



Christmas at Siddal Primary School

We've had such a wonderful half term at Siddal Primary with all the Christmas festivities, here are some of the photographs that capture the celebrations. Again a huge thank you to all the staff for their dedication and hard work, and also to the parents/carers who have given up their spare time to support all the pupils in school. We raised over £600 at our Christmas Fair.

Wishing you all a relaxing break and I look forward to welcoming you all back in 2019!



Christmas Event Reminders...

Shush! It's a secret- the pupils who have selected to buy from the secret shop, will be going to collect their gifts on Monday or Thursday next week. Please send in a plastic bag to bring these home in.

Tuesday 18th December- Overgate Christmas Jumper Day- Please bring £1 donation for this amazing charity. It is also our Christmas Dinner Day for the pupils who have pre-ordered a lunch.

Wednesday 19th December- am EYFS Christmas party
1.30pm- Christmas Carol Concert at St Mark's Church. **If you are able to help with walking the children on and back from the church safely, this would be greatly appreciated. Please let Mrs Lumb at the school office know.**

Thursday 20th December- pm KS1 Christmas party

Friday 21st December- 9am End of term honours assembly
One afternoon during the week the KS2 children will enjoy a Christmas movie.

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

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. Please note that pupils who are already attending school nursery **DO NOT** gain an automatic place into Reception. An applications has to be made for **ALL** pupils.

Follow the link to direct you to the online application form:

<https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/residents/education-and-learning/schools/admissions>

The deadline for applications is 15th January 2019.

Siddal Primary School will be having a open afternoon on Thursday 10th January 2019 1pm-3pm so that perspective parent/carers can look around the provision and speak to the EYFS staff.



Don't forget to keep looking at our Blog, it has lots of information and photographs about the exciting things happening at Siddal Primary School.

[http://](http://siddalprimary.primaryblogger.co.uk/)

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Getting a new mobile phone for Christmas?

Don't forget to update the school office with your up to date contact details and also your emergency contacts for family/friends.

Whole School Attendance and Punctuality

Whole School Attendance: 96.1%

This is in 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	Orangutans 100%	Orangutans 100%
2nd	Dolphins 98.9%	Rhinos 99.7%
3rd	Snow Leopards and Pandas 97.1%	Gorillas 99.3%
4th	Rhinos 96.6%	Pandas 98.6%
5th	Elephants 94.4%	Dolphins 98.3%
6th	Gorillas 92.8%	Polar Bears 97.7%
7th	Polar Bears 92.3%	Snow Leopards 97.6%
8th		Elephants 97.4%

Lost Property

Please ensure that all items of uniform are clearly labelled. Please also check that your child has brought home their own items and not other pupil's. Please return any items that belong to other pupils.



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 also 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 purely condition for pupils getting to school. We will always try our best to keep the school open and it is only in very severe conditions that we have had to close.

Autumn Term Dates so far...

Please keep checking for updates.

- 17th/20th Dec- Secret shop
 - 18th Dec- Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
 - 19th Dec- am EYFS Christmas Party
 - 19th Dec- 1.30pm Carol Concert St Mark's Church
 - 20th Dec- pm KS1 Christmas Party
 - 21st Dec- 9am End of term honours
 - 21nd Dec- School closes for the Christmas break
 - Monday 7th January 2019- school reopens 8.50am.**
 - 10th Jan- 1-3pm EYFS open afternoon
- Please note the term dates and book your family holidays during the breaks.**