

# Oswald Road Primary School

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10<sup>th</sup> September 2015

Dear Parent/Carer,



## Commando Joe's

I'd like to introduce you to a new and exciting programme we have in place for our school. It is something I mentioned in my blog at the beginning of the year as being something new we are trying across school.

Commando Joe's is a company, backed by the DfE and the Government, who work in schools on tailor-made programmes. They will run before and after school clubs, sessions throughout the day and lunchtime activities.

The purpose of Commando Joe's at Oswald Road is to develop children's involvement in physical activities, alongside the sports coaches we already have for lunchtime and after school activities and the sports coach who works alongside our teachers in lessons. The focus will be team building, resilience, determination, self-esteem, engagement and much more.

As with any new initiative, it will be monitored and reviewed regularly, looking at impact and enjoyment. We had a team-building staff training run by them yesterday evening, which was excellent. I know it was a very amusing sight for any on-looking children and parents, as they watched us involve ourselves in the team building tasks!

I have attached information from Simon, the leader, who will be working at our school.

I look forward to sharing more information about this programme as we get into it over the coming weeks.

Kind regards

Deborah Howard  
Headteacher



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Dear Parent/Carer,



My name is Simon and I will be working at Oswald Road Primary School every Wednesday, starting on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

You may see me early in the morning at the school gates to welcome the pupils in, so please stop and say hello! I will be working in partnership with the staff here to help them improve not only academic performance but also to build self-confidence, teamwork, resilience, independence, respect, responsibility, engagement and improving attendance / punctuality.

Commando Joe's highly trained and experienced instructors work with all pupils, regardless of physical, academic or social abilities. Outstanding leadership is demonstrated and then developed in young people through new approaches to learning that are set beyond the traditional classroom.

We have already spent a great amount of time with key members of staff to develop a programme of activities unique to Oswald Road Primary School. This means that what we have planned will work effectively across the whole range of abilities the pupils have.

You can find out more about what we do by visiting our website [www.commandojoes.co.uk](http://www.commandojoes.co.uk) or by simply having a word with me at school.

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Kind regards

Simon Clarke  
Commando Joe's Team Leader



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