



## DIGGLE STARS

- ★ **Charlotte Tann** – for always working responsibly and making a super effort with all activities.
- ★ **Eva Smith** – for ALWAYS working hard and producing her best in all subjects.
- ★ **James Rothwell** – for producing pieces of superb work for the winter display
- ★ **Jake Moorhouse** – for trying hard with his reading this week and trying to make good choices and show he is responsible.
- ★ **Etta-Joyce Philpot** – for being responsible and respectful at all times.
- ★ **Kassidy Rothwell** – for trying hard and having a great attitude to learning.
- ★ **Jacob Heron** – for fantastic effort and ideas in his English work this week.



## HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS



I have been approached by a couple of parents asking if we are happy for teachers to receive Christmas gifts from children and parents this year bearing in mind the restriction COVID-19 puts on us. I appreciate that some of you may want to bring the staff in your child's class, a small gift in recognition of all their hard work this term.

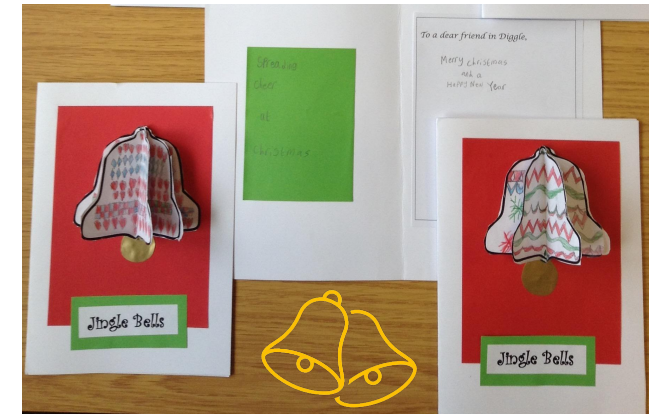
Whilst these are by no means expected teachers do appreciate the thought that goes into these gifts each year. In order to be able to do this, under the current risk assessments in school please can I ask that if you do wish to bring something in you do it no later than Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December. This way the gifts can be placed in a box in the classroom and then taken home by the staff on Friday after they have stood for a few days and so eliminated the risk of transmitting the virus.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri 18th Dec – Finish for Christmas

Mon 4th Jan – Staff inset day

Tues 5th Jan – Spring term starts



## Class R

This week we have started practicing for our Christmas showcase and learning our new Christmas story, Dear Santa by Rod Campbell. We have looked at how to write a letter and set up a Post Office in the classroom to help us send letters and cards to our friends and family...and Santa of course. In Maths, We have been using our knowledge of number 4 and applying it to what we know about the whole and parts. Why not ask your child what parts make 4? In Phonics, we have learnt the new sounds 'nk' and 'ng'; and the red words; he, she and we.

## Class 1

This week we have been working hard in Maths practising our counting in 2's, 5's and 10's. In Phonics we have learnt the sounds We are getting very good at all three! In phonics we learnt the sounds are, ur and er. In English we have been researching about penguins and then writing our own Penguin fact file. We were all very surprised to find out that Penguins have pink poo! In Art, this week we have been using collage and printing techniques for our winter display board and we have made some Christmas bells. We have also enjoyed singing and learning the actions to our Christmas song.

## Class 2

This week we have read a story called 'Robin's Winter song'. We enjoyed discovering what the animals did when winter came and how Robin felt. We used the story as a focus for some lovely art activities and writing. We made our own colourful, glittery birds, sparkly trees and also wrote super descriptions of the winter woodland using our senses. In Maths work we have investigated the names and properties of 3D shapes. We have enjoyed starting to learn some Christmas songs as well.



This week in photos. More information, videos and pictures found on our Facebook page.



Pies,  
glorious  
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### Class 6

This week on Class 6 we have been working very hard on making items for our Winter Display. In English we have written our own Winter poems.. We have also made some winter scene pictures using a white silhouette effect on a blue background and finished off with glitter. In Maths we have been working on measuring and drawing angles; we also moved on to drawing 2D shapes accurately using a protractor and ruler. We have also enjoyed learning our Christmas song 'I wish it could be Christmas everyday!'

### Class 3

This week we have been writing a winter poem following a similar style to 'The Magic Box' which we studied previously. We used our nouns, verbs, adjectives and prepositions to create an image for the reader. We have measured more perimeters around joined shapes and applied our 3-, 4- and 8-times tables knowledge. We have been very busy producing Christmas cards to cheer up elderly residents in the community and decorations for the school. It has been another successful week for Forest School and in science, we have applied our learning of magnets to design a machine to stop cutlery being scraped into the bin after lunch!

### Class 4

Our focus this week has been producing some exceptional pieces of work that will make up our wonderful winter display. This year's is based on *Coming Home*, the 2016 Waitrose Christmas advert (and subsequent Michael Morpurgo book). We have researched the European robin and wrote some fact files including a sketch. We have written some wonderful poetry based on the robin's journey. We researched and wrote up Delia Smith's traditional mince pie recipe and, of course, we made mince pies ourselves. What an excellent week!

### Class 5

This week in Class 5 we have been working hard to produce some fantastic pieces of work for our winter display. The Class have worked hard reading through and analysing the poem 'Twas the Night Before Christmas,' after this they have produced their own version of the poem to write their own 5 verse poem. The children tried really hard to make the lines of the poem rhyme. In Maths we have been measuring and drawing angles accurately using a protractor; some of us have shown great resilience whilst doing this, this week. In Science, we have looked at time zones and how they differ depending on which part of the world we are in.

