



## DIGGLE STARS

**Saoirse Keane** - for always going the extra mile

**ALL OF CLASS 3** - for excellent behaviour on the trip to Creswell Craggs and representing Diggle School beautifully.

**Edwyn Harrison**- for trying hard this week to concentrate and listen better.

**Tyler Brierley** - Behaving well on the trip and showing our 6Rs.

**Tommy McGlashan** - For being helpful and tidying up

**Dexter Pearson**- for always being kind and looking out for others.

**Jacob Shearing**- for always giving 100% in Maths

## HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS

Since Covid our parents evening's have been online. A couple of parents asked if it was possible for them to go back to being in person, whereas others voiced that they much preferred the online version.

We decided to try and get a broader view and so on Open Day we took a poll of parents and asked them to indicate which they preferred. The results have come out almost completely equal. With 46% requesting for them to stay online and 54% asking for a change to in person.

Therefore we have made the decision that in February we will offer a hybrid with there being one evening of in person meetings in the hall and then another night when parents can join online.

We know we can not please all of the people all of the time but we are hoping that this solution will work for most of our parents.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Sun 10th Dec** - School Choir performance at Uppermill Methodist Church

**Wed 13th Dec**- Music Concert Morning  
(Please see article below for details)

**Wed 13th Dec** - School Choir performance at Stoneswood Residential

**Mon 18th Dec** - KS1 xmas performance 2pm

**Tues 19th Dec** - Class R nativity am  
KS1 xmas performance 2pm

**Wed 20th Dec** - Panto day

**Thurs 21st Dec** - Xmas Dinner Day  
KS1 xmas party

**Fri 22nd Dec** - KS2 xmas party  
Xmas 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

Here are our amazing Diggle Stars!



Well done Class 4. They have had the tidiest cloakroom this week and have the pleasure of Percy Pigeon's company. Great work Class 4.



## Class R

We've had a very busy time in Class R this week! To prepare for the wonderful winter display, we have produced a wonderful collection of prints. We used handprints in green paint to make a tree and footprints in white paint for a great effect. We used a fingerprint technique with oranges and browns to design squirrels and hedgehogs and then thought of wintery words to go alongside them. We also used a snowflake template to finish the scene off!

We had a marvellous time on Wednesday afternoon welcoming some new friends to our classroom. The 'Stay and Play' was very popular and lots of our new visitors (and their adults) enjoyed exploring our classroom and getting stuck into the fun activities.

In between all of these activities we found time to talk about St Andrew's Day. We watched how people celebrate the special day in Scotland and enjoyed a lovely taster session of Scottish food (courtesy of Miss Leach's mum!). Top marks for the Tunnock's tea cakes. No so much for the haggis!



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

## Class 1

This week in English we have finished reading our class text 'Lost and Found.' We have completed a prediction ladder to show what has happened in the story so far and written a prediction about what we thought might happen next. We then completed a story map by cutting and sticking images from the story and placing them in order. We learnt about time adverbials and how to use these to start our sentences and show when something happened. We wrote our sentences using time adverbials based on events from the story. In Maths we have finished off our learning about 2D and 3D shapes and completed some assessments about addition and subtraction. Later this week we worked on finding the eight facts in a fact family using our knowledge of parts and wholes.

In Theme we learnt about the animals that are found in the Arctic. We used a map of the arctic circle countries to find out which animals were found in each country.

We spent a lot of time this week finishing our art work for the christmas displays and hoop. We have used everyday objects to print our winter images. We used 3D shapes, potatoes, bubble wrap, cotton buds and fingers. We also enjoyed hanging baubles on the school christmas tree and welcoming our class Elf who we named Mario!

## Class 2

This week class two have started a new theme topic about the Arctic. We found the Arctic circle and the seven countries and their flags within the Arctic circle.

We have been working extremely hard in maths adding and subtracting multiples of ten to and from two digit numbers.

In writing we have copied our stormy sea poems in our neatest handwriting to be displayed on the wall with our stormy sea pictures. To create our sea pictures we colour mixed dark blue with white and printed snowflakes. They look really good in the corridor displayed with the poems. We have also started to practise the poems we will be reciting in the Christmas presentation.



