

Diggle Stars

YR: Charlie Hardisty-Lomax for his great effort in phonics and for coming into school independently in the morning.

Y1: Frankie Fielding for his excellent attitude and enthusiasm for school life.

Y2: Bella Calverley for always doing the right thing, in a group, in a class lesson and around school. Her behaviour has been super and she has tried hard at every activity all week.

Y3: Emilia Sivori for always making the right decisions, keeping the **6Rs** and super writing.

Y4: Peter Steele for providing a great example in his English and trying hard to include all of the features we have discussed.

Y5: Madeleine Hunter for always being ready to learn and for fantastic presentation in all of her books.

Y6: Summer Moore for being incredibly **resilient**

**Well done to you all for all your hard work.
We are very proud of you!**



Head teacher's Comment

The deadline to return your school photograph order to the office is Wednesday 11th October. If you miss this date you will need to order directly with the photographer.

Our FODS group have their AGM on Wednesday at 7:30 in school. If you can spare the time, please join this hard working group of parents who work tirelessly to ensure that we have the funds to provide an enriched curriculum. The current climate of school funding makes FODS contributions even more vital, so please give them your support.

The Diggle Star



Friday 6th October 2017

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 10th October – Y4 at Gallery Oldham for Linking Project

Tuesday 10th October – Flu Vaccinations for Years R-4

Wednesday 11th October – FODS AGM 7.30pm at school – all welcome

Thursday 12th October – Y5&6 Viking Day

Wednesday 18th October - Year 2 class assembly

Friday 20th October - Year 1 class assembly

Monday 23rd October - Open Day 9:15 -10 or 2:15 – 3

Thursday 26th October - Reception class assembly

Friday 27th October - School closes for half term

Monday 6th November - School opens

Thursday 9th November - Year 3 class assembly

Thursday 9th November – FODS meeting @ Diggle Hotel – 8pm

Friday 10th November - Year 6 class assembly

14th and 15th November - Parent's evenings 3:30 – 6:30

Thursday 16th November - Year 4 class assembly

** Thursday 23rd November - Year 5 class assembly** Date change

5th December - KS1 Pantomime morning performance

11th December - KS2 Pantomime morning performance

14th December - Carol service 1:30

14th December – FODS meeting @ Diggle Hotel – 8pm

19th December - Reception Christmas performance 9:30

19th December - KS1 Christmas performance 2pm

20th December - KS1 Christmas performance 9:30

Friday 22nd December - Close for Christmas holidays

Dates for 2018

Monday 8th January – Start of Spring Term

26th March - Year 3/4 dress rehearsal

27th March - Year 3/4 performances 2pm and 6pm

16th July - Year 5/6 dress rehearsal

17th July - Year 5/6 performances 2pm and 6pm

PLEASE REMEMBER TO ONLY LOOK AT THE HOLIDAY DATES ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE - DIGGLEPRIMARY.CO.UK - WHEN BOOKING HOLIDAYS

Please can we remind parents and carers to say their "good bye's" to their children **before they come into the school building** so the children can come into school independently. Any messages can either be passed on to the staff member on the door, or you can come round to the main entrance to speak to the office staff. **Reception parents** must use the entrance door in the gated play area rather than the KS1 door.

What have we learnt?

Class R In English this week we have been drawing photos of our families. We have also learnt new sounds in our phonics lessons and we have begun to learn how to blend and segment CVC words. In Maths we have been finding 2D shapes in our environment. In theme we have been making our family trees.

Class 1 In Maths this week we have been learning about measures and have ordered and compared objects using the words longer, shorter, taller, shorter, heavier and lighter. In English we have been continuing our work on the lighthouse keepers lunch and have completed storyboards and a description of Mrs Grinling. In Theme we have been learning about the bravery of Grace Darling.

Class 2 In English we have been learning about command sentences. We have written commands using the correct punctuation and given each other commands to follow. In Maths we have been practising addition and subtraction facts to 20 and using them to help us work out facts to 100. In Science we went outside to investigate things which are living, dead or have never been alive. We collected data ready for our next lesson.

Class 3 In English we have been writing inference descriptions to show the reader how characters were feeling without telling them. In Maths we have been adding and subtracting 9, 10 and 100 from 2 and 3 digit numbers. In Theme we have been learning about Tornado Alley.

Class 4 This week in Maths we have been rounding to the nearest 10 and 100 and also looking at using the inverse to check our answer. In English we have started to write our story about 'The Lighthouse'. In theme we have continued without Theme and learnt about how earthquakes are measured using the Mercalli Scale.

Class 5 In English we have been writing stories about a Viking travelling to Britain. In maths we have been learning short and long multiplication and finding the perimeter of shapes. In theme we have been learning about the Viking alphabet and writing our names in runes.

Class 6 In English we have been created Kenning poems about Viking weapons. We have also done some work on synonyms and antonyms. In Maths we have continued work on finding missing angles, this time on straight lines and around a point. In Theme we have made some wonderful Viking shields.

“Reading” Dog

We are now being visited each Friday by Betsy who is a PAT (Pets As Therapy) dog and she will be working with some of our children to help improve their confidence and/or self-esteem in reading. She is a brown Labrador and has been trained to listen intently whilst children are reading aloud to her.

Pets as Therapy explain how the concept works:

Most adults are apprehensive about speaking in public. It is very daunting. Young people are no different. Research shows that young people can become nervous and stressed when reading to others in a group. However, when a PAT Dog enters the group, they often become less stressed, less self-conscious and more confident as the dogs are non-judgemental. Before long the young people are starting to look forward to the reading experience as they are going to read to their new friend, the PAT Dog. PAT Dogs provide comfort, encourage positive social behaviours, enhance self-esteem, motivate speech and inspire young people to have fun.



Gardening Club

This week the children dropping into gardening club were planting bulbs around the playground ready for spring.



Forest Club

Forest Club had a great time this week despite our Diggle weather.



Notices:

FODS

If you would like to buy a DOSH number for £1 per month for a chance to win monthly cash prizes please email em.hunter@gmail.com

If you fancy a night off from parenting duties, there are a few tickets left for the Gin tasting evening at 7.30pm on Friday 13 October at Kiln Green church. Buy your tickets from Parent Pay.

And finally, don't forget the FODS AGM at 7.30pm on Wednesday 11 October in the school hall. Everyone is welcome to come and input into FODS, our fundraising efforts and how we should use money raised to improve opportunities and facilities for our children.

DOSH Winners

May 17	Val Hampson	8	£18.00
	Sam Whatmough	62	£12.50
	Mollie White	19	£6.50
Jun-17	Rose Ladley	12	£18.00
	Susan Wint	32	£12.50
	John Wildbore	48	£6.50
Jul-17	Michael Hawes	43	£18.00
	Louise Whitehead	52	£12.50
	Nicola Clay	86	£6.50
Aug-17	Paul Merrington	44	£18.00
	Nicole Mallalieu	79	£12.50
	Natalie Heptonstall	70	£6.50

House Points - The Scores on the Doors Overall totals so far this half term ...



Dovestone	97
Swellands	116
Black Moss	97
Redbrook	97

This week's winners are Swellands with a score of 63



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