



Joy Lane Primary School

A Love of Learning, for Life, for All

Oyster Bay Nursery & Oysters SRP (ASD)

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Monday 5th March 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

Headteacher Newsletter March 2018

As the extreme adverse weather conditions have begun to subside, I would like to thank you all for your understanding and support over the past week as I know that many of you rely on us for childcare to enable you to work. It is always a difficult decision about whether a School should stay open when the conditions are unpredictable and I constantly monitored the situation and liaised with Coastal Alliance Schools, the local authority, DfE and of course, yourselves. The children really enjoyed themselves playing in and experiencing the snowy conditions in School – the success of the winter Olympics certainly inspired some of our children, who knows, we may see them on screen in the winter Olympics of 2026!

Working Partnerships

During the past few years we have continued to improve the way we communicate with you and gather your views to help us to evaluate and improve the education of your children and the services, which the School is able to supply. Due to the overriding success of our Class Dojo system, I am pleased to announce that to further enhance our communication with you and to share and celebrate the positive successes of the children, the School plus the local community, we will be launching a School Twitter account plus a School Facebook page. You will find attached the protocol of use for Facebook and a slip should you NOT want your child to be included in Facebook usage. I know many of you use social media frequently and know this is of interest to you.

In addition to this, we are introducing Parent Council. The aim of Parent Council is that it will be a representative body for all parents and carers at Joy Lane Primary, Nursery and Oysters Provision. It will be designed to be parent friendly and a great opportunity to become more involved in, and more informed about any decisions which affect your child's school. Please find attached the full details of this exciting initiative.

Due to an administrative error, the School is going to re-run the election for parent governor and I would like to encourage previous applicants to apply once again. I attach information regarding being a parent governor and the process of how to apply. Please note that the Clerk of Governors cannot accept applications after the closing date.

Weekly Newsletter

We send you the weekly newsletter as a round up of the week and upcoming events and reminders. As we launch Twitter and Facebook, we will reduce the amount of newsletters that we send to you. Our School website has the most up-to-date information for you under the announcements tab for your convenience. www.joylane.kent.sch.uk

Sharing Learning Afternoon

Just a reminder that we are holding our Sharing Learning Afternoon on Thursday 8th March from 2pm until 4pm; you will have an opportunity to go to your child/children's class to have a look at all their hard work. Please sign in/out in the upper school hall before you go to class. We look forward to greeting you.

Thank you in advance for reading this letter and the three pieces of information - Parent Governor Election, Parent Council Election and Social Media Protocol.

Yours sincerely

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