



## DIGGLE STARS

**Vale Tamworth** - for good reasoning skills in maths and science.

**Fraser Seymour** - For working hard and being sensible all week.

**Jasper Gyongyosi**- for better listening, concentration and being respectful during carpet times

**Mason Shuttleworth**- for concentrating more in Maths and taking responsibility for his learning

**William Russell** - For settling really well into our class and creating a fantastic information poster about teeth!

**Eva Smith**- for fantastic effort in her learning and producing some excellent pieces of work recently.

**Jacob McGlashan**- for a fantastic effort in his descriptive writing of a mythical creature this week.

Here are  
our  
amazing  
Diggle  
Stars!



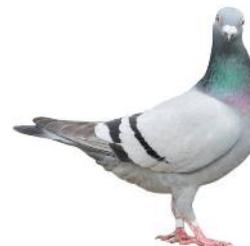
## HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS

As you are probably aware, our school Facebook page has been a huge hit both as a window into school for family and friends of children who already attend, and also to showcase our wonderful children to the local community.

The world of social media moves fast, and therefore as a school, we would like to branch out onto other platforms such as Instagram. Also, due to the nature of social media and the ability to share images, we can not always guarantee on what platform the images may be used.

In the next week or so you will receive a link to a Google Form. This will ask you for a simple yes or no response as to whether we can use your child's image. Please look out for the email with this link.

Class 3 will be looking after Percy Pigeon this week. Well done for having the tidiest cloakroom.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Mon 5th Feb** - Year 5 performance  
Saddleworth School 16:00 - 18:00 approx

**w/c 12th Feb** - Science Week

**Fri 16th Feb** - FODS Break the Rules Day

**Fri 16th Feb** - Break Up for Half Term

**Mon 26th Feb** - Return to school

**Thurs 7th March** - Charlie and the Chocolate factory themed World Book Day.

**Fri 22nd March** - Y3 & 4 Hike to Castleshaw

**Mon 25th March** - Yr 4 Experience Easter

**Thurs 28th March** - Y3 & 4 Roman Day

**Thurs 28th March** -Break Up for Easter

**Wed 12th June- Fri 14th June** - Year 6  
Kingswood Trip



## Class R

Our focus book this week has been *Cinderella*. After reading and re-telling the story, the children have designed their own wands which they then used to play a magic phonics game. They have designed their own princess dress using a finger painting technique, and have used playdough to make some pretty patterns. They have practiced some pencil control with a palace-themed worksheet too.

The children have LOVED being in the outside area again this week. We finished off last week's *Three Little Pigs* text by making our own house, then adapted these to build our own palaces.

In maths we have explored mass and capacity. We have used scales to compare the weight of objects and tried to make our scales balance. We filled a variety of jugs too with cubes, pine cones and shells to compare capacity.

We also found time to read the book *Pantosaurus* and talked about making sensible choices.



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

## Class 1

This week in English we have worked hard writing letters to an older relative. This was linked to our topic about 'Communication Then and Now' and we asked questions in our letters about what communication was like when our relatives were young.

In Maths this week we have practised adding ones using number bonds to help us, finding and making number bonds to 20 and finding doubles of numbers up to 20.

In Science we have been learning about seasonal change from Autumn to Winter and have focused on the the weather. We have completed a weather chart to record the weather symbol, temperature, rainfall and wind speed and direction for each day of the week.

Our art was also linked to our Communication topic. We used clay to sculpt cartouches and carved our names in hieroglyphics. We will paint them next week when they are dry.

