



# Joy Lane Primary School

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

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Oyster Bay Nursery & Oysters SRP (ASD)

Executive Headteacher: Ms D J Hines

Head of School: Mr M Ashley-Jones

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016

Dear Parents and Carers

On behalf of the Staff and Governors, I would like to wish you all a very happy and healthy 2016 and I hope you all had an enjoyable and restful Christmas break.

We are delighted to welcome back Miss Millum, Assistant Headteacher, after her maternity break; she will be working with Mr Ashley-Jones in our main building and is looking forward to seeing you all once more.

### ***It's good to talk.....***

At Joy Lane we pride ourselves in making sure we are available to speak with you at every opportunity during and beyond the School day. The day begins where you are greeted by Staff and messages are passed on to Class Teachers should the need arise and at the end of every day, our Teachers are always available to speak with you.

I have now arranged for one of our Family Liaison Officers, Mrs Elton or Mrs Allen to be available for drop-in sessions during the first hour of the School day, if you would like to drop-in please come to the School office and we will direct you to them.

Each Friday morning between 8.50 and 9.50am, Mrs Godden, Inclusion Manager and Mr Ashley-Jones, Head of School, will also be available for you to drop-in and speak to – we would like you to share with us what has been successful as well as other matters. Please be aware that you are most welcome to make an appointment to see a member of Staff as well as these avenues of communication.

### ***Well Being 4 Children @ Joy Lane***

On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 2.15pm and again at 6pm, we will be offering you the opportunity to attend a workshop (adults only) to share with you our strategies and support systems to ensure that your child is happy and able to learn. There will be a crèche available for the 2.15pm workshop. We will be sharing with you our Personal, Social, Health and Emotional policy and how this supports our Behaviour and Discipline Policy; we will also share with you our systems behind the scenes that support both the children and families. You will have the opportunity to discuss how children feel when they are in School, including how we build resilience, deal with bullying and empower and develop their social skills. An invitation and full details will be sent in the coming week.



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## ***Inclement Weather***

Usually, at this time of year we experience inclement weather – excessive rain, frost or snow. Just in case this weather does materialise and the School has to close for any reason, please look at our website, listen to BBC Radio Kent and KMFM for School closure information. Please be assured that we only ever close the School as an absolute last resort.

## ***Year Group Newsletters***

You will shortly be receiving your child's newsletter which outlines their learning over the next two terms. This may include information of any forthcoming events and we would ask you to make a note of these on your home calendars.

We have been delighted with the response from Parents and Carers to volunteer to help with many aspects of our children's learning. We always welcome your help, so please do not hesitate to put your name forward if you would also like to be involved.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Ms D J Hines  
Executive Headteacher

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