



DIGGLE STARS

Jackson Butterworth - for enthusiasm and progress in maths.

Lily Hazlehurst - for showing more confidence to contribute in class and a super effort in her setting description.

Joseph Bridgstock - for his effort this week in class.

Milania Schofield - for more confidence working independently.

Alice McKune and Florence Ashton - for producing great art work inspired by the artists Kandinsky and Lowry.

George Holdsworth - for an amazing picture inspired by Lowry.

Frida Hughes - for working hard and following instructions.

Charlie Hardisty-Lomax - for being a great encouragement in PE

Sam Marland - for excellent work in Mathematics

HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS

It has been a difficult half term and I know the staff team have appreciated all your support. Thank you.

We have added a couple of dates to the diary for next half term. One is for a morning music tuition concert like the one we did in December. We will publish a schedule after half term so that you know what time your child's group is playing.

If you are a parent of a younger child who you are thinking would like to start playing an instrument or have singing lessons next year you will be more than welcome to attend this concert where you will be able to see what children who have lessons can achieve and also speak to the music centre staff.

The second date is for a DLP Music concert that some of the older guitarist and drummers will be taking part in. You will be informed if your child is taking part the first week back after half term

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri 10th Feb - Finish for Half term

Mon 20th Feb - return to school

Tues 21st Feb - Commando Problem Solving Day

w/c 27th Feb - Parents Evening meetings

2nd Mar - Class 1 to Jack & the Beanstalk

Tues 7th Mar - Y3 & 4 Schools Choral Speaking Festival

Fri 10th Mar - FODS non-uniform day

W/C 13th Mar - FODS Mother's Day gift sale

Tues 28th Mar - Music tuition children performance am

28th & 29th Mar - Class 3 & 4 performance 2pm

Thurs 30th Mar - DLP Concert

Fri 31st Mar - FODS Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Holidays - FODS Scarecrow Trail

W/C 12th June - FODS Father's Day Gift Sale

14-16th June - y6 to Kingswood

18th July - y5&6 performance 2pm & 6pm



Class R

This week a giant beanstalk has grown in the classroom and a giant has been trying to break in! Class R have been learning the traditional tale "Jack & the Beanstalk." The children have been practicing retelling the story with their story actions and using the small world resources, but they felt they really needed to warn anyone called Jack that the giant was coming. Some children wrote to Mrs Newton about the giant and some children wrote a letter to the giant telling him there was no one called Jack in Class R. The children also really enjoyed listening to Jack and the beanstalk from the giant's point of view and we had a class discussion about who was the villain of the story.

The children have also tried to grow some beanstalks of their own. As a class we talked about how to make plants grow and we placed some magic beans in ziplock bags with wet cotton wool on our windows. Hopefully, when the children return from the half term break they will get to see some roots and sprouts. Keeping with the bean theme, Class R have been reinventing what the magic beans could have done in the story and designing their own magic beans with different magic powers.

In Maths, the children have been looking at the difference between squares and rectangles and learning about non standard measures.

The giant left some footprints in our classroom, which we measured as a class and then we had a go drawing around our own feet and measuring to see who had the longest feet in the class. The children have also been creating Valentine's Day cards and had loads of fun on break the rules day! I think all the children are ready for a well deserved rest.



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

Class 1

We had a computing week this week in Class 1. We have been learning about programming using the bee bots. We learnt that computers and robots can only do what the human gives them instructions to do. We practised giving and following very clear instructions to first become human robots. Then we applied what we had learnt to programming the bee bots to move in different directions. In English this week we have finished reading our Beegu story and began working on our writing outcome. We decided to write a letter to Beegu now that she was back home on her own planet. First we looked at an example letter that Beegu wrote to the children. We looked at the features of a letter and coloured each feature according to a key. Then we began writing our own letters to Beegu trying to include all the features such as writing our address in the top right hand corner and using a greeting such as Dear..

In Maths we have moved on to addition. We worked on addition by counting on using a number line, addition using number bonds and spotting the patterns and then our number bonds to 20.

