

Oaklands Junior School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to take this opportunity of welcoming you to Oaklands Junior School as part of Corvus Learning Trust, being one of the founding members, alongside our feeder Infant school and Edgbarrow School where most of our pupils transfer at the end of Year 6. Most days you will find me in the junior playground at the start or end of the school day if you would like to speak with me. Alternatively, please feel free to make an appointment via the office.

As Headteacher of this vibrant school, I am proud to have such a hardworking staff community with governors who support and challenge us, to make this school the very best that we can possibly be. We are also delighted to be accredited as a Thinking School by the University of Exeter. Our vision of "Learning to Think and Thinking to Learn" is very important to us, as we believe that this is a life skill that children will develop in their learning across the curriculum. When our pupils move on to secondary, they will independently be able to utilise the thinking tools we have taught them.

We celebrate not only academic achievements but are keen to encourage children's creativity and talents. Our curriculum embraces creativity in providing fun, practical and engaging activities in our well-equipped classrooms, children's kitchen, computer suite and our wonderful outdoor learning environment that includes an adventure play area, outdoor gym, pond, woodland area, a very large field and our Daily Mile track. We generally provide many extra-curricular clubs for the children to enjoy, from a range of sporting activities to music, dance, art and others that can be found in our termly curriculum booklet.

We have strong links with our local community, including our feeder Infant School, Edgbarrow Secondary School and local churches. Our very supportive PTA organises a variety of events throughout the year, raising much needed funds for both infants and juniors, not least of which is a termly grant of £1,200 to each school, which part-funds a teaching assistant.

We value parental help and encourage strong links between school and home. Parents' evenings, curriculum booklets, reports, home/school diaries, news updates and newsletters are all designed to keep you informed. Our website <https://oaklandsjunior-school.org.uk/> is another very good source of information about our school.

If you would like to know more, please do contact the school office where staff will be very happy to answer any questions or book an appointment for you to visit.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. H. West
Headteacher