



DIGGLE STARS

Zac Edge - for being an excellent role model in the classroom and during break times.

Scarlett Fielding - for ALWAYS trying her best and keeping the 6 Rs.

All of Class R - for being amazing and confident in their nativity

Lowe Bennett - for being kind and helpful with her peers while making Christmas cards.



HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS



Christmas is in full swing here at Diggle School. Both Key Stage One and Reception entertained their parents brilliantly and it was so lovely to be able to have parents come and watch.

We have two days left next week and then we are into the Christmas holidays. We have been asked to request that parents report to school if their child becomes unwell and tests positive in the two days following school closing. So if your child tests positive on Wednesday or Thursday next week, or they start with symptoms on those days and go on to test positive please can you email me directly on sarah.newton@diggleschool.co.uk I will be checking this email regularly over the holiday period. Please don't email teachers or the info@ account as these will not be monitored to the same extent.

If your child is unwell in anyway over the weekend please get them a PCR test straight away.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 20 Dec - R 1 & 2 Christmas Party am

Mon 20 Dec - Y5&6 Christmas Party pm

Tues 21 Dec - Christmassy Non-Uniform (for £1 donation) and Christmas Dinner Day

Tues 21 Dec - Finish for Christmas and Christmas Dinner Day.

Thurs 6 Jan 2022 - New Term starts



Class R

This week Class R have been busy practicing their nativity. We have been focusing on being confident and using our loud voices. We have also been celebrating Christmas by making christmas cards to take home, singing Christmas songs and reading Christmas stories. In Phonics we have been focusing on digraphs 'sh,ch,th,qu,ng and nk'. In Maths, we have been looking at a 'whole' and a 'part', we used toys in the classroom to identify this new maths language. We have been using the story 'The Jolly Postman' to discuss his route, who he visited and what he saw on his journey.

Well done to all the children for being super in the nativity, you made us all proud.

Class 1

Class 1 have had a fun but very busy week. We loved our trip to the pantomime on Monday and have enjoyed practising and performing our Christmas production. We have completed our Christmas activity booklets with a mixture of Christmassy maths and English tasks. We have made christmas cards and snowflake cakes and have been very busy finishing our phonics assessments. We also completed a Christmas quiz to check our knowledge of the Nativity story.

Class 2

Class Two have had a great week. We have practised and performed our Christmas production, made Christmas cards and had lots of fun making party hats. Pablo the elf has had lots of fun hiding in the jumper box and reading books!



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



Class 3

Class 3 have produced a lovely book this week based on their learning from this Half term 'What Makes the Earth Angry'. They have made some beautiful Christmas cards to send home and had a fantastic Christmas party and loved the pantomime on Monday. Ed the Elf even sneaked into the bag! (Thank you FODS). In maths, we recapped the formal methods for the 4 operations to refresh ourselves and keep this in our minds. We continued our french with numbers and pictures associated with the festive time. It was our last football session with the CITC coach today; we practised all the skills and tricks she has taught us this half term.

Class 4

We started this week with a lovely Monday morning watching the pantomime, courtesy of FODs. We really enjoyed *Aladdin* - but not as much as we enjoyed the popcorn and sweets that were generously given. Thanks FODs! We continued the week in the festive spirit by making Christmas cards and Christmas baskets. Our class party on Thursday was epic! We also fit in a yuletide quiz and capped off our fine week by performing *Do They Know It's Christmas*.

Class 5

We have finished reading through Holes this week which has given u lots of questions to think about as the story brought everything together right at the end. We have also watched the film which we can then use to compare the film interpretation with the original story; where we can think about similarities and differences etc.

In Theme we have finished off the Africa topic by researching the Sahara Desert. We have also been learning our Christmas song, which we are hoping to record on Monday and also took part in some Christmas craft activities.

Class 6

This week, Class 6 have been busy preparing for Christmas. We have finished reading our class book Holes which had lots of unexpected twists. We followed this up by watching the film version. We have also made Christmas cards this week which look lovely. We have spent time recording our video to go with our singing of Merry Christmas Everyone. The children really put their hearts into it and are looking forward to you seeing it. Our maths and English has also had a Christmas theme this week.

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Reverse Advent Calendar

Oldham Foodbank is working in partnership with Action Together to provide support for families in crisis. This reverse advent calendar highlights some of the essential items we need.

Please share this calendar and tag #OldhamReverseCalendar on Facebook and Twitter.

All donations can be dropped off at: Unit J, Prince of Wales, Vulcan Street, OL1 4ER. Monday - Friday, between 9am and 4.30pm.

If you need any donations picking up, our volunteer drivers are out and about Monday -Friday, between 10am and 3pm.

For more information contact: Becky Kershaw-T: 07595 180880 or email Rebecca.Kershaw@actiontogether.org.uk.

This foodbank is run in partnership with local churches, facilitated by P.C.C. St Margaret, Hollinwood & St Chad, Limeside.

Registered charity number 1134150.

DECEMBER 2021					action together
1 TINNED FRUIT	2 UHT MILK	3 TINNED POTATOES	4 JAR OF JAM	5 BAG OF SUGAR	
6 BABY MILK 3 & 4	7 NAPPIES SIZE 5 & 6	8 TINNED FISH	9 TINNED TOMATOES	10 TINNED MEATS	
11 TINNED HOTDOGS	12 PASTA SAUCE	13 TINNED BEANS	14 RICE PUDDING	15 TOILETRIES	
16 TINNED FRUIT	17 UHT MILK	18 TINNED POTATOES	19 JAR OF JAM	20 BAG OF SUGAR	
21 BABY MILK 3 & 4	22 NAPPIES SIZE 5 & 6	23 TINNED FISH	24 CORDIAL		

Please help
if you can.

