



DIGGLE STARS

Lucy Cocker- for trying her best in all lessons.

Liv Bennett - For being a happy child who loves being in school.

Frida Hughes - For showing enthusiasm and trying hard while practising our Christmas performance.

Flora Gyongyosi - For fantastic letter writing to the staff of Creswell Crag.

James Wild - For working hard in maths and having resilience when reading the questions.

Vinnie Lord - For the extra effort he has put in this week in all areas and for the excellent Stone Age inspired meals he created in Literacy.

Sam Marland - for working hard and showing resilience when needed.

Here are our
amazing
Diggle Stars!

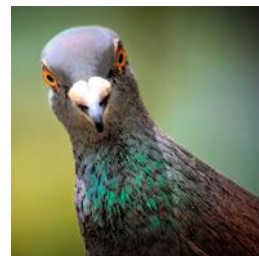


HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS

I wanted to say a huge thank you to all parents for their support and understanding with regards to the suspected gas leak on Tuesday. I know being told your child can't come to school five minutes before they are due to start is far from ideal, but I was so grateful not only for the way both staff and parents stepped up to ensure all children were safe, but also the grace, concern and good humour shown.

On another note we received an exciting email from the Oldham Times today. Look out for the article and then **share, share, share** our fantastic news.

Well done Class 6. They have had the tidiest cloakroom this week. Percy Pigeon is very proud of you.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 18th Dec - KS1 Christmas performance 2pm

Tues 19th Dec - Class R Nativity am
KS1 Christmas performance 2pm

Wed 20th Dec - **Panto day - please see article below for times.**

Thurs 21st Dec - Christmas Dinner Day -
please see article below.

KS1 Christmas party
Fri 22nd Dec - KS2 Christmas party
Christmas theme non-uniform
Finish for Christmas

2024

8th Jan - back to school

Weds 17th Jan - 9.30 am -11.30am -
Class R Stay and Play Open Day



Class R

We have been putting the finishing touches to our amazing Nativity performance this week. Going over the songs and practising our words, we are confident that our performance next Tuesday will be fantastic! The costumes are looking good and the songs are sounding wonderful. We can't wait to show everybody what we can do.

We spent Thursday afternoon in the forest school area with Class 5 planting trees. It was great fun to meet up with our friends from Key Stage Two and plant some more saplings.

In class we have finished all of the sounds in phase 1 so have spent a bit of time going over what we already know. We have rejigged the reading rotation groups and swapped books.

In maths we have looked at how to compose 4 and 5. We used numicon and counters to show that 5 can be made up of 4 and 1, or 2 and 3 for example.

As the pictures opposite show, the children had fun making 'reindeer soup' this week. The tuff tray contained sprouts, carrots, peas and potatoes and the children honed their fine motor skills by squishing, cutting and chopping the vegetables into a messy pulp...lovely!

We also read the book *The First Christmas* and talked about who celebrates Christmas and why it is important.



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

Class 1

This week in English we have started working on a fact file about penguins. We watched a video about penguins to find out lots of interesting facts about them and wrote what we had found out on a mind map. We looked at grouping related facts and joining them together with the conjunction 'and.' We looked at an example of a fact file about Tigers and noticed how the information was grouped in sections such as- what they eat and where they live. We then had a go at writing our penguin facts under the theme of what they look like in the first section of our fact file. We also wrote a fun fact such as 'a group of penguins is called a waddle.'

In Maths we have completed some assessments on 2D and 3D shapes. In Theme we compared a city in the Arctic circle to a city in the UK. We looked at images of London and Sisimiut. We looked for similarities and differences and noticed that there were more buildings, narrower roads and taller buildings in London and less buildings, lower buildings and wider roads in Sisimiut, Greenland. We have spent a lot of time this week practising our songs and poems for the Christmas performance and sharing time in the hall with Year 2 to practise when we stand up, move to the front and sit down. We can't wait to show you all on Monday and Tuesday!

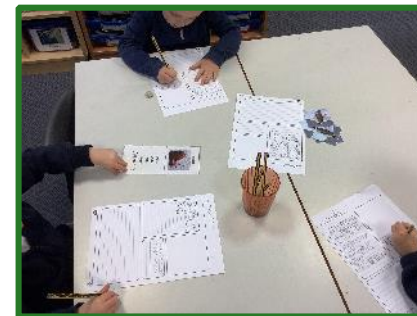
Class 2

Class two have had a busy week! We have started each day by adding and subtracting two digit numbers.