Class 2

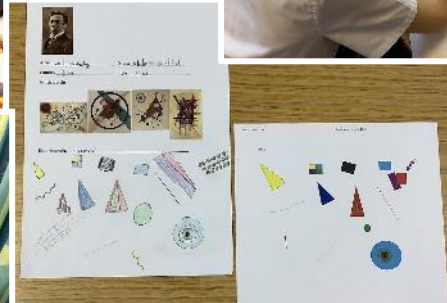
This week in English our writing has included different sentence types, statements, questions, commands and exclamations. We also tried to use them in our theme writing too. As part of our 'Famous People' theme we investigated two very different inspirational women, Rosa Parks and Mary Anning. Rosa Parks fought for the rights of black people in the USA. She became very well-known for not giving up her seat to a white person on a bus. Mary Anning was a famous fossil hunter. She was one of the first people to study fossils and discovered some of the first complete dinosaur fossils. In Maths we have worked with money both pence and pounds.

We have been counting, comparing and reasoning. We discovered that it is very useful to be able to count in 2's, 5's and 10's when working with money. We enjoyed our last PE lesson this half term with Chiara from CITC. We have all developed our skills of dodging, defending and ball control.

Thank you Chiara. We also had a great outdoor session planting bulbs and decorating our plant pot labels. We are looking forward to watching them grow. To finish off a busy half term we had a super 'Break the rules' day on Friday.



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Class 3

This week we have visited 2 countries to finish off our Europe theme. We have looked at Russia and the artist Kandinsky; producing work inspired by him on the computer and also the United Kingdom where we studied work by LS Lowry. We produced our own images using chalk pastels including some of his features. In Computing, we looked at how digital devices are useful and how networks help to send messages. We made ourselves into a human network to send our own messages around the class. We learned about how different rocks were formed in science and how fossils are made.

Class 4

Class 4 observed a series of experiments in science that examined melting, freezing, evaporation and condensation. We then looked at the water cycle and labelled a diagram explaining some of the processes. In SMSC we looked at healthy choices and in maths we learnt how to multiply and divide a number by 10 or 100. Russia and the UK were our focus for theme. We created amazing artwork in the style of Kandinsky and Lowry.

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Class 5

We have been working a lot through our theme work this week and used locational writing and knowledge of compass directions and coordinates to describe Shackleton's Ocean Camp as we imagined it to be. We also looked at the life and career of Sir Isaac Newton as part of our Science work on forces where we explored gravity, mass and weight. We really enjoyed the practical element of this. We also took time to draw and colour pictures of Antarctic wildlife. Some of these have been really good. In our mathematics we have carried on with our calculations and worked on subtracting mixed numbers.

Class 6

We have finished our block on ratio this week and the children are beginning to show more confidence when answering reasoning and problem solving questions; looking carefully at what the question is asking and working through the strategies methodically. In Theme we have drawn a map and a birds eye view map of Patience Camp- where Shackleton and his men spent 3 months after their ship 'Endurance' was crushed by the ice. We combined our Science and PE sessions this week to learn more about what happens to our bodies during exercise and the impact this has on our circulatory system. The children tried to find their pulse (some with great difficulty) to find their resting heart rate and then looked at how things changed after exercise.

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CITC- Football Tournament

On a Thursday 9th February, we took another football team to another tournament as part of the primary league primary stars competition. We were placed in a competition with 3 other primary schools and our first match was against Torrington. We found this a tough physical match and even though we created some chances- a strike from Frankie that went over the bar and two shots from Ollie, which unfortunately for us were saved by the opposition goalkeeper we just couldn't find a goal. Evelyn had a fantastic game as goalkeeper and made 2 very important saves and Harry remaining strong at the back. The game ended a 0-0 draw.

Our second match was against St Andrew's, we started off the game really well and our passing developed well and great defensive play from Lily and Dylan at the back and a great cross from Jack that set Frankie up for a shot, which went just wide of the post! Isaac made some great runs down the wing and some great passing.



Dylan had a great shot on goal which put us 1-0 up and this was quickly followed by another great strike from Ollie, putting the score at 2-0. A communication error at the back saw St Andrews claw a goal back. The game ended 2-1 to Diggle.