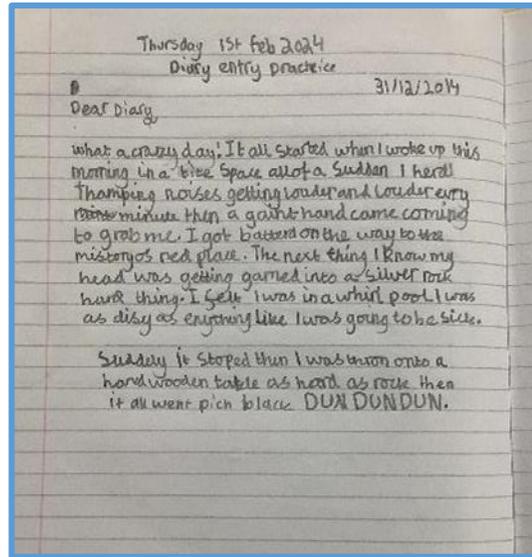
In Theme we walked through Diggle on a Communication hunt. We spotted telegraph poles with phone lines going to houses, telecommunication boxes, letter boxes, a telephone box, a post box and a post office. We then posted our letters and we are really looking forward to receiving some replies.

## Class 2

In English this week we used our previous learning to write a 'Wanted' poster for Wolfie, one of our main class story characters. We learned what suffixes are and how to use them to add interest to our writing. In Maths we moved onto data and statistics working with tally charts, pictograms and bar charts. In theme this week we did **lots** of learning about our current theme, Communication: Then and Now. We found out how early writing used symbols rather than letters, such as Egyptian hieroglyphics and how early books were produced on a printing press. We had fun listening to, translating and writing our own morse code messages which were used to send telegrams. We learned how the science of sound helped Alexander Graham Bell invent the first telephone. We were amazed that some people were a little bit scared of the telephone because they didn't understand how it worked. We made string telephones to test how sound vibrations travel. We discovered that the sound of a person's voice is louder through the string than it is through the air over the same distance.



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## Class 3

This week, Class 3 have been learning more about Roman soldiers and the army in theme. They are using their learning to plan a diary entry from the perspective of a Roman soldier which they will write next week.

In maths, we have been using our times table knowledge to solve division calculations. We have been busy setting up investigations in science, finding out if all surfaces reflect light and how shiny objects respond in the dark. We enjoyed our brass lesson this week with Mr Byers and are busy learning a song about the Romans ready for our Roman Variety Performance.

## Class 4

This week, Class 4 have been learning about division in Maths. We have looked at 2 methods to help us - creating a place value table and using a Part Whole model. The children managed to divide 2 and 3 digit numbers by 1 number with both methods and then decided which one they liked best. In English, we have looked at the features of diaries. We explored some famous diary examples before writing our own practice diary entry. As a twist, our practice diary entry was written from the point of view of an inanimate object. Some of them were very funny - I felt sorry for the bell that was rung so many times it fainted!

In Theme, we have learnt about Boudicca and her rebellion against the Roman Army. We then pretended to be the Roman Army and created a wanted poster for Boudicca.

In Computing, we carried on with creating algorithms. The children were able to explore building different shapes with different instructions.

In PE, we built up our football skills, looking at defence and dribbling, and finally in Science, we learnt about teeth - why not ask your child to name the different teeth humans have?

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### Class 5

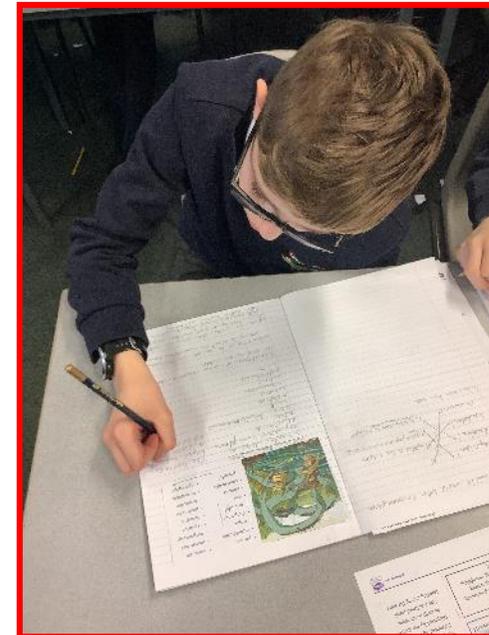
This week in Maths we have started our new topic on multiplying fractions. In English we have been looking at Greek myths, we have described mythical creatures and began to create some of our own. In SMSC the children have been learning about online safety. In PE we have started to come up with our own yoga routine, thinking about how we transition between poses.