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### Class 3

This week, Class 3 have been producing a page on Stone Age Food, after researching last week. As part of this, we looked at how they used to stew berries with nuts then made a similar meal using porridge oats instead of nuts to thicken it. In Computing, we have developed our Stop Motion animations using storyboards and adding backgrounds and characters to tell a story. We have been using complements to 100 in maths and focussing on past learning with our Flashbacks. We used all the skills we have learned this term in our basketball session and looked at water and rail safety alongside a focus on road safety in SMSC as it is Road Safety Week. Throughout this busy week, the children have also been painting and printing winter scenes for the corridor. Where did we find the time? Our visit to Creswell Crags was amazing and all of Class 3 showed they had learned a lot as well as proving they would have been able to survive the Stone Age with their hunting and hut building skills!

### Class 4

This week, we have been focusing on multiplication and division in Maths. Particularly looking at multiples of 3, 6 and 9. In English we have finished writing our instructions on 'How to catch a Woolly Mammoth'. In Theme we learnt lots of facts from researching how the Stone Age people hunted, this was really useful on our trip to Creswell Crags. At Creswell Crags, the children got a chance to develop hunting and survival skills, and explore the bones and fossils of real Stone Age animals. In, PE we started to look at cartwheels and how to use our bodies to create momentum. In computing we continued with our Christmas podcast planning and were able to record some sound effects ready for editing. Finally, in science we have continued looking at how to group animals and used our previous knowledge of Venn diagrams to display our animal groups.

### Class 5

In class 5 this week we have learned about the features of a newspaper. The children have written newspaper articles to inform others about the events of the Titanic. In Maths we have been looking at subtracting

### Class 6

This week in maths we have continued to work with fractions, looking specifically at multiplying and dividing a fraction by an integer. In English we have learnt more facts about the Titanic and have learnt about the features of a newspaper article and have then planned and written our own newspaper article about the events of the Titanic disaster in 1912. In Theme we have learnt about the Industrial Revolution and the factors which led to these huge changes during this period of time. In computing we have started to use the programme Tinkercad to learn about 3D design and how we can use 3D shapes to create different objects.

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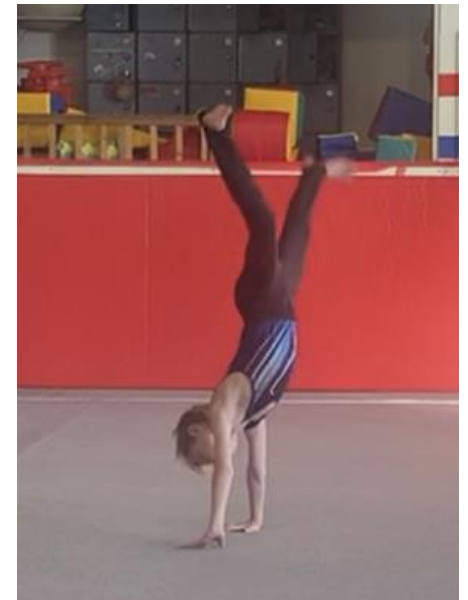
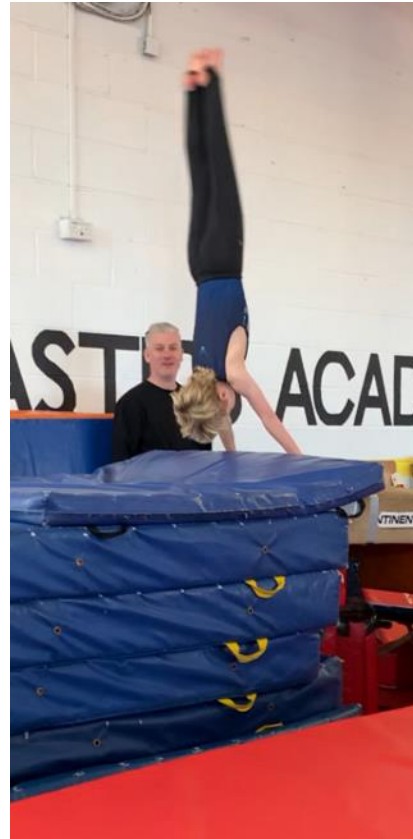


## Special Shout Outs

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.

This week's special shout out goes to Dexter in Year 5. Dexter has been attending gymnastics lessons since he was 3 years old. Last weekend he entered a competition at his gymnastics club and came first on vault, first on floor, so won gold for overall boy.

Well done Dexter, what a fantastic achievement. We can't wait to see you at The Olympics.