Our final game was against Mount Carmel, who were a tall, physical side so we knew we had our work cut out. Evelyn made some fantastic saves to keep us in the game and we gained in confidence and Frankie and Jack produced some great runs down the wings. Mount Carmel challenged us well and scored against us putting us 0-1 behind. We didn't let our heads drop when we went behind and the team played well together to produce a great equalising goal. The game finished 1-1.

With one game left to play in the group we were currently top of the group on 5 points. If St Andrews won their last game they would go through on 6 points, any other result and Diggle would have been top. We watched with intense anticipation for the next 12 minutes and in the last 30 seconds St Andrews got the goal they had been looking for! The team worked so well together and we are so proud of how they conducted themselves throughout the tournament. Although this final result was a bitter blow- we learnt the importance of those vital points which can make a difference!



Notices

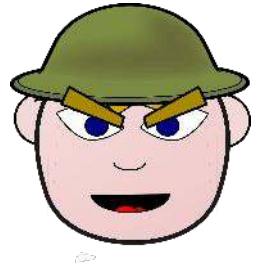
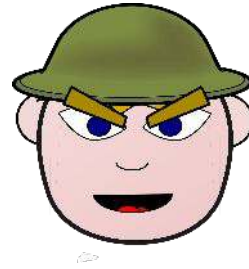
iPad Raffle

A family in school has donated a brand new iPad to school which we will be selling raffle tickets for after half term. FODS will be helping us with raffle tickets but all proceeds from the raffle will go to Miss Alker's boys as part of the collection in school. More details on this will follow the first week back. So keep your eyes peeled for further details. We would like to thank the Fielding family for their very kind donation and for thinking of Miss Alker's family at this time.

Thankyou to everyone who has already either contributed their memories for our remembrance book and/or given a donation to our collection. Your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated.

We will be collating all the contributions at the end of this month ready to give to Miss Alker's family, therefore if you are wanting to share your memories, but haven't yet done so, please refer to the letter sent out last month, and either email remembrance@diggleschool.co.uk or write on a piece of plain white A6 paper and bring into school.

Please feel free to share this update with friends who knew Miss Alker but who are no longer a current family in the school community.



Commando Problem Solving Day

On Tuesday 21st Feb we will be tackling maths problems with the grit and determination of the Commandos. Get dressed up and look the part in your camouflage, khaki, black and war paint!

Every class will have a go at the same tricky problem so make sure you ask your friends and siblings in other classes how they solved it!



