

## Diggle Stars

**George Humphreys and Alfie Beach** – for using their **reasoning** skills to apply learning in school to real-life situations.

**Kai Cohen** – for an improved attitude to learning.

**Charlotte Tann** – for working hard in Maths and being a super role model in her group

**Harriett Comer** – For being responsible around the classroom and always trying her best.

**Ella Armstrong and Oliver Ashton** – for scoring full marks on their first practice of the arithmetic SATs paper.



## Head teacher's Comment

Following on from yesterday's Government announcement, we are remaining open and will continue to open until the Government or Public Health England inform us otherwise. However, as a closure instruction could come at very short notice, we are being resourceful and have made preparations on how we can support the children's learning remotely, should the need arise. Today, all children have been given a set of login cards to bring home to enable them to access various online learning resources. At the minute, no work is set for the children to complete, but should we be asked to close during term time, teachers will set work using these resources and information will be sent to parents via Parent Pay – for now, please put these login cards in a safe place.

# The Diggle Star



Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dates for your diary

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PLEASE REMEMBER TO ONLY LOOK AT THE TERM DATES ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE - [DIGGLEPRIMARY.CO.UK](http://DIGGLEPRIMARY.CO.UK)

New dates in RED

**Monday 16 March to Friday 20 March – Book Fair after school is postponed**

**16<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> – our Fabulous FODS Mother's Day sale**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Football match cancelled against St Margaret's (they have been moved to a different league)**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Choir's to The Halle project for the day**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Car wash - postponed**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Class 5/6 assembly 8:30**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Class R Princess and the Pea Trip 9am – 12am**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Football Match vs St Thomas Moorside (away)**

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Y3/4 performance 2pm and 6pm**

**2<sup>nd</sup> April – Great Diggle Bake Off**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Finish for Easter**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April – return to school for Summer Term**

## Department for Education coronavirus helpline

The Department for Education coronavirus helpline is available to answer questions about COVID-19 relating to education and children's social care. Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

Please note, we are currently experiencing high volumes of calls and apologise for any wait that you may experience. Your call will join a queue and we will answer as soon as possible.

## What have we learnt?

**Class R** In Reception, this week we were practicing hard for our assembly, which was excellent! We were able to show all our work we have done on traditional tales so far. We have moved onto our next traditional tale; The Princess and the Pea, and the children have helped set up the areas in the classroom to explore this story. In Maths, we have looked at tens and learnt to count in tens. Why not ask your child to count with you in tens? In phonics, we have learnt the sounds; ow, ai, oa and aw.

**Class 1** This week in class 1 we have been reading more of the Dogger story. We have predicted what Dave might have seen on the toy stall and then role played the conversation between him and the lady on the stall before writing it in our books. In Maths we have been learning how to find 1/4 of a shape or quantity using cubes to help us. In Theme we had a visit from Jacob's Grandpa John who answered our questions about what daily life was like in the past. It was lovely to meet him and hear about his experiences.

**Class 2** In English this week we have been looking more closely at story settings. We used 'Talk for Writing', read descriptions, drew settings and labelled pictures. Finally, we wrote a setting using all the things we had learned. In Maths we have been estimating and measuring using the metre rulers. We also enjoyed performing our theme assembly for family and friends so we could show them what we have been learning about in our Communication theme. Thank you to everyone who came to watch.

**Class 3** This week Class 3 have done lots of cross curricular work on Hadrian's Wall, including reading comprehension and work in theme, where the children have labelled the different features. In maths, the children have been estimating, and learning about the inverse operation of addition and subtraction.

**Class 4** Class 4 have been revisiting formal methods of addition and subtraction this week in maths. We really seemed to remember the column method and have had fun with dice and counters games. In theme we have looked at Hadrian's wall and learnt about Roman baths. We produced posters and leaflets telling the reader all about the true bathing experience! We have continued with our preparation for Hoodwinked.

**Class 5** This week in Class 5 we have been learning more about our theme, in particular the roles of children and the jobs which they might have had. We have created job advertisements for this and also debated the issue about whether it was right or wrong for children to have a job. In maths we have continued to look at 3D shapes and their nets and also had a go at using our problem solving skills. In Science we have finished our 'videos' which explain how light travels and have learnt how light is reflected.

**Class 6** This week in English, we have completed and edited our news reports on the coronation of Queen Victoria. We have also looked at the work that children had to do during the Victorian era – sweeping chimneys, factory work etc. We have created a list of for and against points for this and used these to write a balanced argument on the topic. In maths, we have been interpreting and drawing pie charts. We have had to use our knowledge of fractions and percentages for this. In theme, we have created a portrait of Queen Victoria using sketching pencils.

## DLP Sports Hall Athletics

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March, some children from Year 5 and 6 took part in a Sports Hall Athletics Competition against other schools in the DLP. They took part in a variety of activities including; a baton relay, long distance event, long jump, chest pass, javelin, and hurdles event.

All the children enjoyed taking part and although some of the children won their individual events, this wasn't enough for the team to come in the top 3 overall. Well done to all children involved and a special thank you to Mrs Rawson for attending the event with the children and any parents who were there to support the children.