### Class 6

This week in English we have been focusing on Greek myths and have thought carefully about the similarities and differences between them. We have worked really hard to describe a mythical creature, thinking carefully about the writing elements they are choosing to use.

In maths we have continued to work on our algebra topic, where we have been forming expressions. Next week we will be moving on to solving one and two step problems. In SMSC we have looked at how retailers try to influence our spending by advertising products in certain ways to make it look like we are getting a better deal. We also looked at the impact of colours and layout of adverts and how this might impact us too.

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## Class 5 and Halle Connect

Class 5 have enjoyed the last of their workshops with the Halle Orchestra this week and are all ready for their performance at Saddleworth School on Monday. We are so lucky to have these talented musicians from the Halle Orchestra to teach our children.



## CITC- Football Competition

This week we saw our second boys football team attend the Primary League Primary stars competition at the Manchester Academy Stadium. Throughout the morning the team played against 4 other teams from the Manchester Borough and came up against schools of differing abilities. The first game we were finding our feet as a team, we passed the ball well but we were unable to score. We drew this game 0-0. We lost our second two games against two strong teams (who both went on to win our group) the last game we played we came out much more confidently and weren't afraid to take more time on the ball. We were able to maintain our lead and won the game 1-0. It was great to see the boys come together and work hard. They each displayed some great individual skill and worked well, supporting and encouraging each other even during the more difficult games.





## CITC- Girls Tournament

As a newly formed team only 2 weeks ago and little experience and practise due to the weather in recent weeks, the girls went into this a little bit unsure about what to expect. The girls worked their socks off and all worked hard for the team and although they struggled to score during the games, it was clear to see that their confidence and understanding increased each time they played. The girls represented school impeccably and never let their heads drop, even when the score line was not in their favour. Each one of them should be extremely proud of the way they played and we hope they will continue to try for other sports in the future. Mrs Newton said. "It was a pleasure to take the girls, they were a credit to themselves and the school."



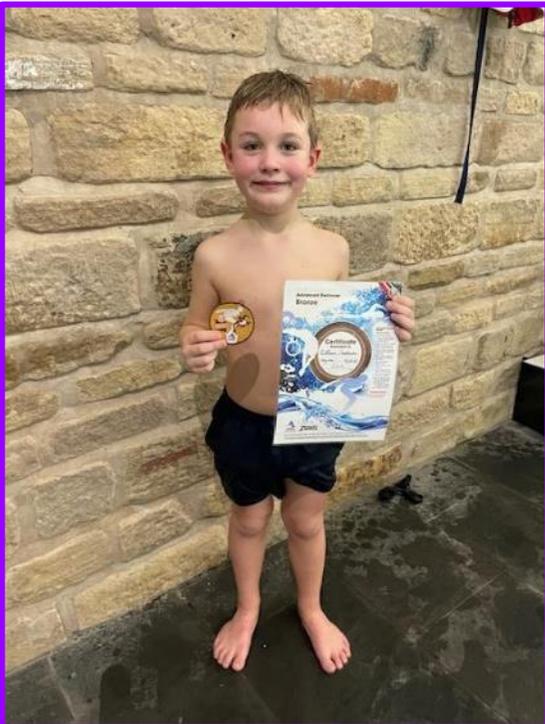
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## Special Shout Outs

We love hearing about the amazing things that our children have done outside of school. If your child has done something worth shouting about please let us know. Email [leanne.hazlehurst@diggleschool.co.uk](mailto:leanne.hazlehurst@diggleschool.co.uk) or [joanne.powell@diggleschool.co.uk](mailto:joanne.powell@diggleschool.co.uk) and we'll do our best to get them in the newsletter.

Our first shout out goes to William in Class 2. Just before Christmas, William completed his Bronze level swimming badge at Manor House Barn. As you can see from the pictures his swimming instructor is very proud of his efforts and this is an amazing achievement. Well done William! Next stop the Olympics...



