

Decoy Community Primary School

"Inspiring Positive Futures"



6th January 2023

Happy New Year
2023

Communication

We are excited to announce our plans to improve communication between home and school. There are two new approaches:

1. The launch of ClassDojo (today)
2. The launch of a new website (February 2023)



ClassDojo

Today, your child will bring home an invitation for you to sign up to ClassDojo.

ClassDojo is simple, secure, and gives you a window into the school day! It works in a similar way to Tapestry, which is already in place in Nursery and Reception. Initially, these will run alongside each other, but in time, once everyone is signed up, the intention is to move all communication onto ClassDojo.

ClassDojo will be used to share newsletters, dates, events, celebrations, achievements, photographs, class learning etc. You will have access to your child/children's class page and a whole school stream. It's easy to look back at past posts and track through to find the information you require. ClassDojo also offers the facility for you to send messages to class teachers. Class teachers will check their pages once a day.

We would like all families to join us by signing up for a parent account on ClassDojo. You can use it on any device: it's a simple, **free** mobile app for iOS and Android, and can also be accessed from your computer at classdojo.com. **DO NOT SUBSCRIBE TO "ClassDojo Plus" – this is an unnecessary cost.**



Let's try it out together 🙌

I'll post to Class Story
Check it out and give it a ❤️ or a 💬

If you do not receive a paper invite to ClassDojo, please contact the class teacher. They will be able to send you a sign up code via email.

New Staff

This week, we have welcomed two new teachers to Decoy Primary School.



Miss Brooks has recently moved to Devon, from London. She will be teaching in Chaffinches (Year 2) when Mrs Sinclair goes on maternity leave later this term. Until this time, to help the class with the change in teachers, Miss Brooks will be teaching Chaffinches every Tuesday and will cover the class on other days when Mrs Sinclair is absent. Until Mrs Sinclair leaves, Miss Brooks will also be providing cover in other classes.



Mrs Harvey has joined our teaching team and is the new class teacher for Falcons (Year 6). She is a very experienced teacher and maths leader.

Attendance

When monitoring pupil attendance this half-term, we will take into account the following national guidance, from the UK Health Security Agency.

“Flu and coronavirus (COVID-19) are currently circulating at high levels and are likely to continue to increase in coming weeks. Cases of scarlet fever, which is caused by group A streptococcus, also continue to be reported.

Professor Susan Hopkins, Chief Medical Adviser at the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), said:

It's important to minimise the spread of infection in schools and other education and childcare settings as much as possible. If your child is unwell and has a fever, they should stay home from school or nursery until they feel better and the fever has resolved.

Helping children to learn about the importance of good hand hygiene is also key, so practice regular handwashing at home with soap and warm water. Catching coughs and sneezes in tissues then binning them is another simple way to help stop illness from spreading.

Adults should also try to stay home when unwell and if you do have to go out, wear a face covering. When unwell, don't visit healthcare settings or visit vulnerable people unless urgent.

Remember that flu vaccination is still available for all eligible groups and is the best protection against the virus. We have seen good uptake in older age groups but vaccination among young children remains low. Flu can be very unpleasant and in some cases can lead to more serious illness. Getting your child vaccinated protects them and others they come into contact with, and it's still not too late.

Eligible children include:

- those aged 2 and 3 on 31 August 2022
- all primary school-aged children
- some secondary school-aged children

You can get more information getting your child vaccinated against flu on NHS.UK. “

Hair Colour

We politely request that children do not come to school with coloured hair. If your child's hair currently has colour in it, please do not replace this colour when it washes out.

Safeguarding – We are an Operation Encompass school



Operation Encompass is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and all police forces. Operation Encompass means that our school will be told, prior to the start of the next school day, when police have attended an incident of domestic abuse where there is a child or young person present who attends our school.

We have ensured that members of our staff, known as a Key Adults, have been trained about Operation Encompass procedures. This allows us to use the information that has been confidentially shared with us by the police, to understand how a child may be impacted by domestic abuse and to then offer support to the child/ren in our care.

We are keen to offer the very best support possible to all our pupils and we believe that being part of Operation Encompass helps us to do this.

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 one or both of these positions 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.

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.

Closing Date: Friday 20th January