



Jerry Clay Academy



CELEBRATING THE YEAR!

Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the end of another enriching and fulfilling year at JCA, we wanted to share some of the many achievements. We have made some fantastic achievements in 2016/2017.

You will be pleased to know that children across our school achieved excellent results in all phases of the academy and continue to perform above national expectations. Some headlines for you are:

- Our Foundation Stage children achieved excellently in the 'Good Level of Development'. This places us well above national averages.
- 97% of our Y1 children passed the phonics screening check, with an average score of 37 out of 40
- Y2 children achieved incredibly high with their SATS. We are placed significantly above average with our results. We are very pleased with this achievement.
- Y6 children exceeded national expectations in writing, reading and Maths. We are very proud of our children.

In addition to this, learning in books and attitudes to learning displayed by our children continue to improve.

We were so pleased this year to be recognised for the education that we provide your children. We are passionate about providing the very best broad curriculum. Some of our key achievements for the school have been:

- Gaining Model School status for our relentless drive to ensure that every child becomes a competent reader
- Achieving 'Outstanding' overall in our Ofsted inspection
- Achieving Sports Mark Gold for our achievements in sport – there were only 4 schools in Wakefield that achieved this, this year
- Mrs. Swinburne becoming a National Leader of Education and Jerry Clay Academy named as a National Support school. This enables us to help more children and staff to be the best that they can be. We passionately believe in helping others

A school is so much more than achievement in individual subjects, it is about achievement holistically, developing confidence, perseverance to try harder and risk-taking to achieve beyond what we think is possible. The sky should be the limit!

On a final note, I would like to give my special thanks to Mr. Wilcock and Miss Attwood who leave JCA today. Mr. Wilcock will be flying around the world over the year. We wish him so much luck and a safe journey. He is a fantastic team member and we hope that when he comes back, he will continue to inspire more children.

Miss Attwood finishes as a 1:1 Learning Support assistant as her pupil moves to secondary school. We would like to thank her for the care, guidance and support that she has provided. Good luck with your future endeavors.

We excitedly welcome back Mrs. Longley after her maternity leave. She will come back as a PPA teacher and special educational needs coordinator.

Finally, I would like to say a special thank you and goodbye to our Year 6 children who will be leaving us to go to secondary school. Our Year 6s have been an absolute delight. Each one of them I will miss so dearly; however, look forward to hearing all about their achievements as they progress.

I wish you all a safe and exciting holiday and hope that you get to spend some quality time as a family. We look forward to welcoming you all back on **Tuesday 5th September.**

On behalf of all of the leadership team, governors, staff and children we would like to thank you for your continued support of our academy. We very much believe our successes are achieved in partnership with families and look forward to us achieving even greater things during the next academic year.

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