## Christmas Cards

This year we are going to have to do Christmas cards a bit differently ... Should children want to bring in Christmas Cards for their friends, they can only bring cards for others in their own class. Please do not bring cards for anyone outside of their class.

Children should bring cards in on either a **Monday** or a **Thursday**. On a Monday, the class teacher will ask the child to put their cards into a designated bag where they will stay in quarantine until Thursday, when they will be given out by the teacher. On a Thursday, any cards brought in will be put in a designated bag and given out the following Monday. This will help minimize any risk of passing on the COVID-19 virus from household to household.



## WELL DONE !!!!

A big well done for Alice McKune, Class 1 for running the Diggle run for fun!



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**Thanks to everyone who brought all their old clothes and shoes for recycling into school . We raised a fantastic £213! Look out for our next recycling event in the new year.**

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For those of you who purchase through AMAZON, please consider choosing **Friends of Diggle School** as your preferred charity on **Amazon Smile**. Every bit of money FODS raises comes back into school, and Amazon Smile is a great way to help just by doing your normal shopping.



## Angels



St Chad's Church is creating an "angel choir" – to spread a bit of Christmas Hope amongst the Saddleworth hills, and they would like to invite pupils, parents and staff to join in.

The idea is that all in the parish, young and old, make an angel - any colour, any size, any material, but waterproof – foil, plastic shopping bags or wire coat hangers have been suggested - and when finished, you take your angel up to St Chad's church and attach it to the railings. Messages can also be tied on the angels too should you wish.

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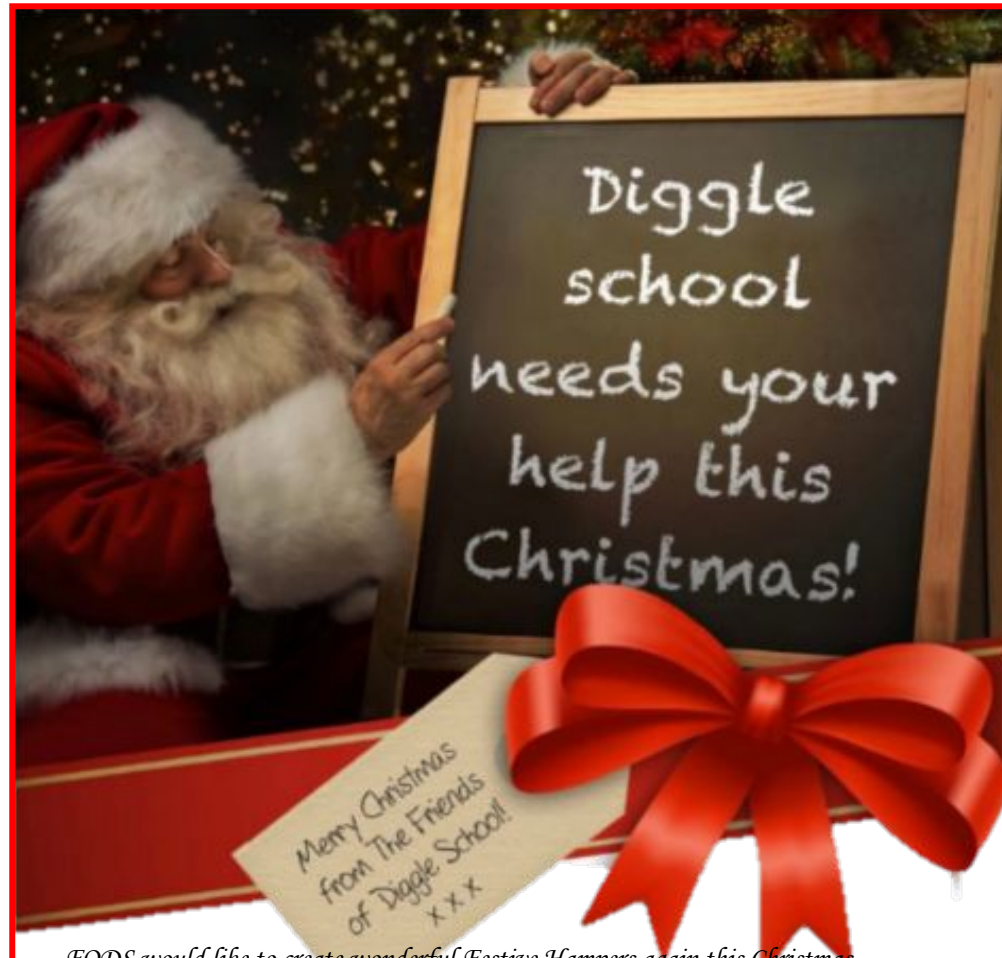
FRIENDS OF DIGGLE SCHOOL

As a big thankyou for all your support in the events we put on, FODS are bringing the pantomime to school this year! We know how much all the children like going to see the panto at Christmas and as they can't do that this year, we have organised for the virtual interactive pantomime 'Cinderella' to be brought to all the children in their class bubbles. This will be a really fun afternoon for them to enjoy in the run up to Christmas!



FODS will also be providing popcorn and a sweet treat free of charge for your children to enjoy during the performance!

Thankyou for all your continued support during these challenging times!



FODS would like to create wonderful Festive Hampers again this Christmas. Raffle Tickets to enter the draw to win a lamper will be sent home in book bags. Please return ticket stubs with the money in a sealed envelope to school. Please can you support your class hamper by bringing an item into school before Friday 4th December, so that FODS Christmas Elves can work their magic. Last years hampers were filled with scrumptious chocolates, bath fizz. Christmas treats and everything in between

Thank you for your continued support.



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