

# Decoy Community Primary School

*"Inspiring Positive Futures"*



24<sup>th</sup> February 2023



**Ofsted – January 2023**

*"Decoy Primary School continues to be a good school."*

We are delighted that our Ofsted report is now available to share and celebrate with everyone. The opening paragraph of the report says, *"Decoy Primary is an inclusive school with a family ethos. Leaders have high expectations for all. Pupils rise to these by working hard and acting on the guidance adults provide ..."*

A few other lovely quotes from the report (there are many more) are:

1. Pupils *"enjoy one another's company and are courteous to all"*
2. *"Leaders have established an engaging curriculum carefully outlining what pupils should learn and when."*
3. *"Staff support pupils with SEND well to access the learning."*
4. *"Pupils' attitudes towards learning are positive."*
5. *"In lessons, and around the school, pupils behave well. They are happy and safe and value their relationships."*
6. *"...an ethos of acceptance and belonging for all."*

Thank you to everyone who was involved in the two day inspection - children, staff, governors and parents. This team effort ensured that the inspector was able to see what makes Decoy Primary and First Steps Nursery such an incredible school community.

The inspection process always involves identifying areas for improvement and these are shown below:

1. Development of the wider curriculum (beyond the core areas of reading, writing and mathematics) - building on prior learning, ensuring retention of learning over time, identifying gaps or misconceptions in learning and addressing these in a timely manner.
2. Development of subject leaders - particularly those who are new to the role

The two areas identified were already school improvement priorities and we are determined to continue to focus on these to further develop our curriculum.

To read the full report, please visit our school website.



## Strike Day – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

The NEU teaching union strike action continues. The following days of strike action have been planned by the union.

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023

The arrangements in school will remain the same as for the first day of strike action. **The following year groups will not be in school on the strike days:**

Reception

Year 1

Year 3

Year 4

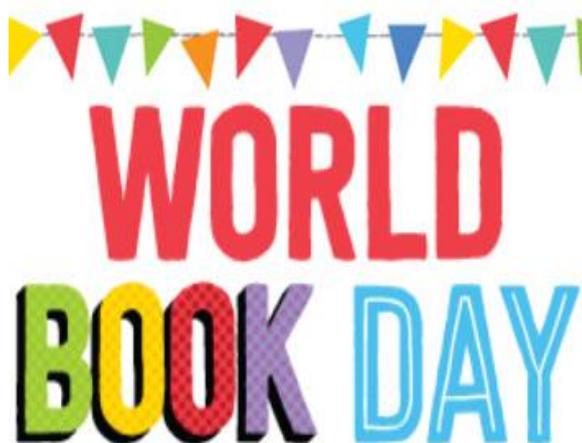
Year 5



**Pupils in Nursery, Year 2 and Year 6 are expected to attend school as normal.**

If you want to know more about the NEU's reasons for striking, please follow this link:

<https://neu.org.uk/media/24661/view>



We are celebrating World Book Day on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March.**

World Book Day celebrates the joy and value of books and reading, especially for pupils. To encourage and help them on their reading journey, every child will receive a £1 book token which can be exchanged for one free World Book Day 2023 book or £1 off a book costing £2.99 or more. You can find out more information about this on the token given, or on the World Book Day website.

<https://www.worldbookday.com>

To celebrate World Book Day, children are invited to dress up as a character from their favourite book on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March. Staff will also be joining in! There will also be a variety of reading/book related activities taking place in classes across the day.

Next week, we are running a sponsored read and in addition to this, the Usborne School Book Fair will also be in school on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Further information will be sent out regarding these events.



## Mid-Morning Snacks

As mentioned previously, from now on, children can only have fruit and/or vegetables for their mid-morning snack.

Acceptable snacks:

- Fruit - fresh or dried (including raisins but not yogurt or chocolate covered ones)

- Vegetables e.g. carrot sticks, cucumber, sugar snap peas

All children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 will continue to receive free fruit and vegetable snacks in school each day.

## Non Uniform Day – 10<sup>th</sup> March

Rather than a monetary donation for non-uniform day, please send your child into school with an item for the Easter Fair tombola; the PTA will be sending out more information about these donations.

## Comic Relief – 17<sup>th</sup> March

The School Council are arranging exciting fundraising events as part of this year's Red Nose Day activities – more information to follow.

### Stopping Outside School to Drop Off Children

Please, please, please help us to avoid an accident at the front of school.

The zig-zags outside the school gates are there to keep everyone safe. No one should be parking on them, or stopping alongside them to drop off children.

At the beginning and end of the school day, we have hundreds of children, parents and carers arriving and leaving via the main gate. If you are dropping your child off without parking, please drive into the 'D' – this is a dropping-off zone and should not be used for parking. Small children may not be seen in mirrors, so no cars should be reversing out of this area.

Do not stop in the road outside the main gate – especially on the corner. There is a constant stream of children and parents trying to cross in this area. There have been several near misses – when pedestrians have stepped out at the same time as drivers have tried to move off.

Don't forget that we can issue you with a parking permit which enables you to park for free at Decoy park at drop off and pick up times. **The safety of Decoy's children is worth the slight inconvenience of a short walk.**



### We need you!

#### **Meal Time Assistant Required - 5 days a week – 1 hour per day - £9.50 per hour.**

This role is to provide our children with a calm and positive lunchtime experience that is safe, sociable and fun. This role includes responsibility for supervising the children in the dining hall and on the playground.

If you are interested in this position and would like to be part of our friendly team of dedicated staff, then we would be delighted to hear from you. To find out more, please contact the school in person by telephone (01626 353282) or email [admin@decoyschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@decoyschool.co.uk). We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This post is subject to an interview and enhanced DBS check.

Decoy Community Primary School & First Steps Nursery

**School Terms and Holiday Dates – 2023 / 2024 Academic Year**

September					
M		4	11	18	25
T		5	12	19	26
W		6	13	20	27
Th		7	14	21	28
F	1	8	15	22	29

October					
M	2	9	16	23	30
T	3	10	17	24	31
W	4	11	18	25	
Th	5	12	19	26	
F	6	13	20	27	

November					
M		6	13	20	27
T		7	14	21	28
W	1	8	15	22	29
Th	2	9	16	23	30
F	3	10	17	24	

December					
M		4	11	18	25
T		5	12	19	26
W		6	13	20	27
Th		7	14	21	28
F	1	8	15	22	29

January					
M	1	8	15	22	29
T	2	9	16	23	30
W	3	10	17	24	31
Th	4	11	18	25	
F	5	12	19	26	

February					
M		5	12	19	26
T		6	13	20	27
W		7	14	21	28
Th	1	8	15	22	29
F	2	9	16	23	

March					
M		4	11	18	25
T		5	12	19	26
W		6	13	20	27
Th		7	14	21	28
F	1	8	15	22	29

April					
M	1	8	15	22	29
T	2	9	16	23	30
W	3	10	17	24	
Th	4	11	18	25	
F	5	12	19	26	

May					
M		6	13	20	27
T		7	14	21	28
W	1	8	15	22	29
Th	2	9	16	23	30
F	3	10	17	24	31

June					
M	3	10	17	24	
T	4	11	18	25	
W	5	12	19	26	
Th	6	13	20	27	
F	7	14	21	28	

July					
M	1	8	15	22	29
T	2	9	16	23	30
W	3	10	17	24	31
Th	4	11	18	25	
F	5	12	19	26	

August					
M		5	12	19	26
T		6	13	20	27
W		7	14	21	28
Th	1	8	15	22	29
F	2	9	16	23	30

	School Holiday
	Non-Pupil Day
	Bank Holiday