



Oakleaves

Dear Parents and Friends of Oakfields,

I am very excited to be writing to you all as your new Headteacher at Oakfields Montessori School from September 2017. I specifically say 'your' Headteacher, as I am passionate about working with you, the parents, to ensure that we provide the very best of education for the young ladies and gentleman of our school. Through experience I am acutely aware that a school will always excel to greater heights, given a healthy and professional relationship between the school and its parents.



Be of no doubt, I am aware of the very natural parental concerns that many of you will hold during this time of change within our school. Your previous Headteacher, Laura Ciftci, has been a strong leader, providing your children with the foundations required to embark on the best possible educational journey that we all wish for our sons and daughters. I speak of Laura Ciftci with personal knowledge of her capabilities, having worked alongside her during her newly qualified teacher phase, she was a pleasure to work with and I wish her the very best in the next phase of her career.

I would now like to take this opportunity to tell you of my background and professional experience and please be rest assured that you will not find a Headteacher who is more passionate about education and driving young people to attain the very highest of standards. I take my primary role as a teacher very seriously and as a parent also, I would only ever deliver the standards that I would wish for my own children.

I was born and educated in Havering and studied for my Bachelor of Education at Westminster College, Oxford, where I not only thrived on the challenges of teacher training, but also the sporting opportunities that student life had to offer. I am very keen to ensure that the sporting prowess of Oakfields Montessori School continues to grow and that children of all abilities are encouraged to enjoy sport and learn the benefits of a healthy lifestyle and how this may likewise enhance their academic attainment.

I am now in my eighteenth year as a qualified teacher, having worked from Kindergarten to GCSE Key Stage 3, where I taught English, mathematics and science. I have been consistently observed as an outstanding teacher by OFSTED,

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Key Dates 2017

Please refer to Class newsletters for dates and times of activities relating specifically to your child's class.

June

7-9 (Weds-Fri) French Trip—Years 5 & 6

Thurs 15 Kindergarten Sports Day 10 a.m.

Thurs 15 P.T.A. Music Room

Fri 16 Infants Sports Day 1-4 p.m.

Weds 21 Year 5 Mother & Daughter meeting 4 p.m.

Fri 23 Junior Sports Day 1-4 p.m.

Sat 24 P.T.A. Summer Fayre 12 noon-4 p.m.

Weds 28 Showtime (Years 3-6)

July

Fri 7 Reports home

Sat 8 (9.30 for 10-12 noon) Prize Giving at Coopers (All children from Reception to Year 6 to attend and in school uniform please)

Tues 11 Parents' Evening (Reception to Year 5 only)

Weds 12 Parents' Evening (Reception to Year 5 only)

Fri 14 Last day of term

(Year 6 Leavers' Assembly and Year 5 and Year 6 Leavers' Party)

Autumn Term 2017:

Weds 6 September— Fri 20 October inc.

Mon 6 November—Fri 15 December inc.

Further dates can be found on the school website



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J & S Bespoke Schoolwear offer a 'click and collect' service via their website: www.bespokeschoolwear.co.uk.

Orders can then be collected from the school. J & S can also be found in the school library each Friday (term-time only) 3.00 - 4.30 p.m.

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which has subsequently led to me being called upon to accelerate progress in educational outcomes in numerous

schools across Havering and Essex, as well as leading a plethora of teaching and learning training courses for education professionals. Having a daughter who is currently in year 6, I am no stranger to parental apprehension during this transitional period. But please do find comfort in knowing that I have the benefit of six years' experience focusing on the transition from Primary to Secondary School education and specialised in preparation for Key Stage 2 SATS, 11 + preparation and other entrance and scholarship examinations. As your Headteacher, I will work tirelessly to ensure that your children are prepared for this transition and that they receive the requisite outstanding professional support required for them to fulfil their ultimate potential.

I am joining Oakfields Montessori School from Ardleigh Green Junior School, where I have unreservedly adored my role as Deputy Headteacher of a year on year outstanding school, where we prepare children for greater depth and mastery. It is no secret that Ardleigh Green is the most sought-after state primary school in Havering, with places eagerly contested for by parents wishing the very best of education for their children. As Deputy Headteacher, I have been at the forefront of our educational delivery, not only maintaining our outstanding status, but always looking for means of improvement. If you remember one thing from what I have written, let it be this... your new Headteacher is not one for coasting, but is an education professional who will consistently strive for excellence. I have delivered an outstanding level of teaching throughout my career and have been fundamental in maintaining Ardleigh Green Junior School's outstanding status. I will settle for nothing less at Oakfields Montessori School, which will continue to be the school that all parents wish for their sons and daughters to attend.

I very much look forward to meeting you all, and be assured that there will be an opportunity for this later this term. Further details will follow.

Kindest regards,
Mrs Katrina Carroll, B.Ed.



Dear Parents,

I am absolutely thrilled to be joining the thriving Oakfields Montessori School from September as your Deputy Headteacher.

Since qualifying as a teacher, I have predominantly worked within the Borough of Thurrock. During my time there I have led curriculum, maths, science and pupil rewards. I look forward to bringing my existing skills in these areas to Cognita and the Oakfields' family and indeed expanding on them.

In my position as Assistant Headteacher, I have worked in a mentoring capacity, developing the teaching of my colleagues and consequently the learning of the children. I have seen the many ways in which effective teaching and learning improve results. When I started at Kenningtons Primary (South Ockendon), I was placed in year 6 to raise both achievement and attainment of the cohort. That year, the year 6 class that I taught achieved the highest SATs results in Thurrock, going from almost bottom to top of the borough within a year. This, combined with my experience of teaching in lower key stages, has provided me with an understanding of the skills that children need to be successful learners at different stages within their development.

At the start of this year, January 2017, I was incredibly fortunate to be given the opportunity to work in Nairobi, Kenya, as a teacher for a charity run school. My experiences here were invaluable and will stay with me for a lifetime. Education is the key to theirs and our future and I look forward to inspiring children to be the very best they can. I am incredibly passionate about learning both inside and outside the classroom.

I look forward to celebrating many more years of academic and sporting success with you at Oakfields.

Best Wishes,
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