## Notices

### **Parent Pay**

Thank-you to everyone who has ensured their dinner and BASC payments are in credit, and where applicable, have ensured all other parent pay items have been brought up to date. Your support is greatly appreciated.

### **Hoodwinked**

Year 3 & 4 present Hoodwinked at the end of this term – tickets are available now on Parent Pay.

### **Bookfair / Carwash**

We have decided to postpone the Bookfair and Carwash scheduled for next week. Parents and staff have other priorities at the minute and there are currently concerns being raised from handling money. We hope to run these events later in the year and will keep you posted.

### **Handwashing in school**

It is important we follow current guidance and we will continue to encourage children to wash their hands regularly, however some parents have raised concerns about their children's hands becoming sore as a result.

Given that hand washing is seen as the main preventative mechanism, and therefore very important, if your child is suffering with sore hands, you are welcome to send in a bottle of hand cream with your child's name on which they can use after handwashing. Alternatively, you can send them with a named bottle of hand sanitiser to use instead of handwashing, but it must be a minimum of 70% alcohol.

Neither hand cream or hand sanitiser will be allowed to be shared. Each child who needs it must have their own named product.

## City in the Community

If you are a regular reader of the Diggle Star, you will have seen how our partnership with City in the Community has enhanced the provision of sport in school this year, and brought us exciting lessons programming robots ... well over the last few weeks, Marcus has also brought us quite a few bottles of handwash.

So the children are also using the practical areas as extra hand-washing stations using the City in the Community donated liquid soap, ensuring everyone has easy access to hand washing facilities when they need them.

Thankyou City in the Community!!



## Latest Guidance

Yesterday, the Government announced moving into the next stage of managing Coronavirus in the UK.

The guidance can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus> and <https://www.nhs.uk/>

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:  
new continuous cough and/or

high temperature (37.8C (100F) or more)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild infection

### **As of today (13/3/2020), the guidance is as follows:**

- If you have symptoms of coronavirus infection (COVID-19), however mild, do not leave your home for 7 days from when your symptoms started. This action will help protect others in your community while you are infectious
- Plan ahead and ask others for help to ensure that you can successfully stay at home. Ask your employer, friends and family to help you get the things you need to stay at home
- Stay at least 2 metres (about 3 steps) away from other people in your home if possible and sleep alone, if possible
- Wash your hands regularly for 20 seconds, each time using soap and water
- Stay away from vulnerable individuals, such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions, as much as possible

You do not need to call NHS 111 to go into self-isolation. If your symptoms worsen during home isolation or are no better after 7 days, contact NHS 111 online. If you have no internet access, call NHS 111. For a medical emergency dial 999

**This guidance is being regularly updated. Please ensure you keep yourself up to date with changes to the guidance and act on it accordingly.**

**Should a person enter self-isolation, current guidance (as of 13/3/2020) is that the rest of the family should continue to function as normal, as long as they themselves are well.**

If you enter self-isolation and do not have family support to facilitate getting your child to school, please contact the school office.

## Spring Concert

Thank you to everyone who came and supported our Spring Concert on Tuesday evening - the children did an amazing job and treated us all to a wonderful evening of musical delight. They have all clearly put a lot of hard work into practicing their pieces and it certainly paid off. Well done all. Thank you to the wonderful Oldham Music Service staff for coming along to support their groups, and to FODS for providing refreshments.



**£420 raised!!  
Thank you so  
much.**



# THE GARDEN OF THE FORGOTTEN

Following research during the Centenary of the First World War, it was recognised that over 2500 soldiers who had a connection to Oldham were not on any of our municipal War Memorials.

To honour those servicemen, a special memorial of the 'Garden of the Forgotten' has been created in the grounds of Oldham Parish Church with their names inscribed.

## SERVICE OF DEDICATION

SATURDAY 21 MARCH 2020,  
10.45AM FOR THE SERVICE AT 11.00AM

AT

OLDHAM PARISH CHURCH  
ROCK ST, OLDHAM OL1 3UH

**OLDHAM  
REMEMBERS** 

## Great Diggle Bake Off

Thursday 2nd April 2020

Entry Fee: £ 1

Judging by the school cook Mrs Jones

Each class will have a winner crowned.

Good Luck everyone. Ready, steady, BAKE!



All produce will be on sale to the children in the afternoon and then to family and friends from 3:10 until 3:50 in the school hall. Prices will vary depending on the product ranging from 50p to £2 for buns, biscuits and slices of cake.



All money raised will support the school.

# DODGEBALL

YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY CLUB

## DELPH

Delph Methodist Church  
Delph  
OL3 5DW



**DARE TO DODGE!**

Our Delph dodgeball club is suitable for boys and girls age 6-13, of all abilities.

Sessions are taught by highly experienced, DBS-checked coaches.

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**Juniors 6-13  
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Looking for a way to exercise, make new friends and have loads of fun? Then dodgeball is definitely for you!

Flyers have also gone out in bookbags



We are looking for boys and girls to join our 6-13 & 12-16 age group clubs, plus our age 16+ mixed and ladies only clubs across Tameside and Greater Manchester

ALL ABILITIES WELCOME

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