Ashley-Jones will give you further detail on how Joy Lane compares locally and nationally in its data outcomes when the national validated data is published before Christmas.

Governors are very confident that our children are exposed to a rich and rewarding curriculum and excellent teaching and it is this that equips them so well as they move through the key stages at Joy Lane, or on to secondary school, where our boys and girls are always held in high esteem by the local secondary schools.

The Governors at Joy Lane support school leaders in their drive to improve attendance and reduce persistent absence and I am sure that we would all agree that pupils should be allowed to take full advantage of all educational opportunities available to them; therefore excellent school attendance is essential to the successful all round development of the child.

I have two granddaughters at Joy Lane and I am constantly amazed at the rich and exciting opportunities provided for the children, it seems almost on a daily basis. The Senior Leadership team work in partnership with parents and the governing body to ensure the best possible outcomes for our children.



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I would like to pay tribute to the Friends of Joy Lane who work very hard to raise funds to support the school by providing the children with resources not covered by the school budget. FOJL also have a page on the school website and there you will be able to see what they have achieved.. They are always looking for help and support. If you are interested in joining them they will be delighted to hear from you.

I and the other governors look forward to meeting you at some of the many events that take place throughout the school year, so please introduce yourself if you see one of us.

Should you wish to get in touch please contact us through the Clerk of Governors. Our Clerk's email address is: [clerk@joylane.kent.sch.uk](mailto:clerk@joylane.kent.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely

*Chris Graves*

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Chair of Governors