## CRESWELL CRAGS

As you will know, Classes 3 and 4 had a fantastic visit to Creswell Crags. Not only did they get the chance to explore the caves, they also learnt survival skills like how to make a fire, how to build a shelter and how to hunt a bison. If that wasn't enough, they also got the chance to be paleontologists and pieced together animal skeletons. It was a wonderful experience. We need to add a huge thank you to our parent volunteers. We really appreciate you giving up your time, we couldn't have done it without you.



## STAY AND PLAY OPEN DAY

We had a wonderful stay and play open day on Wednesday. It was great to see so many people come along with their children to enjoy some festive crafty fun.

Mr Hoyle enjoyed meeting everybody so much that he will be having another stay and play on Wednesday 17th January - starting at 9.30am. We hope to see you there!





## CHRISTMAS TREE CEREMONY

Today we held our Christmas tree lighting assembly, always a highlight for both the staff and pupils. Throughout the week, each child has added a bauble to the tree, then today the children sang Jingle Bells whilst the oldest and youngest pupils lit the tree. It was absolutely wonderful and we're certainly in a festive mood now.



A huge thank you to Mr Dickinson, who kindly donated our stunning Christmas tree. Mr Dickinson works at the beautiful RHS Bridgewater.

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GARDEN  
*Bridgewater*  
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## Winter corridors in time for CHRISTMAS



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## New Menu

Our new menu has been getting great reviews from the kids, and from the pictures below I'm sure you can see why. Remember, if your child wants to try a dinner they can just request one on the day.

And remember, not only do our school meals taste good, research from The Food Foundation says that 'children who eat school meals have lower obesity rates, better academic performance and behaviour, and improved lifetime productivity.' Plus, a healthy school dinner is actually cheaper than a healthy packed lunch!

Homemade iced cake,  
homemade flapjack and fruit.



Sausage, homemade mash,  
vegetables, yorkshire pudding and  
gravy.

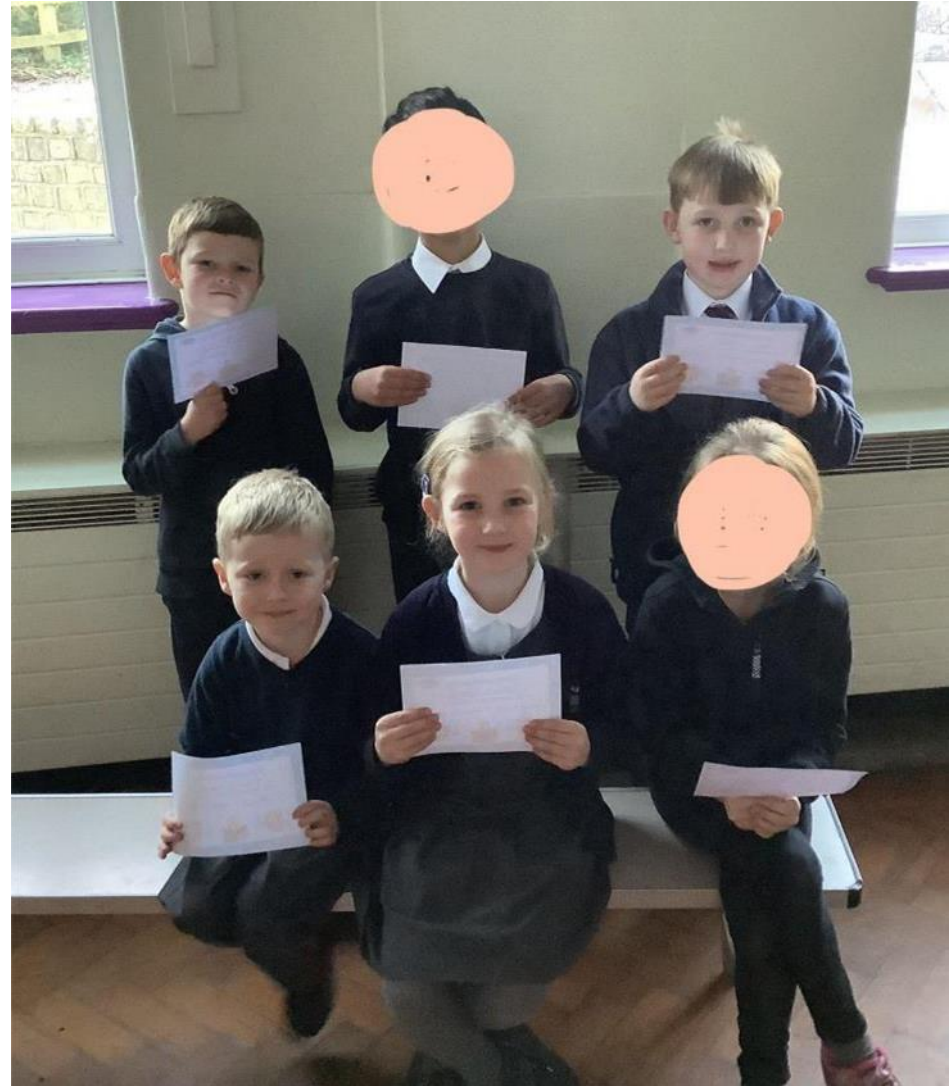
Homemade vegetable pasta  
bake, garlic bread and salad.



