

Decoy Community Primary School

"Treat other people as you would like them to treat you"



12th September 2022



Decoy Community Primary School thanks Queen Elizabeth II for her service.

She was a symbol of grace, dignity and elegance, who served with strength, courage, and dedication to her country.



1926-2022

School will be closed on **Monday 19th September**, on the occasion of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's State Funeral.



Birthday Treats

Children are allowed to bring in birthday treats to share with their classmates at the end of the school day. We realise that this contradicts what some parents were told last week. If you were told you could not bring in treats last week and would like to do so now, that's fine!

Mobile Phones

Please put mobile phones away when entering the school's grounds.

*I've been excited to see you and tell you about my day,
we don't want mobile phones to get in the way.
I've made new friends and learnt lots too,
let's have a chat, let me share it with you.
Our 'no phone zone' also helps to keep us safe,
so please pop it in your pocket when you reach the school gates.*



Mr Clark – Wrens – Year 1

Unfortunately, due to personal reasons, Mrs Baker has not returned to join the teaching team at Decoy Primary School this term. We wish her the very best. Until further notice, Mr Clark will be teaching Wrens (Y1).

School Attendance

The impact upon children's education through lost learning is huge, so we hope that we can work together to make improvements in school attendance. At a time when so much education has been disrupted, it is vital that we make every school minute count. We urge you to ensure that your child is in school and on time every day to prevent anyone falling behind with their learning.

Government departments track school attendance figures. It is considered that attendance of 90% or below is persistent absence, which will be closely monitored by school staff. Failing to improve on this 90% can lead to prosecution, which we want to help families avoid.

There are things you can do to improve your child's attendance and avoid falling into the persistent absence category:

- If your child is unwell and you are unsure whether to send them to school, contact the office to seek advice on 01626 353282.
- Avoid taking any holidays during term times.
- Speak to school staff with any concerns.
- Talk to your child about the importance of them being in school and let them know how important you feel it is.

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Don't miss out on the education you deserve.



If your child is going to be absent from school for a reason other than ill-health, an absence request form must be completed in advance (forms are available from the school office).

This section of the newsletter will be updated each week. New dates or alterations will be highlighted so that you can easily see updates.

Dates for the diary:

September		October	
19 th	School closed. Bank Holiday for State Funeral	3 rd – 7 th	Heatree House Residential (Y6)
21 st	PTA AGM (7pm) in the school hall	21 st	School closed. Staff training
		21 st – 28 th	Half term
		31 st	Return to school

2022-23

Autumn Term 2022

5th September – Children return to school
 19th September – School closed - State funeral
 21st October – School closed - staff training
 22nd – 28th October – Half-term holiday
 31st October – Children return to school
 16th December – Last day of term

17th December – 2nd January – Christmas Holidays

Spring Term 2023

2nd January – School closed - staff training
 3rd January – Children return to school
 11th-19th February – Half-term holiday
 31st March – Last day of term

1st -16th April – Easter Holidays

Summer Term 2023

17th April – Children return to school
 1st May – School closed. May Day bank holiday
 27th May - 4th June – Half-term holiday
 20th July – Last day of term for children
 21st July – School closed – staff training



Thought for the day:

