



# Joy Lane Primary School

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

Oyster Bay Nursery & Oysters SRP (ASD)

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Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year for 2017 and hope that you had a wonderful Christmas holiday. It was lovely to welcome the children back yesterday and hear about their exciting experiences over the Christmas break.

## Inclement Weather

The next two terms are usually when we experience adverse weather conditions and I would like to remind you that we only close our School in extreme conditions – we are situated on a main road which means that our roads are cleared of snow due to the bus route. We will contact you by email or text should we need to close the School for any extreme circumstance and would also make an announcement on local radio stations. Please ensure we have your up-to-date email address and mobile telephone number (if Santa has been kind to you!)

## Attendance

We are re-launching 'Project 96' which is part of the Government's expectation that all children should attend School for at least 96% of the academic year, which is 190 days. You will receive further information tomorrow. I would like to remind you that Schools are not able to authorise any absence during the School term except in exceptional circumstances; the Chair of Governors and I meet on a bi-weekly basis and we discuss any exceptional applications and these cases are also discussed with the School's Attendance Liaison Officer from the Local Authority. It is also imperative that all children arrive on time for the start of the day as they may feel unsettled arriving once lessons have started. You are always welcome to speak to any member of staff or our Family Liaison Officers if you require any support.

## Drop-ins

I would like to remind you that you are always welcome to drop in and see a member of our Senior Leadership Team on a Friday morning between 9 and 10am should you like to discuss any concern or tell us how you feel we can improve our facilities – we are always keen to hear your views.

## Parent Partnership Meetings

We will be holding our Parent Partnership meetings during the week commencing Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 and, as before, you will be able to book on-line. If you do not have access to the internet, a member of our Admin team will be happy to assist you. Full details will follow.

Finally ... during the Christmas break Miss Porter (Kline class) got married. I am sure you will join me in congratulating the new Mrs Farrant.

With my very best regards.

*DJ Hines*

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Executive Headteacher

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