In theme we have learnt about Tromso, a town in Norway and found that it has lots of physical features. We finished our theme topic by comparing London with Sisimiut in Greenland. After finding out what was the same and different between the two cities, we wrote about the differences using some of the features we have learnt in writing such as 'contractions' and 'but'.

Most of class two would prefer to live in the United Kingdom rather than Greenland. In P.E we are becoming more aware of the space around us and are becoming quite good at dodging.

We have spent a little of each day practising the Christmas presentation. Our class elf has kept us entertained by playing with the train track and skiing using rulers as skis!



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Class 3

This week, Class 3 used their resourcefulness in Forest School, like the Stone Age people would have done, to gather natural materials and produce a picture. In maths, we have been sharing and grouping when learning about multiplication and division. We have been writing about The Bronze Age in theme and also devising menus inspired by The Stone Age. We have looked at forces and friction in science and evaluated our Stop Motion animations, considering improvements, in Computing. We had our final basketball lesson this week and managed to get outdoors, enjoying using the hoops for some shooting practise.

Class 4

This week Class 4 finished their Stone Age hunt gymnastics routine. All of them were fantastic and demonstrated using the 5 key gymnastic skills we had learnt this half term. In maths, we finished off our multiplication and division unit by looking at how to multiply 3 numbers together. The children used dice to create the numbers to multiply and were really resilient when the factors multiplied were over 12. In English, the children had to use what they had learnt in Theme about Stone Age food to create their own Stone Age meals and menus. A lot of the children couldn't believe they didn't have chips and bread, or that they ate bugs! In Science, we looked at how to create a classification key using what we knew about the characteristics of different animals. In French, we made French Christmas cards for our friends and family. Year 4 have done magnifique with their French and it was lovely to see them apply what they knew. Finally, we performed our Christmas song and recorded it ready to post next week for friends and family on our social media page - so look out for the video!!

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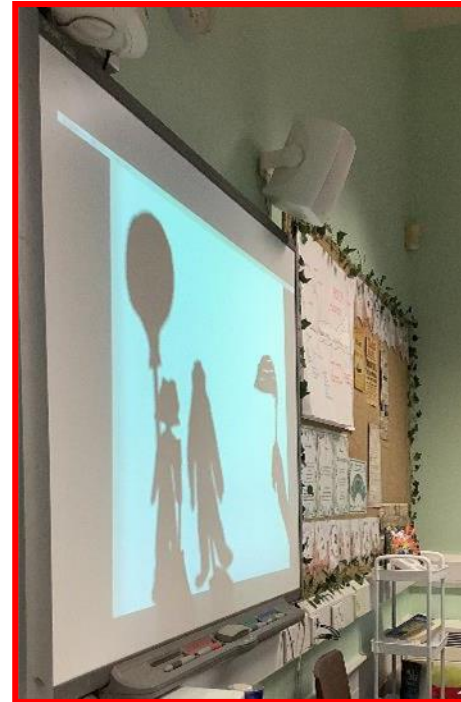
Class 5

In English this week we have been writing letters to our family and friends to inform them that we survived the Titanic crash. In science we have investigated pulleys, levers and gears and discussed how they help us move larger loads. Class 5 have also taken part in some forest school activities this week with class R. In maths we have been consolidating our learning surrounding fractions and applied this to some problem solving questions.

