

# Decoy Community Primary School

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



20<sup>th</sup> September 2022

On Friday, we held this year's first 'Star of The Week' Assembly. Our stars were chosen for their hard work and excellent behaviour over the last two weeks. At the moment, children in Reception are not joining us for the large celebration assemblies but their achievements are recognised in special assemblies in their classes.

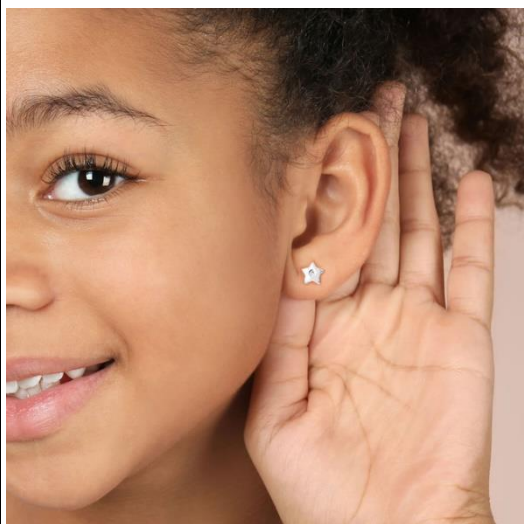
STARS OF THE WEEK						
RECEPTION	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
	Albert H Teddy W Ivy M Billy S	George W Isla C Joseph C Isabella M Jack B Alana AJ	Joshua C Edward L Alfred K Sydnee	George H Faye McC Jasmine U Joey E	Isaac H Ruby C Kacee A Grace R	Jake D Emma D Esmat T Ellis S



On the 16<sup>th</sup> September, as part of National Teaching Assistants' Day, we celebrated our fabulous, hard-working, dedicated team of teaching assistants.

We cannot thank them enough for everything they do to support children, teachers and families at Decoy Community Primary School.

We think they are amazing!



## Earrings

Pupils can wear small stud earrings in each ear – no hoops or dangly earrings, please. The stud must sit completely on the ear lobe, with no part of the stud hanging below the lobe.

Your child will be expected to remove their earrings for PE lessons – they must be able to do this independently. We strongly recommend that earrings are not valuable as the school accepts no liability for lost jewellery.

If, in the future, you are considering getting your child's ears pierced, the most appropriate time is the beginning of the summer holidays. Otherwise, your child will need to wear tape over their ears/earrings during PE lessons over the 6 week period that it takes for the hole to heal.

## Closing the School Gates

Please be aware that from this week, the **main gate will be closed promptly at 8.55am**. This is so that we can register the children and start lessons promptly at 9am. Any pupils arriving after this time will need to be taken to the main reception.

If parents/carers are still on site at 8.55am, we will open and man the small gate by the staff car park to enable you to leave. Please make sure that your children arrive in school on time, so that they do not miss any learning.

# Getting Your Child to School Really Matters



## Did You Know... ?

In a School Year, If Your Child is Late Every Day By...	Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...	or They Would Have Missed Approximately...
<b>5 Minutes</b>	<b>3.5 Days from School</b>	<b>20 Lessons</b>
<b>10 Minutes</b>	<b>7 Days from School</b>	<b>41 Lessons</b>
<b>15 Minutes</b>	<b>10 Days from School</b>	<b>55 Lessons</b>
<b>20 Minutes</b>	<b>14.5 Days from School</b>	<b>82 Lessons</b>
<b>30 Minutes</b>	<b>22 Days from School</b>	<b>123 Lessons</b>

Please Encourage Punctuality to Maintain Attendance

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

We are seeking to appoint a Mealtime Assistant to provide our children with a calm and positive lunchtime experience that is safe, sociable and fun. This role is responsible for supervising the children in the dining hall and on the playground.

If you 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 enhanced DBS check.

Closing Date: Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September

Interviews: Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September

Dates for the diary (new or amended dates are highlighted):

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

## 2022-23

### Autumn Term 2022

5<sup>th</sup> September – Children return to school

19<sup>th</sup> September – School closed - State funeral

21<sup>st</sup> October – School closed - staff training

22<sup>nd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> October – Half-term holiday

31<sup>st</sup> October – Children return to school

16<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term

17<sup>th</sup> December – 2<sup>nd</sup> January – Christmas Holidays

### Spring Term 2023

3<sup>rd</sup> January – School closed - staff training

4<sup>th</sup> January – Children return to school

11<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> February – Half-term holiday

31<sup>st</sup> March – Last day of term

1<sup>st</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Holidays

### Summer Term 2023

17<sup>th</sup> April – Children return to school

1<sup>st</sup> May – School closed. May Day bank holiday

27<sup>th</sup> May - 4<sup>th</sup> June – Half-term holiday

20<sup>th</sup> July – Last day of term for children

21<sup>st</sup> July – School closed – staff training