Our second shout out goes to Isaac G in Class 5. Isaac has won player of the month for both December and January for his football team Heyside. Isaac's coaches said:

***"We are super impressed with Isaac's overall attitude. He's scored a boat load of goals and some of them have been really vital. There are a few games we wouldn't have won without him.***

***Isaac has perfected the method of going around the goalkeeper, which seems to have become his trademark.***

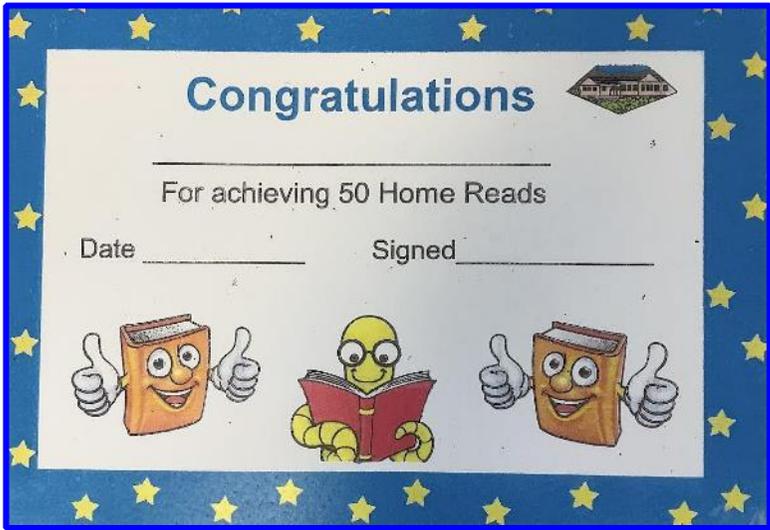
***Isaac is a very important part of the team and plays a number of positions well. He also recently helped Heyside win two high level tournaments!***

***This has been a great period for him. Well done Isaac."***

Congratulations Isaac, we're all very proud of you.

# Home Reading Celebrations

Congratulations to this week's 50 Home Readers...



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Congratulations to the children who this week reached 100 Home Reads...Amazing!



## Saddleworth Musical Society Concert

Before Christmas the KS2 choir performed with Saddleworth Musical Society at Uppermill Methodist Church. The musical society were kind enough to make a donation to the school to thank us for our participation. The concert also raised funds for The British Heart Foundation. Well done to everyone who took part!



**The KS1 choir is now up and running. This is a fantastic opportunity, open to all children. If you would like your child to join the choir please ask them to speak to their class teacher.**

## Chaucer Writing Competition

The Chaucer Heritage Trust was founded in 1992 and aims to further interest, understanding and appreciation of the works of Geoffrey Chaucer, his life and times and influence.

The Chaucer Heritage Trust is hosting its seventh annual writing competition for schools inspired by the works of Geoffrey Chaucer, considered by many to be the father of the English Language and England's greatest medieval poet.

The special theme of the competition this year is 'Being Part of a Group'.

This is a lovely competition and we strongly encourage as many of our talented students to take part as possible.

All entries must be submitted by 29 February 2024.