Class 6

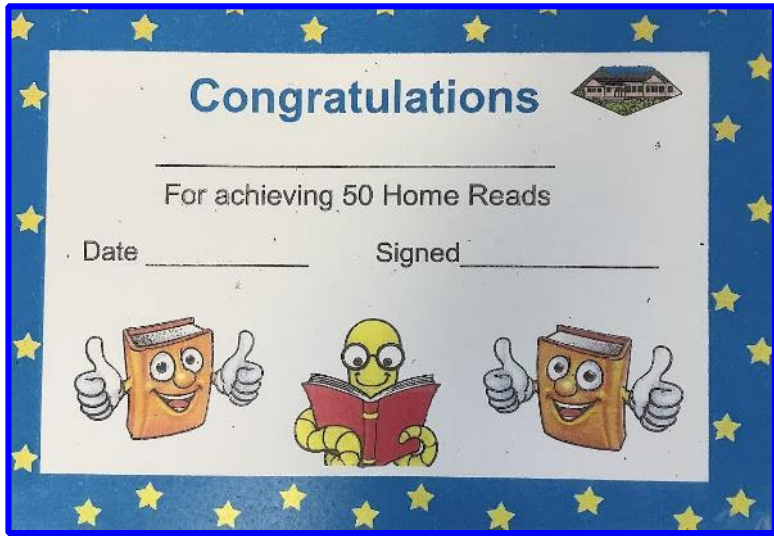
In English this week we have been writing diary entries as a surviving passenger on the Titanic. We have had to think carefully about the formality of the letter depending on the class of passenger we are writing as, as well as thinking clearly about the events that have occurred and how we now feel after surviving the events that took place on that devastating night. In maths we have carried out a number of post tests on topics we have recently finished, particularly, our work around fractions. In science we have continued with our light topic and have looked at the science behind reflection, how we see colour and how shadows are formed.

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Home Reading Celebrations

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



Home Reading Celebrations

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



FODS HAMPER RAFFLE



I'm sure you'll agree that the Christmas hampers are looking amazing. Don't forget that raffle tickets need to be back in school by the 18th December. If you want to buy any extra tickets you can get them from school, or alternatively they'll be available at all KS1 performances.

Thanks once again for your support.

MUSICAL MORNING

On Wednesday, parents and carers of children who take music lessons as part of Oldham Music Service, watched their children perform in the school hall. All the children were brilliant, there is definitely a lot of musical talent here at Diggle School. We will be putting some pictures and videos on our website but in the meantime here is a picture from the day. More coming soon...





CHRISTMAS DINNER



Don't forget, in true Diggle School tradition, we will be offering a Christmas Dinner on the 21st December. This will include turkey, with carrots, peas, sprouts, honey roast parsnips, roast potatoes, mashed potatoes, stuffing and pigs in blankets. If that's not enough, for pudding there will be yule log and custard, Christmas cupcakes, and Christmas cookies. There will be a vegetarian option available and all allergies will be catered for.

I'm sure you will agree that Nicola in the kitchen will be very busy, so we will not be offering any other food options on that day.

If your child does not normally have a school meal on a Thursday but they would like a Christmas dinner, please let the office know as soon as possible.

This is a real festive occasion where all the school get involved. The teachers eat with their class, there is Christmas music, and lots and lots of laughs. If your child doesn't normally eat a school dinner, this may be the perfect time for them to give it a try. We promise we won't make them eat the sprouts!

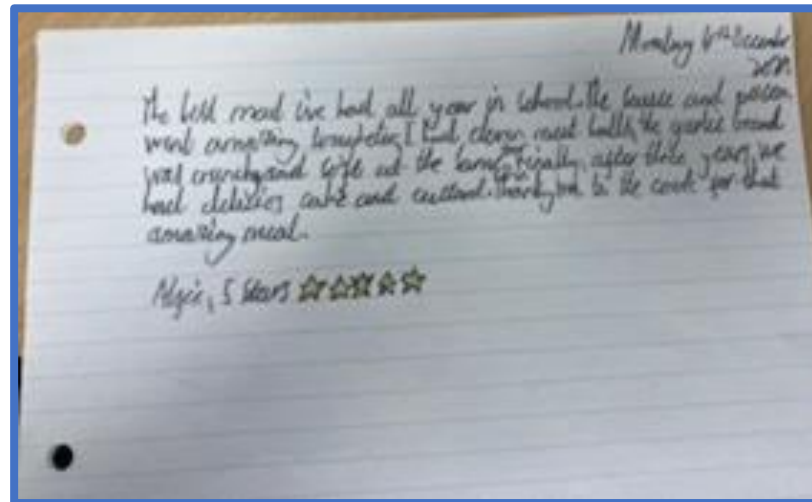


Our first professional review...

Just in case you missed it last week, we wanted to say another huge thank you to Alfie in Year 6 for writing this review of his school dinner. The kitchen ladies are still smiling - thank you Alfie.

“The best meal I’ve had all year in school. The sauce and pasta went amazingly together, I had eleven meatballs, the garlic bread was crunchy and soft at the same time. Finally, after three years, we had delicious cake and custard. Thank you to the cook for that amazing meal.”