We Can Help

This is a tough time for families in Oldham, but we can help.

We've all faced difficulties, coming out of the Covid pandemic, the rising cost of basic goods and even the ability to heat your home. That's why Oldham partners are working together to offer families a little more help to get them through a tough winter.

We've put together our top 10 tips for families as part of our We Can Help campaign. Simply visit:

www.oldham.gov.uk/We-Can-Help-Families



1. **Mental health** — Our mental health is equally as important as our physical health. We have resources such as [5 steps to mental wellbeing](#), or [Kooth](#) which is a service for 10-25 to talk confidentially with trained professionals and peers, and you can take your child to a [Take5](#) drop-in session run by MIND. You can also visit your GP, or if in immediate danger call 999 or go to A&E.



2. **Parenting** — We've pre-paid for every parent, grandparent and carer to access £100 of [parenting courses](#). You can claim yours today with the code "DAISY". Courses cover all ages from bump to 19; get tips to manage challenging behaviour. Also see our Oldham [speech and language resources](#) and GM [10 Tips for Talking](#).



3. **Community support** — Oldham has lots of amazing voluntary, community and faith groups which provide help and run activities. See the Action Together [Community Activities Directory](#) for more information.



4. **Winter activities** — [Holiday Activities and Food](#) will be available over the winter for children aged 5-16 who are receiving free school meals. For younger children, download the [50 things to do before you're five](#) app, and young people can check out local [youth groups](#). Oldham's [family information service](#) includes support and activities for all children including additional needs.



5. **Food** — We don't want any Oldham child to go hungry. There is direct help such as [free school meals](#), and you can also find your local [foodbank](#). If you're pregnant or have a child under 4, you may be able to access the NHS [Healthy Start](#) food and milk scheme.



6. **Financial help** — If you've lost your job or are struggling with [rent](#), [heating](#), [debt](#) or [benefits](#) we can help. There are people to talk to so you're not alone.



7. **Domestic abuse** — If you or your family are affected by domestic violence or abuse you can get advice through the Greater Manchester Domestic Abuse Helpline on 0800 254 0909 or [End the Fear](#) website. You can [ask for ANI](#) to get help confidentially in any pharmacy. In an emergency, call 999 to contact the Police. If it isn't safe to speak and you have called from a mobile, press 55 when prompted and your call will be transferred to the police.



8. **Problems with drugs or alcohol** — [Turning Point](#) offer advice and support if you want help about drugs or alcohol. You can call them on 0300 555 0234. The national charity [Smart Recovery](#) also provides help and support in recovering from addictive behaviour.



9. **Safeguarding** — If you have a concern about the safety or welfare of a child, young person or vulnerable adult, please contact the Oldham Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub on 0161 770 7777. If you believe they are at immediate risk of harm, contact Greater Manchester Police on 999.



10. **Covid-19** — Take a look our [Covid page](#) for the latest advice or to book a vaccination.

FODS Hamper Winners



£791
raised !!!

The Christmas Hamper draw took place at the Class R Nativity, and the winners are ...

Class R Hamper: Kate Hampson

Class 1 Hamper: Pat

Class 2 Hamper: Imogen Moffatt

Class 3 Hamper: Sarah Stephens

Class 4 Hamper: Gemma Armstrong

Class 5 Hamper: Emily Howard

Class 6 Hamper: Darren Lord

Please collect from school before 3.30pm on Tuesday.

Thankyou to everyone who donated hamper goodies and bought tickets, and of course to the amazing FODS team for organising it all.



DIGGLE COMMUNITY BRASS

ONCE AGAIN DIGGLE COMMUNITY BRASS WILL BE
PLAYING FESTIVE CAROLS IN DIGGLE VILLAGE

WEDNESDAY 15th DECEMBER

AMBROSE CRESCENT
LOWER WRIGLEY GREEN
HILLSIDE AVENUE
MOOR CRESCENT
WARD LANE
RAVENSTONES DRIVE

FRIDAY 17th DECEMBER


DORSET AVENUE
KENT CLOSE
GLOUCESTER DRIVE
CORNWALL CRESCENT
DEVON DRIVE
SUNFIELD LANE

MONDAY 20th DECEMBER

SUNFIELD ESTATE
LOWER KNOLL ROAD
TURNPIKE CLOSE
ELDERBERRY CLOSE
BROOKHILL CLOSE
HEATHER WAY
CLYDESDALE RISE
FATHERFORD CLOSE
HARROP GREEN

**LOOK OUT FOR US FROM 6.30 PM EACH
EVENING, WEATHER PERMITTING.
IF HE'S NOT TOO BUSY WE MAY BE
JOINED BY SANTA !**

ON BEHALF OF DIGGLE COMMUNITY BRASS
WE WISH YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
&
A HAPPY NEW YEAR



The Diggle Community Brass Concert planned
for 22nd December has been cancelled.

The band's priority is always the safety of players
and audience and given the apparent risks with
the Omicron variant of Covid-19, it was felt that a
concert very close to Christmas posed a significant
risk of transmission and subsequent self isolation
which would impact on the festive period.

Good news though ! Look out for a new concert
Date early in 2022.

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