Reading for pleasure

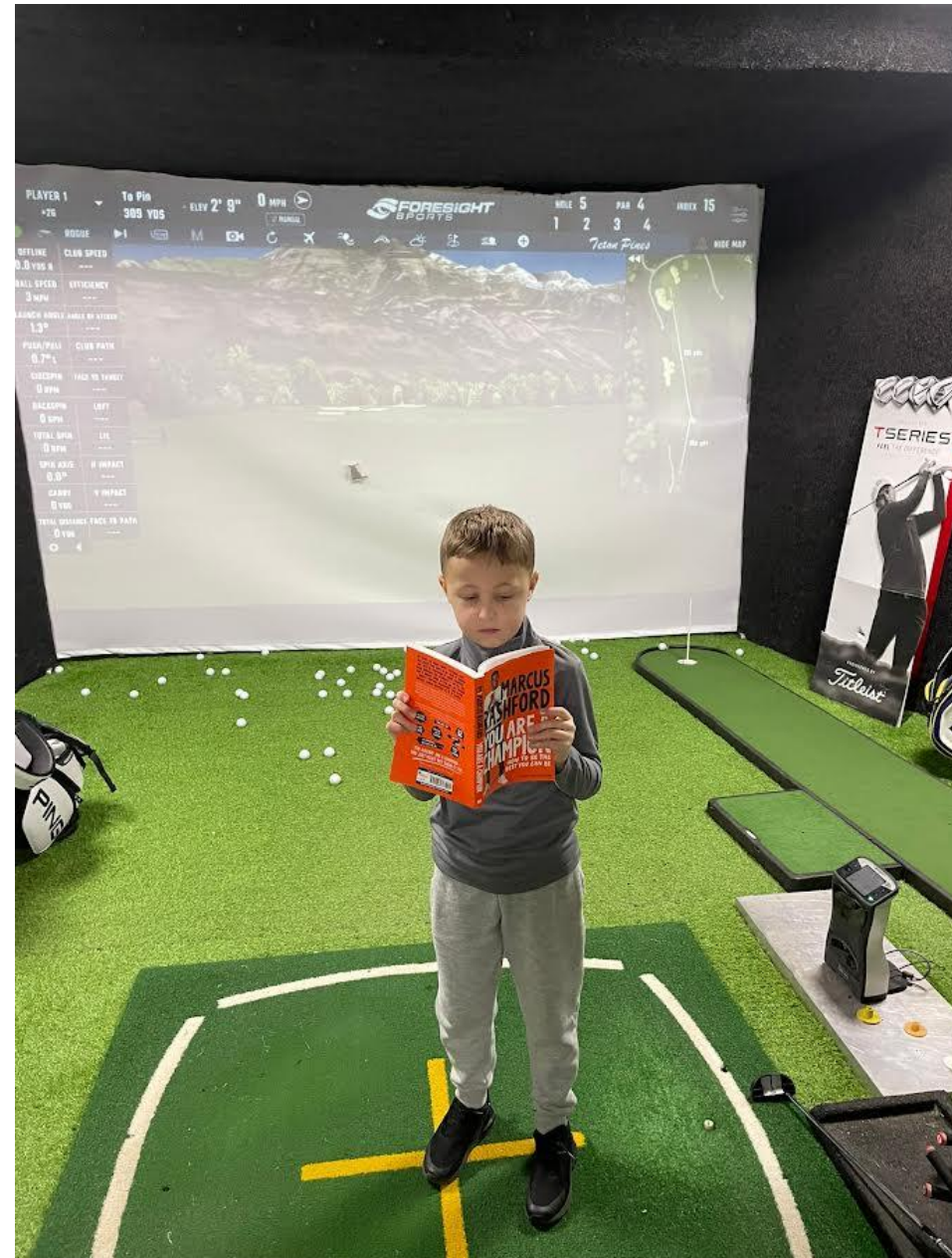
We only had one photo sent in for our 'Reading for Pleasure' feature this week.

Well done Harry for multi-tasking and enjoying your Marcus Rashford book whilst waiting for your golf lesson!

Come on Diggle, I'm sure you're reading!

Where in the World?

Remember... If you are going away, please fill in a form for our Diggle Trip Advisor board 'Where in the World?' to get children reading non-fiction reviews about the places you visit.



New School Dinner Menu

Following collaboration between the School Council and Mr Tillett, the new school lunch menu will be in operation after half term, starting on Week 1. Downloadable version will be on the school website shortly.

Week One				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Beef Lasagne & Herby Bread <small>Gluten, milk (H)</small>	Burger in a Bun <small>Gluten, Egg</small>	D.F.C. Diggle Fried Chicken Wrap <small>Gluten, Egg, Milk (H)</small>	Chicken Tikka & Rice <small>(H)</small>	Fish & Chips <small>Fish, Gluten (H)</small>
Basil, tomato & Cheese pasta bake <small>Milk, Gluten</small>	Salmon Bites <small>Gluten, Egg, Milk</small>	Noddle's & Stir fry Vegetables <small>Egg</small>	Cheese & Pepper Pasties <small>Gluten, Egg, Gluten, Milk (H)</small>	Swiss veggie balls <small>Wheat, (H)</small>
Jacket potato with various fillings* <small>Fish, Milk</small>	Ham Salad Sandwich <small>Gluten, Milk</small>	Jacket potato with various fillings* <small>Fish, Milk</small>	Turkey Sandwich <small>Gluten, Milk</small>	
Summer salad greens Herby Bread <small>Gluten</small>	Herby Diced Potatoes Choice Peas	Spicy Wedge Potatoes Assorted Salad Bar	Potato Swirls Seasonal vegetables	Chips, Mushy peas
Cake & Fruit Bar <small>See Allergen Data Sheets</small>	Cake & Fruit Bar Bar <small>See allergen Data Sheets</small>	Cake & Fruit Bar <small>See Allergen Data Sheets</small>	Cake & Fruit Bar <small>See allergen Data Sheets</small>	Cake & Fruit Bar <small>See Allergen Data Sheets</small>

Salad bar selection, fresh fruit are available every day
desserts are home-made.