Alfie, 5 stars ★★★★★



Special Shout Outs

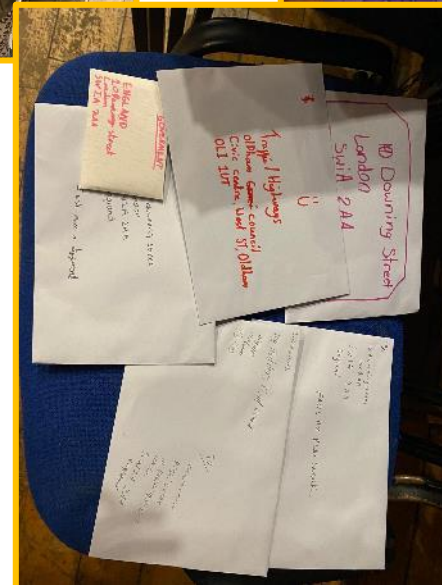
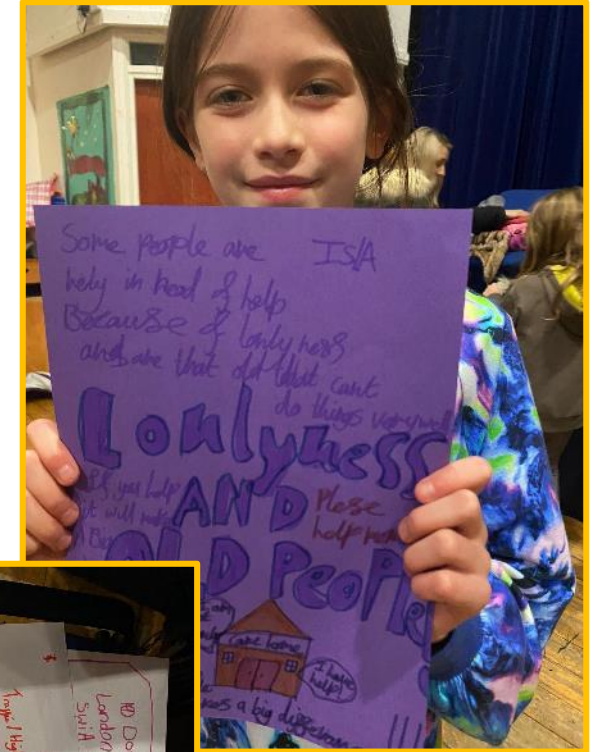
We love hearing about the amazing things that our children have done outside of school. If your child has done something worth shouting about please let us know. Email leanne.hazlehurst@diggleschool.co.uk or joanne.powell@diggleschool.co.uk and we'll do our best to get them in the newsletter.

This week's first shout out goes to all the girls who attend Diggle Brownies.

The Brownies have been writing letters and designing posters to go to the government and council about important issues.

Alongside this, they brought some donations along for the local food bank.

Finally, 3 of the girls had their poster artwork turned into beautiful craft pieces thanks to Jess the Diggle Craftivist, who produced some beautiful artwork. The artwork is going to be displayed around Diggle, so keep your eyes peeled and well done once again to all the girls. We're so proud that you are a part of our school community.



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As you know we often feature former pupils in our newsletter, and this week is no exception.

We are proud to say that a large number of our former Year 6 boys took part in a charity walk to raise funds for Alzheimer's UK, in support of Frank Rothwell, who is doing a 3000 mile solo row across the Atlantic.

The boys, who are all part of Saddleworth 3D's football team, thought it would be a great idea to do the walk as Frank has always been very supportive of them, regularly inviting the boys to watch the Man of the Match presentation at Latics, of which Frank is Chairman.

Although there were some tired legs, the boys persevered and raised a lot of money.

Not only are these boys excellent at charity walks, they also have other talents. Look out in the Oldham Times to see what they've been up to....



