



## 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. School raised £156 on our Christmas Jumper Day for Overgate Hospice, thank you everyone who donated.

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



## Goodbye and Good Luck

Today we say goodbye to Mrs Whittington who begins her retirement after 13 years of service to Siddal Primary School. We would like to say thank you to her on behalf of all the staff, pupils, parents and Governors and wish her a long and happy retirement.



## Confirmed term dates 2019/2020

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

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		

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.

## Honours Awards 21/12/18

	Character Counts	Reaching for Success
RECEPTION	James Downsborough	Jude Clifford
YEAR 1	Frankie Helliwell	Millie Sutton
YEAR 2- SL	Olivia Edmonds	Elijah Tyrell
YEAR 2- D	Blake Varley	Niamh Boldy
YEAR 3	Max Brennan	Willow Blay
YEAR 4	Maya Walsh	Eva-Lily Lumsden
YEAR 5	Grace Holgate	Lily-Rose Blay
YEAR 6	Keenan Pearce	Kloe Sunderland

### Whole School Attendance and Punctuality

Whole School Attendance: 97%  
This above 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 99.2%	Snow Leopards 99.4%
2nd	Rhinos 98.7%	Gorillas 99.3%
3rd	Elephants 98.5%	Rhinos 99%
4th	Dolphins 97.8%	Polar Bears 98.8%
5th	<b>Snow Leopards 95.9%</b>	Orangutans 98.7%
6th	<b>Polar Bears 96%</b>	Pandas 98.2%
7th	<b>Pandas 95%</b>	<b>Elephants 97.4%</b>
8th	<b>Gorillas 95%</b>	<b>Dolphins 96.1%</b>



### 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 purely the 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.**

**Monday 7th January 2019- school reopens  
8.50am.**

10th Jan- 1-3pm EYFS open afternoon

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**

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