Week Two				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spiced Chicken Burger <small>Gluten, (H)</small>	Cowboy Hash with Crusty Bread <small>Gluten</small>	Chicken Dinner	Beef Burritos <small>Gluten, Milk (H)</small>	Margarita Pizza <small>Gluten, Milk</small>
Creamy pasta Bake (V) <small>Gluten, Milk</small>	Deluxe Veggie bean-burger <small>Gluten</small>	Quorn Fillet Dinner	Veggie Mince Burritos <small>Gluten, Milk</small>	Veggie Rolls
Jacket potato with various fillings* <small>Fish, Milk</small>	Tuna Mayo Wrap <small>Gluten, Egg, Fish</small>	Jacket potato with various fillings* <small>Fish, Milk</small>	Ham Sandwich <small>Gluten, Milk</small>	
Spicy Wedges and mixed leaf salad	Herby Diced Potatoes, freshly made summer 'slaw <small>Egg</small>	Fresh Vegetables, and roasted Potatoes	Chunky Paprika Potatoes	Oven Baked Chips, Baked Beans
Assorted Cake Bar <small>See Allergen Files</small>	Jelly and Custard <small>Milk, Egg</small>	Assorted Cake Bar <small>See Allergen Files</small>	Assorted Cake Bar <small>See Allergen Files</small>	Yoghurt Pots <small>Milk</small>

Salad bar selection, fresh fruit are available every day
Omega 3 enriched fishfingers are served, desserts are home-made, potatoes are not fried

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Beef Bolognese with Pasta <small>Gluten (H)</small>	Chicken Madras with Rice <small>Gluten (H)</small>	Beef Stew & Dumplings <small>Gluten (H)</small>	Cheese Beef Burger in a Bun <small>Gluten, Milk (H)</small>	Fish & Chips <small>Gluten</small>
Quorn Dippers <small>Wheat</small>	Italian Pasta Bake <small>Gluten, Milk</small>	Homemade Cheese & Onion Pasties <small>Gluten, Milk, Egg</small>	Veggie Burger in a Bun (Quorn) <small>Gluten, Milk</small>	Swiss Veggie Balls in Tangy Sauce <small>Wheat</small>
Jacket potato with various fillings* <small>Fish, Milk</small>	Turkey Sandwich <small>Gluten, Milk</small>	Jacket potato with various fillings* <small>Fish, Milk</small>	Ham Sandwich <small>Gluten, Milk</small>	
Garlic Bread Herby Diced Potatoes <small>Gluten</small>	Roasted vegetables, Garlic bread <small>Gluten</small>	Roast Potatoes, seasonal vegetables	Spicy wedges, coleslaw	Chips, Baked Beans,
Assorted Cake Bar <small>See Allergen Files</small>	Assorted Cake Bar <small>See Allergen Files</small>	Assorted Cake Bar <small>See Allergen Files</small>	Assorted Cake Bar <small>See Allergen Files</small>	Milk Shakes <small>See Allergen Files</small>

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desserts are home-made. Potatoes are not fried.

Calling All Budding Writers ...

Do you fancy doing some writing over half term with the chance to win a competition and meet Tom Fletcher (Author of The Christmasaurus) ... see the following link for all entry details.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/bp-competition>

There's nothing better than picking up an exciting new book, except maybe, if it was written by you... If you love writing, stories and adventure you are in the right place because we have a fantastic new Blue Peter competition!

Blue Peter's Amazing Authors competition not only gives YOU the chance to become an amazing author, by writing your very own short story or poem, but also an amazing assortment of incredible money-can't buy prizes!

The winner will meet one of the UK's biggest children's authors and pop royalty Tom Fletcher, go behind-the-scenes to see how books are published and receive their story or poem in print! Not only that, but Tom will also read your work and it will become an audio book on BBC Sounds. Your character's adventure will be animated by Aardman to create a wonderful story which will be shown on Blue Peter and CBeebies Bedtime Stories!