**2024
NEW YEARS DAY
OUTDOOR
SERVICE**

**WE GIVE THANKS FOR
THE NEW YEAR
WITH A SHORT SERVICE
12.00 NOON AT:-**

**THE
DIGGLE HOTEL**

FEATURING :-

DIGGLE BAND

ALL WELCOME

**CHRISTMAS
AT
KILNGREEN CHURCH**

You are warmly invited to:-

**CHRISTMAS EVE
"MIDNIGHT" COMMUNION
(At:- 11.00pm)**

**Carols, Prayers & Holy Communion
Welcome Christmas with us.
Service begins at 11.00pm**

**CHRISTMAS DAY
FAMILY CELEBRATION
(At:- 9.30am)**

**A Service for all the family, including
Holy Communion
Service begins at 9.30am and
will last no more than an hour.
You are invited to bring a present to
show us.**

DIGGLE COMMUNITY BRASS

Time is running out to see the wonderful Diggle Community Band before Christmas.

Don't panic though, because you haven't missed their Christmas concert which is on the 22nd December at Diggle Band Club.

Remember.... **it's a totally free, family friendly event**, guaranteed to get you in the festive mood.

The band will be playing all your favourite Christmas songs, and they never take themselves too seriously so there will be a lot of laughs along the way.

Hopefully we'll see you there.



DIGGLE COMMUNITY BRASS
CHRISTMAS ITINERARY

FRIDAY 1 st DECEMBER	SPRINGHEAD LIGHT SWITCH ON 5.45 pm
SATURDAY 2 nd DECEMBER	VICTORIA STATION MANCHESTER 10.00 am -1.00 pm
SUNDAY 3 rd DECEMBER	GROTON LIGHTS 5.45 pm
TUESDAY 5 th DECEMBER	TESCO GREENFIELD 6.00 pm - 8.00 pm
SATURDAY 9 th DECEMBER	KILNGREEN CHURCH CHRISTINGLE SERVICE 3.15 pm <i>(Church will be open from 2.45 pm)</i> FOLLOWED BY DIGGLE VILLAGE LIGHTS SWITCH ON OUTSIDE THE DIGGLE HOTEL 5.30 pm
TUESDAY 12 th DECEMBER	TESCO GREENFIELD 6.00 pm - 8.00 pm
SATURDAY 16 th DECEMBER	VICTORIA STATION MANCHESTER 10.00 am -1.00 pm
TUESDAY 19 th DECEMBER	TESCO HUDDERSFIELD ROAD OLDHAM 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm
FRIDAY 22 nd DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS CONCERT DIGGLE BAND CLUB 7.30pm

ALL WELCOME



DIGGLE COMMUNITY BRASS
CHRISTMAS CONCERT

AT:- DIGGLE BAND CLUB **FRIDAY 22nd DECEMBER**
CONCERT STARTS AT :- 7.30PM

FREE ENTRY

EVERYONE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS CAROLS & SING-A-LONG MUSIC

COLLECTION FOR D.C.B.

RAFFLE

Reg Charity No. 1190209

School Meals

The menu for school dinners is on the school website - <https://www.diggleschool.co.uk/school-meals>

The amazing kitchen staff provide a wide range of tasty meals throughout the week, with 3 options to choose from most days, and all dietary requirements will be catered for.

Meals are charged at £2.60 for years 3-6 unless eligible for Free School Meals. If you pay for your child's dinners the easiest way to make sure you don't fall behind with payments is to set up the "Auto Top-Up", which automatically adds an amount set by you when the balance drops below a certain amount.

If your child doesn't usually have school meals and wants to try, they just need to order on the day. We are very flexible regarding children mixing school dinners and packed lunches if there are certain days they like the menu choice and not others.

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.

Staff Cars

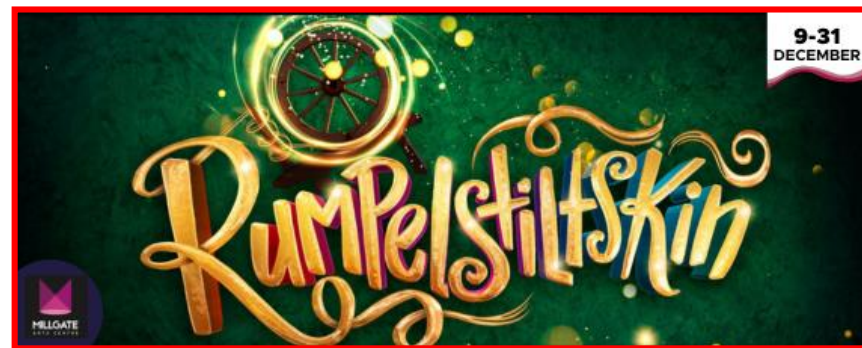
Once again, please could we kindly ask that children do not play around the teacher's cars before and after school. We understand that the waiting area for the Year 5 and 6 door is in the car park, but some of the games the children are playing are quite boisterous and unfortunately one of the teacher's cars has been damaged.