# Home Reading Celebrations



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



## FODS AT CHRISTMAS



**FODS**  
FRIENDS OF DIGGLE SCHOOL

Fods will be creating our fabulous Festive hampers again this christmas. Raffle tickets to enter the draw to win a hamper will be sent home in book bags next week. Please return ticket stubs with money in a sealed envelope to school.

Please can you support your class hamper by bringing an item into school before Friday the 24th November so the FODS Christmas elves can work their magic.

Last years hampers were filled with chocolates, toiletries, alcohol, christmas treats and lots more!  
Thankyou for your continue support,  
Team FODS

All donations delivered to classrooms before **FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER**

A big thank you for all your lovely hamper donations. Watch this space to find out which class will be getting an extra playtime.

Raffle tickets to win these amazing hampers have been sent home tonight. The raffle will be drawn before Christmas so if you win you might have one less Christmas present to buy!

There will be spare tickets in the school office, so if you need any more, your child can ask in the office and more will be sent home.

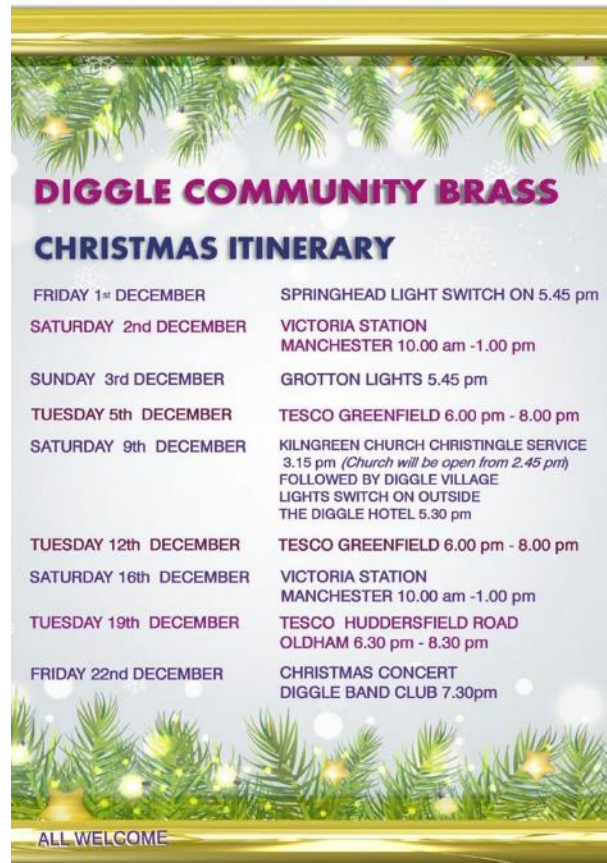
Good luck!

## DIGGLE COMMUNITY BRASS

As you know, we have a wonderful community brass band in Diggle. You will usually see them on Whit Friday, dressed very smartly, leading the procession.

This Christmas, you are in for a treat, because Diggle Community Brass have got a full schedule of festive music for you to enjoy. The culmination of which is their Christmas concert on the 22nd December at Diggle Band Club. It's a totally free, family friendly event, guaranteed to get you in the festive mood.

Hopefully we'll see you there.



**DIGGLE COMMUNITY BRASS**  
**CHRISTMAS ITINERARY**

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

ALL WELCOME



**DIGGLE COMMUNITY BRASS**  
**CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

**AT:- DIGGLE BAND CLUB** **FRIDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER**  
**CONCERT STARTS AT :- 7.30PM**

**FREE ENTRY**

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

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## 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.

