



Decoy Community Primary School And First Steps Nursery

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Dear All,

As we approach the end of the academic year, I feel a great deal of pride in our school community. Our staff, pupils, governors and members of our school community have worked extremely hard to make Decoy a special place to be happy and learn.

As Chair of Decoy, I have spent a great deal of time in and around school this year, as have the other members of my governing body, and it has been clear to see the work we all do to provide our pupils with an outstanding education.

The school has made significant strides in our School Improvement Priorities throughout the year including raising standards in English, Maths and Phonics. It's fantastic to see that high percentages of our pupils are achieving their expected progress or achieving above their expected progress. I'm confident this success will continue into next academic year.

We also have seen many improvements to our school site and facilities including the installation of our outdoor classroom, sensory room and playground enhancements, all of which will directly benefit our pupils for years to come.

Our new school vision and values have now been agreed, and we will soon begin the exciting task of embedding these into the school.

Our school budget continues to present us challenge, as all schools are experiencing, but through carefully managed spending, donations and strong financial management, we are balancing our budget and moving into the new academic year with a surplus – an amazing achievement.

I would like to make a few individual mentions:

- Our PTA have been absolutely amazing this year, raising funds and supporting our school in a variety of ways. Yasmin, her team and their inspiring efforts in organising fun events throughout the year that raise vital sums for the school are greatly appreciated.
- I would also like to add how grateful I am of our Governing Body who volunteer their time and skills to support the school in so many ways to ensure its ongoing effectiveness. They quietly work behind the scenes in a very important role. This term, we are very sad to lose three long-standing governors who are retiring from our board at the end of their terms: Paul Evemy, Sandra Cartright and Gill Quantrell. We thank them for their service and wish



them a happy retirement. We will now begin the recruitment of their successors (more details can be found on the vacancies page of our website).

- And finally, I wish to mention our Headteacher, Mrs Herbert, whose passion and dedication for our school is evident in the achievement, progress and happiness of our children.

On behalf of myself and the entire governing body, I'd like to share our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to our success this year. There is lots to look forward to as we move into the new academic year.

I hope you and your families have a wonderful summer break.

Best wishes,

Benjamin Twitney
Chair of Governors