



### Young Voices Concert

Before the holidays the wonderful Siddal Choir joined over 5000 other children at the Young Voices Concert 2019 at the MEN Arena.

The children have been learning many songs for months and performed fantastically after a full day of rehearsals at the arena.

A special thank you to the choir leaders Mrs Braime, Mr Cheshire and Mrs Harper, and also to all the parent/carers who came to support the children in the evening at the concert. Our children were truly amazing and a shining example of the excellent behaviour our children display at Siddal Primary School. Everyone had an fantastic time and we look forward to taking part with our choir again next year.

### WORLD BOOK DAY

**World Book Day**  
World Book Day will be held on **Thursday 7th March 2019** and to celebrate we are inviting all pupils and staff to come to school best as their favourite book character (please note that pupils who do not wish to dress as their favourite book character should come dressed in their normal school uniform).

During the week the pupils will be taking part in lots of book based activities, as well as visiting Lindley Book Shop for a special treat on Tuesday or Friday. All pupils will receive a £1 book voucher that they can use to purchase one of the World Book Day books on their visit, in addition, the pupils can also bring extra money should they wish to buy another book when we visit the book shop. All monies should be sent into school with your child on Monday 4th March 2019 in a **named, sealed envelope**. Loose money will not be accepted at the school office.

We look forward to sharing the photographs of the exciting events next week.

### Competition time!

**Mrs Howarth's challenge- Can you read in an unusual place over the weekend?**

Please bring in your photographs before Thursday 7th March and the staff team will vote on the most usual place. The winner will get to choose a book from Lindley Book Shop on Friday 8th March 2019. **Good luck!**

### Football

Pupils from Years 5 and 6 had a brilliant day at The Shay a week last Saturday. They took part in the FC Halifax Town Matchday Experience. Firstly, they had an hour long coaching session on the 3G pitch. Afterwards, they went to the conference room and interviewed two FC Halifax Town players. They then formed a guard of honour to welcome the FC Halifax Town and Aldershot Town players onto the pitch. During the senior match, our pupils worked as ball boys and ball girls. At half-time, our pupils played against Walsden St Peter's CE Primary School in a friendly match in front of nearly 2000 football fans. Although Siddal lost the match 3-1, they all played very well. We all really enjoyed ourselves! Thank you to all the staff at FC Halifax Town for this fabulous experience. All our pupils' behaviour was excellent and they were a great advert for Siddal Primary School.



### The Better Living Team

On Monday, the 'Better Living Team' led a whole school assembly, in which they made pupils aware of the amount of sugar we should have in our daily diet and how much sugar is in certain drinks and foods. They then showed us how to make better choices.

Finally, all the pupils took part in a 'Wake up, Shake up' session.

The Better Living Team also visited Year 3 and 1. Ella spoke to the pupils about the importance of **sleep**. They learnt that sleep plays an essential role in our health and well-being throughout our lives. Getting enough good quality sleep has many benefits, including protecting



our health. They were also all given a **letter** telling them how to get a good night's sleep (see the Year 3 blog page for more information).

### Comic Relief 2019

School Council are organising Red Nose Day which will be held on **Friday 15th March**. We are asking children to wear red and pay £1 donation to Comic Relief.

We will also be holding a bun sale and having a cake competition. There will be a prize for KS1 and KS2 for the cake competition. Please bring in your entries on the morning of Friday 15th March.

**COMIC RELIEF**

## Honours Awards 1.3.19

	Hard Worker	Special Pupil
Reception	Mary-Jane Lorriman	Maria Gawryluk
YEAR 1	Leo McAllister	Ashley Easton
YEAR 2	Niamh Boldy	Lilly Spencer
YEAR 3	Summer Whitehead	Jack Hawksworth
YEAR 4	Misha Ahir	Jasper Horsfall
YEAR 5	Wiktor Zielinski and Millie Prosser	Evie Thomson
YEAR 6	Mailey Crossley	Gracie Healey

### Keeping your Children Safe Online

You may be aware of a new challenge called 'Momo' on social media that is targeting young children. The Momo Challenge is a form of cyberbullying that's spread through social media and largely through the use of mobiles phones. After phone users are enticed to contact the user name 'Momo,' they receive graphic threats from that user and are instructed to perform a series of dangerous tasks.

The Momo Challenge is apparently targeted at teenagers, however we have received reports from parent/carers and pupils at Siddal, of younger pupils viewing this material.

As a school we are very concerned and appeal to parent/carers to ensure that they know exactly what their children are viewing at all times. This material is very dangerous and has caused distress to the people who have viewed it.

**Please keep your children safe at all times when going online.**

#### Whole School Attendance and Punctuality

Whole School Attendance: 98.7%

**This is above line with the Government National average of 96%.**

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	Dolphins, Snow Leopards and Orangutans 100%	Orangutans 100%
2nd	Rhinos 99.6%	Snow Leopards 99.3%
3rd	Elephants 99.5%	Rhinos 99.2%
4th	Pandas 98.7%	Pandas 99.1%
5th	Polar Bears 97.9%	Elephants 99%
6th	<b>Gorillas 94.4%</b>	Gorillas 98.7%
7th		<b>Dolphins 97.5%</b>
8th		<b>Polar Bears 97.4%</b>

#### Autumn Term Dates so far...

**Please keep checking for updates.**

- 5th/8th March- Lindley Book Shop visits
- 7th March- World Book Day dressing up and themed lunch
- 18th March- Year 2 visit to Blackpool Zoo
- 21st March- Miss Corrigan Head at Park Lane Visiting Year 5
- 25/28th March- Parents consultation
- 9th April- SPAF Movie night
- 12th April- break up for Easter break 3pm
- 29th April- School reopens 8.50am
- 13th-16th May- KS2 SATS

Please note the term dates and book your family holidays during the breaks.

Holidays in term time may result in a Local Authority fine!