And that's not all, the winner will receive a framed picture from the animation and of course an Orange Competition Winner's badge!

When we said Amazing Authors, we meant AMAZING! We can't wait to see where your imaginations take you.





Non-Uniform Day

Friday 10th March

FODS will be holding a colourful non - uniform day on Friday 10th March in exchange for a donation for our Easter Colour themed Hampers !



Each class will be assigned a colour and we would like you to bring in a donation on this day of something themed with your colour. We will provide each class with some ideas of items to bring in !



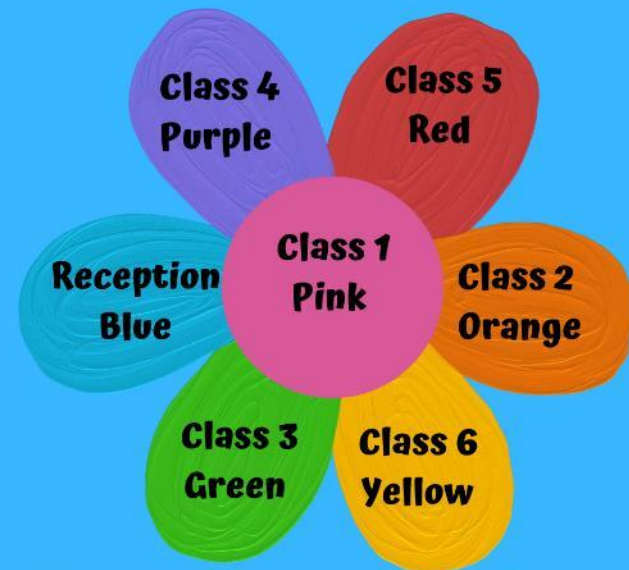
Raffle Tickets will be available to buy in the coming weeks and the winners will be picked on the day of our Easter Egg Hunt .



Classes can also wear their class chosen colour that day too (but this is not mandatory!)



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 10th 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 31st March.



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FRIENDS OF DIGGLE SCHOOL



Mothers Day Sale



£3 per gift

Money must be bought into school in a sealed envelope on the day of sale.

Gifts for all females of all ages !

Monday 13th March

Wednesday 15th March

Friday 17th March



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FRIENDS OF DIGGLE SCHOOL



Fathers Day Sale



£3 per gift

Money must be bought into school in a sealed envelope on the day of sale.

Gifts for males of all ages !

Monday 12th June

Wednesday 14th June

Friday 16th June



Diggle School Easter Egg Hunt

Friday 31st March

Diggle School Playground 3.15 - 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
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Tea,
coffee,
drinks
and tuck
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Have a
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with the
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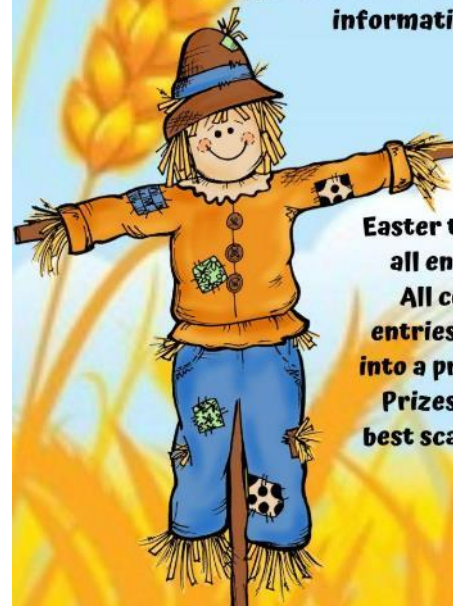
DIGGLE SCARECROW TRAIL

1ST - 16TH APRIL 2023

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

Trail Sheets, priced at £3 will be available from lots of different outlets in Diggle Village from April.

Follow Diggle Scarecrow Trail on Facebook for more up to date information nearer the time



Easter treats for
all entrants!
All correct
entries entered
into a prize draw!
Prizes for the
best scarecrows!

This years theme is
MUSIC

All profits to directly benefit the
children of Diggle School

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