School Pantomime Trip

Please note the timings for the pantomime on Wednesday 20th December. In the morning, Classes 2,3 and 4, will be attending. The coach will be leaving at 9am prompt. **Unfortunately we will not be able to wait for children because the theatre cannot delay the performance.**

In the afternoon, Classes R,1, 5 and 6 will be attending. **We expect to be back at school by 4.10pm.**

If you haven't already signed the consent form and made payment we would be grateful if you could login to parentpay as soon as possible. Many thanks.



Castleshaw Centre

Free Family Activity Days... 3, 4 and 5 January 2024

A fun and exciting day exploring and challenging yourself at Castleshaw Outdoor and Environmental Education Centre.

Activities on the day could include a stream scramble, artificial caving, soft archery, a valley walk, orienteering, team building games and bushcraft. Activities/venue are subject to the weather and the group needs on the day and may change at short notice.

10am – 3pm

Age 5-11 years, children must be accompanied by parent/guardian

Free picnic lunch provided

Email castleshaw.centre@oldham.gov.uk to check availability and request a booking form.

Maximum 15 places available (including parents)

Places are reserved on a first come first served basis.

This programme is being funded by the Department for Work and Pensions.



Castleshaw Centre, Waterworks Road, Delph, Oldham OL3 5LZ
T: 0161 770 8595
E: castleshaw.centre@oldham.gov.uk
w: <http://castleshawcentre.weebly.com/adventurous-activities.html>



Take a look at these free family activity days at Castleshaw in January. For bookings, email:

castleshaw.centre@oldham.gov.uk

ONLINE SAFETY - IMPORTANT NOTICE

Did you know that all social media sites have minimum age restrictions? These are given because it is NOT SAFE for children under this age to use these channels. Did you also know that by letting your child access these channels using your login credentials, you are potentially exposing them to more danger?

It has been brought to our attention that pop-up adverts are appearing on social media sites which are showing extremely graphic material. We believe this is because the pop-up adverts are aimed at the registered user of the account. So if you are a 35 year old adult, who is letting your child access their social media account, your child could be seeing adverts suitable for a 35 year old adult. This may well include graphic content.

We cannot stress enough that you should not be letting your child access ANY social media channels. For your reference the minimum age restrictions are given below.

FACEBOOK - 13 years of age. **TIK TOK** - 13 years of age.

YOUTUBE - 13 years of age. **INSTAGRAM** - 13 years of age.

SNAPCHAT - 13 years of age. **THREADS** - 12 years of age.

DISCORD - 13 years of age. **X (TWITTER)** - 13 years of age.



PARENTS & GUARDIANS

A MESSAGE FROM GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE

In the run up to Christmas we know that some of you maybe turning to online shopping to purchase your children's presents.

WARNING – We are aware that fraudsters are targeting this area and want to ensure our community is protected. We are working hard to bring to justice those responsible. Please see our tips for staying safe online.

Have you been offered a highly discounted or considerably cheaper product compared to the original items worth?

STOP - THIS COULD BE FRAUD

The website you are purchasing from was only launched days/ weeks ago?

STOP - THIS COULD BE FRAUD

You're asked to pay by bank transfer instead of using the online platform's secure payment options.

STOP - THIS COULD BE FRAUD

A sense of urgency is placed on ordering the product or service so that you don't miss the price/deal.

STOP - THIS COULD BE FRAUD

You receive a fake email receipt/invoice that appears to be from the website you've purchased from or the payment service used to make your purchase. The email address domain doesn't match that of the genuine senders.

STOP - THIS COULD BE FRAUD



ActionFraud
Report Fraud & Internet Crime
actionfraud.police.uk

SHINE BELL

**SADDLEWORTH
3Ds**

EST. 1992



U10s GIRLS PLAYERS

**Saddleworth 3Ds FC
Year 5 from September 2023**



Contact Ben 07808078598

- The clubs first Girls team
- FA Qualified Coaches
- Charter Standard Club
- Matches – Saturdays
- EMJFL



We are All set and ready to go- we just need you!