## 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**

## School Photos - It's Not Too Late!

Good news - if you missed out the first time you can still get your individual school photos. They are available to view and buy at Happy Snapz. If you have any problems, please feel free to call the office.



**Wednesday 13th December**  
**Music Morning in School.**

On Wednesday 13th December from 9am to 11am we will be hosting our Christmas Music Concert. Please ensure your child has their instrument on this day.

All children who have individual music lessons will be taking part, along with everyone who is in the school band, KS1 and KS2 choir and also the children in Year 4 who are still playing a brass instrument in school as part of the ongoing opportunities group.

The running order for the morning is:

9am - The school band and brass players

9:30 - Guitars

9:45 - Children who have singing lessons

10am - Percussionists

10:15 - Keyboard

10:30 - Woodwind

10:45 - KS1 and 2 choirs

You are welcome to come in and out of the concert and we don't expect parents to stay all morning unless they want to. FODS will be serving refreshments and we are going to put tables out for the audience.

We hope to see you there, please be aware that times may move slightly, so please arrive a little before your child is performing.

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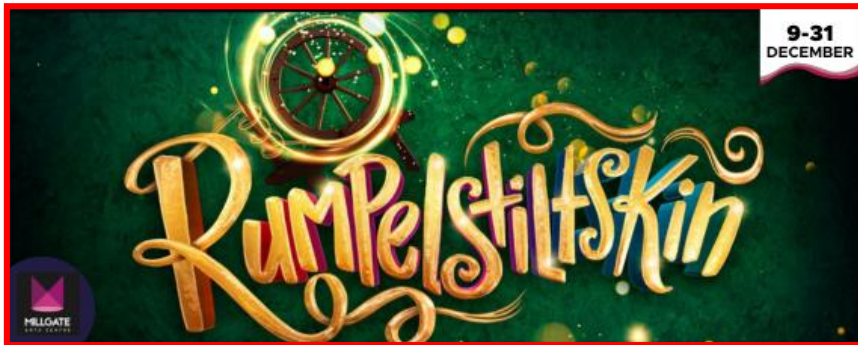
## Notices Continued...

### **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**

It's panto day on the 20th December - OH YES IT IS!. The children will be visiting The Millgate Theatre in Delph to see Rumpelstiltskin. The theatre trip is now on Parentpay, please login to give consent and make payment. Thank you.



## Crocus Bulbs

A big thank you to the Saddleworth Rotary Club who donated some beautiful crocus bulbs which our children really enjoyed planting. We can't wait to see a carpet of colour in springtime.



### **Did you know...**

According to research by School Health UK, and reported on the mumsnet website, a healthy packed lunch costs over £4 per day to make, versus a healthy school meal at just £2.60 per day. We were amazed when we read about this. If you want to read more, visit:

<https://www.netmums.com/child/packed-lunches-or-school-meals-whats-cheaper>

## 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**



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Report Fraud & Internet Crime  
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SHINE BELLS

# CITY KICKS

City Kicks is a **FREE** programme for children and young adults aged between 8 and 18 years. The sessions aim to encourage our participants to socialise and take part in football activities in order to positively impact their physical and mental health. All abilities are welcome.

## Schedule of Kicks Sessions

### Tuesday

**Where** Benchill Community Centre, M22 8EJ

**When** 4pm - 6pm

### Thursday

**Where** Benchill Community Centre, M22 8EJ

**When** 4pm - 6pm

### Thursday

**Where** Cedar Mount, M18 7DT

**When** 5pm - 7pm

### Friday - City Girls

**Where** Levensulme High School, M19 1FS

**When** 4pm - 6pm

**FREE**  
For All



For more information about our Healthy Communities programmes, or if you would like to attend, please contact Rofique Miah on [07753467127](tel:07753467127) or at [Rofique.Miah@cityfootball.com](mailto:Rofique.Miah@cityfootball.com).



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**Where** Falinge Park High School, OL12 6LD

**When** 5pm - 7pm

### Wednesday

**Where** Park View School, M40 7EJ

**When** 5pm - 7pm

### Thursday

**Where** City Football Academy, M11 4TQ

**When** 4pm - 6pm

### Friday

**Where** Scotland Hall Road, M40 2TJ

**When** 5pm - 7pm

**FREE**  
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Year 5 from September 2023**



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- FA Qualified Coaches
- Charter Standard Club
- Matches – Saturdays
- EMJFL



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

