



Happy New Year

We hope all our families and staff have had a relaxing and enjoyable festive break. The pupils have come back into school with a really positive attitude to their learning and enthusiasm about the new

Confirmed term dates 2019/2020

Please take note of the confirmed term dates for 2019/2020. To prevent a fine DO NOT book holidays

Term	Autumn 2019	Spring 2020	Summer 2020
School re-opens	Wednesday 4th September	Monday 6th January	Monday 20th April
School closes: May Day	n/a	n/a	Monday 4th May
School closes: half term	Friday 25th October	Friday 14th February	Friday 22nd May
School re-opens	Monday 4th Nov	Monday 24th Feb	Monday 1st June
School closes: end of term	Friday 20th Dec	Friday 3rd April	Friday 17th July
Number of days	75	60	60
Total number of days	195		

during term time. School will be closed on the following five days for staff training:

2nd September 2019, 3rd September 2019, 26th June 2020, 29th June 2020 and 20th July 2020.

Following a consultation of the school finish time on a Friday to be changed to the same time

Have you registered your child for their Reception place for September 2019?

THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE!

Does your children turn 4 years before August 31st 2019?

If the answer is yes, then you are required to register your child for their reception place to begin school in September 2019. Follow the link to direct you to the online application form:

Absence/Lateness

- Unplanned absence- please remember to inform the office by 9.15am on the day.
- Planned absence- please submit a request form to request the absence in advance. Routine appointments should be made outside of the school day. If you do need to make an emergency appointment for your child, please provide a copy of the appointment letter from the GP or hospital.
- Doors open at 8.50am. Morning registration is at 8.55am. Pupils arriving after this time will be recorded as late and must enter via the main entrance with an adult. **Please do not put your child over the gate to enter the school unsupervised once the gate has been locked.**
- On the rare occasion that you are running late to collect your child, out of courtesy to the staff at school, **please ring the school to inform us.**

School Car Park

You will be aware that Siddal Primary has a small car park and spaces are very limited. This car park is for staff that work at Siddal Primary and parents dropping off or collecting children at the Children Centre. The car park should not be used by school parents/carers dropping off or collecting. Disabled access and parking is available for parent/carers with a blue badge only throughout the day. **We have become aware that some school parents/carers have been using the carpark in a morning to drop off their children at breakfast club. This is causing issues with the flow of the car park, but is also a potential risk to pupil's and staff's safety.**

Honours Awards 11.1.19		
	Hard Workers	Special Pupil
Reception	Jacob Green	Hanni Ahir
YEAR 1	Harrison Samples	Eli Green
YEAR 2- Dolphin	Eddy Sunderland	Shakira Fogarthy
YEAR 2- Snow leopard	Mason Yates	Felix Cullen
YEAR 3	Jude Jenkinson	Leland Hartley
YEAR 4	Oliver Greenwood	Kitty-Liu Kenny
YEAR 5	Louie Farrar	Alisha Black
YEAR 6	Weronika Fornal	Josh Green


Who's Collecting Your Child?
 The safeguarding of the pupils and staff at school is paramount. All pupils are discharged each day by the adults working with them. To ensure that your child leaves with the correct adult, please ensure that you let us know in advance if they are being collected by a different person. If we are not made aware of a change of person collecting your child, this will delay their exit from school, while we make the necessary checks. Informing the

**Funding to Support your Child
 Have your circumstances changed?**

Are you in receipt of any of the following benefits: Income Support, Income-based Jobseekers Allowance, Income-related Employment and Support Allowance, Support under Part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act, the guaranteed element of Pension Credit, Child Tax Credit, Working Tax Credit or Universal Credit?

Whole School Attendance and Punctuality		
Whole School Attendance: 97% This above the Government National average of 98.1%. Thank you to everyone who has been at school every day and on time. Pupils' punctuality has also significantly improved this half term.		
	Attendance	Punctuality
1st	Polar Bears, Gorillas and Year 2 100%	Elephants and Orangutans 99%
2nd	Polar Bears 99.1%	Gorillas 98.7%
3rd	Elephants 97%	Polar Bears 98.7%
4th	Orangutans 95.8%	Year 2 98.2%
5th	Rhinos 95.2%	Rhinos 98%
6th		Polar Bears 97.3%
7th		
8th		

Bad Weather



In the event of bad weather you will be notified of closure by text message. It will also be published on the school website and the Calderdale council website. Please do not assume that if Park Lane is closed that we are closed.

Take care on the paths around school and ensure that your children have appropriate coats and footwear for snowy days. Please be assured that we only decide to close our school in exceptional circumstances, where the safety of our families and staff is the primary concern. On some occasions this may be due to the availability of teaching staff who travel some distance to reach school, rather than

Autumn Term Dates so far...
Please keep checking for updates.

17th Jan- Panto Day (for the pupils who pre-booked)
 17th Jan- Themed lunch day
 13th Feb- SPAF Valentine's Disco
 14th Feb- Choir going to Young Voices
 5th/8th Mar- Visits to Lindley Book Shop
15th Feb- School closed for staff training