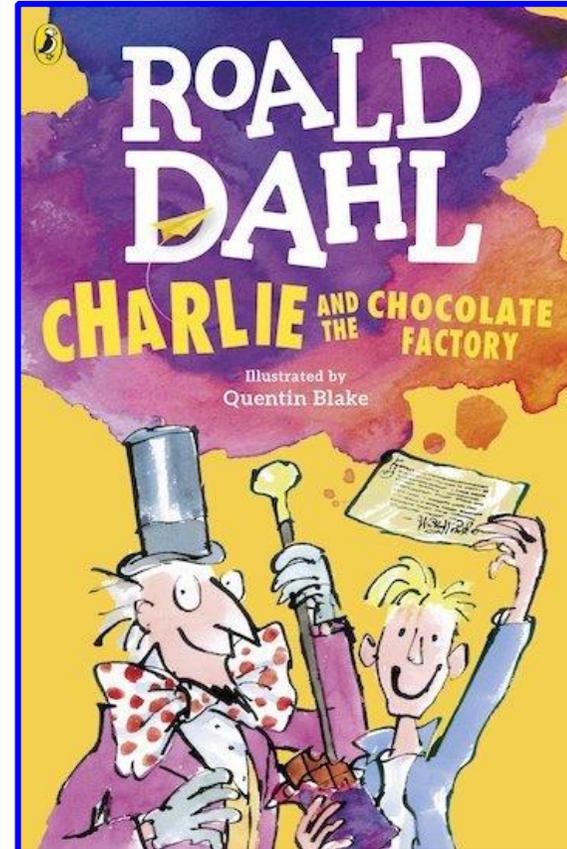
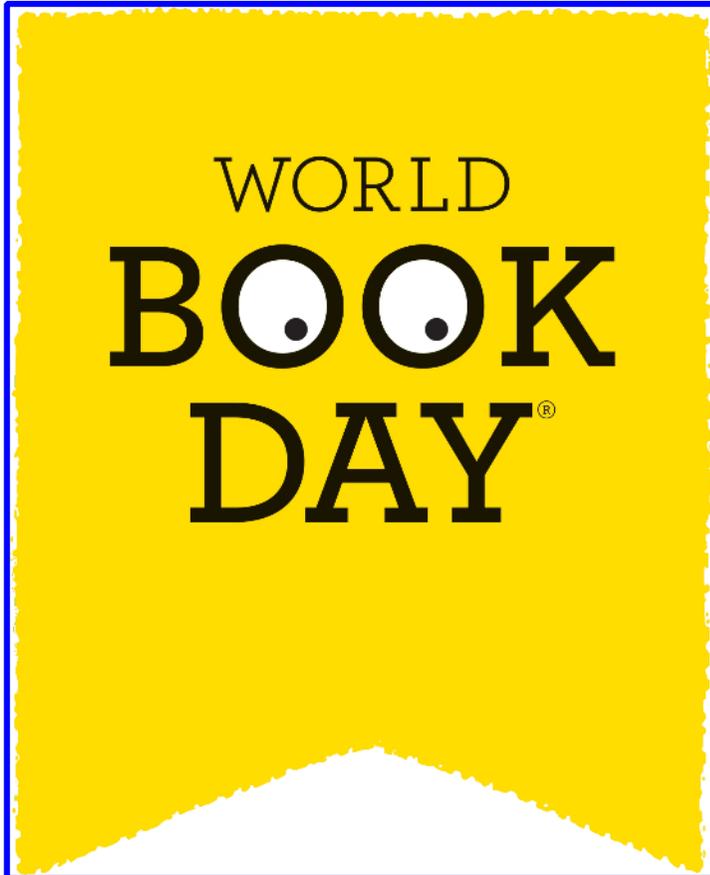
For more information, including all the rules, please take a look at this link:

<https://chaucer.org.uk/the-canterbury-tales-writing-competition-2023-24-being-part-of-a-group/>



## World Book Day

**Don't forget.....** For World Book Day this year, we are having a Charlie and the Chocolate Factory theme. Please could all children come in Charlie and the Chocolate Factory themed fancy dress. Please don't buy expensive fancy dress outfits, you can dress as anything 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' related. Maybe you could dress as Charlie, or Grandpa, or Grandma, or even just a big sweet! FODS will be selling Wonka Bars, will you get the lucky golden ticket?



## Special Valentines Buffet

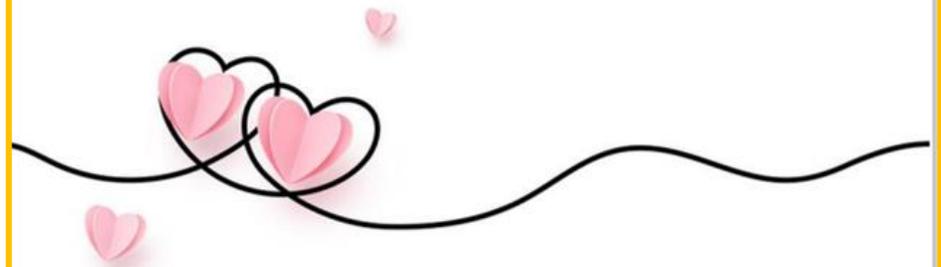
Miss Booth in the kitchen is doing a beautiful buffet to celebrate Valentine's Day. If your child does not normally have a school dinner on a Wednesday, but they would like to have our Valentine's Day buffet, please could you let the office know by Monday 12th February.

**Please note, due to a wonderful Scientific surprise in the school hall, we are unable to provide any other meals on this day.**

Thank you.

## Valentine's Day Buffet 14<sup>th</sup> February 24

Assorted sandwiches  
Mini sausage rolls  
Pizza fingers  
Nibbles  
Valentine's cookies



Don't forget all the amazing things FODS have got planned for the children...

# Science Week

Break The Rules day!

Friday 16th February



1. Dress as something science related!
2. Wear a crazy hairstyle
3. Bring chocolate or sweets to school
4. Bring a fun drink to school
5. Wear face paint, glitter or temporary tattoos
6. Paint your nails
7. bring a toy, game or teddy to school
8. Wear silly accessories



50p per rule or £3 to break ALL 8 rules!

Please pay £3 on parent pay or  
bring your money in a sealed envelope and give to your  
teacher.



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# Mothers Day Sale



£3 per gift. Gifts can be pre paid for on parent pay  
from next week.  
Gifts for all females of all ages !

Wednesday 6th March  
Friday 8th March





On World Book Day FODS will be holding a very special golden ticket sale in school! Buy a special large bar of chocolate and you may find a golden ticket!

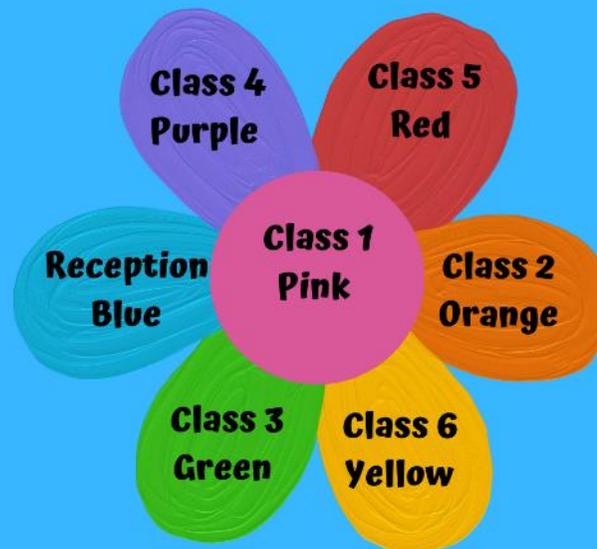


Chocolate costs £2 per bar  
Golden ticket bars win a special prize  
EVERY child will get a free bookmark and can choose a book!

Chocolate bars can be paid for on the day or on parent pay. Children can buy more than one.



FODS will be holding a Rainbow Raffle this March. We will be holding a non-uniform day in exchange for colour themed donations. Each class will have their own colour!



Pupils are kindly asked to bring donations in on Friday 8th March in exchange for a non uniform day .

Raffle tickets will be on sale in March

The Raffle will be drawn on the day of FODS Easter Egg Hunt, Friday 28th March.

# Diggle School Easter Egg Hunt

Friday 28th March

Diggle School Playground 3.20 - 4.30

£3 per child ( non school siblings welcome)

Children at school club will get the chance to take part at 4.30

Pay via parent pay by 24th March or entry cannot be guaranteed!

This is a parent accompanied activity

Find 6  
coloured  
eggs to  
win  
prizes

Find the  
special  
egg for  
egg-stra  
prizes!

Tea,  
coffee,  
drinks  
and tuck  
shop

Have a  
photo  
with the  
Easter  
Bunny!



Prizes for  
best  
scarecrows!

Easter treats  
with your trail  
sheet!

# Friends of Diggle School Present The DIGGLE SCARECROW TRAIL 29TH MARCH - 14TH APRIL 2024

Our fabulous Scarecrow Trail is BACK! A great day out for all the family.

Trail Sheets, priced at £3 are available now from  
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/Friends-Of-Diggle-School> or scan the QR code below.

Purchase your sheet then pick up on the day from one of our outlets-  
The Gate Inn, Grandpa Greene's, The Diggle Hotel and Diggle Lock.

Follow Diggle Scarecrow Trail on Facebook for up to date car park and weather info and opening days and times of all venues.

This years theme is

## ALL THINGS TELEVISION!

All profits to directly benefit the  
children of Diggle School

Registered charity number 1035075



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## Music Lessons

Music lessons have commenced, and fees are now on Parent Pay. Please note that Singing lessons will not start again until after half term and the charge on Parent Pay reflects this planned absence.

Lessons will be as follows:

**Monday - Singing (from after half term)**

**Tuesday - Brass**

**Wednesday - Percussion, Woodwind, Keyboard**

**Thursday - Guitar**

Please ensure your child brings their instrument with them where applicable on the day stated above.

If you would like your child to start music lessons please contact the school office to enquire about availability and financial commitment.

## School Band Rehearsal Dates

Quick reminder that Mr Byers is not available for 8.30am band practice on the following dates...

**PLEASE NOTE, EVEN THOUGH MORNING BAND PRACTICE IS NOT ON, LESSONS WILL STILL BE HAPPENING, AND BAND PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE LATER IN THE DAY, SO YOUR CHILDREN WILL STILL NEED THEIR INSTRUMENTS.**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024, Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024,  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024,  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024, Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024, Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024, Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024, Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

## Community Wardrobe

We are pleased to support a local initiative called Community Wardrobe, where you can donate warm winter coats and quilts to keep local families warm this winter. If you have any old coats or quilts you would like to donate, please bring them into school next week. Thank you.



## Half Term Holiday Club

**Time is running out** to book your place for the 'outstanding' Diggle Holiday Club this February Half Term. Remember, places are limited, so don't delay.

**Now taking bookings for February half-term!**  
Open Monday 19th February to 23rd February 2024 inclusive  
8.45am - 5pm £27 per day per child



## Diggle Holiday Club

Diggle School, Sam Road, Diggle, OL3 5PU  
Telephone: 01457 601972

For more information please email:

**[landaholidayclub@gmail.com](mailto:landaholidayclub@gmail.com)**

Children can enjoy our vast outdoor areas and take part in seasonal crafts.  
Morning and afternoon snacks/drinks are provided,  
lunch to be provided by the parents.



**Message from Martin Lewis, Money Saving Expert.**

Last year, the government extended eligibility for bereavement support payment and widowed parent's allowance to **cohabiting** parents with dependent children. These benefits were previously only available to parents who were married or in a civil partnership.

The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) says thousands of families could be eligible for a back payment, but they need to claim by **Thursday 8 February 2024**. **If you're a parent whose partner died between 9 April 2001 and 8 February 2023, you could be eligible for backdated bereavement benefits worth thousands of pounds - even if you no longer have dependent children.**

To apply online, fill in [this Gov.uk form](#). It'll take around 15 minutes. Or if you'd prefer to apply over the phone call 0800 151 2012.

- <https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/tips/2024/01/23/#bereavement>



## Tan's Tiney Home Nursery

### Looking for a reliable Childminder in Diggle?

High-quality year-round care for children from 9 months old.

Offering a fun caring, stimulating and educational environment for your child to learn and thrive.

Wrap around care for children of all ages attending Diggle School. Breakfast and evening meal offered.

For more information please visit my facebook page - Tan's Tiney Home Nursery or get in touch with any questions or to book a visit.

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