



### Road Safety

At Siddal we are always updating the pupils on road safety, but as a parent/carer you also play a big part in helping your child to learn how to stay safe. Children will copy adults' behaviour, so if they see you taking risks they will probably take risks too. One of the best ways that you can help your child to stay safer is to set a good example when using roads, on foot, when cycling and in the car.

#### Be Bright, Be Seen

On dull days, your child can wear bright or fluorescent colours

Special high-visibility tabards and other clothing can be bought from many retailers



- **Fluorescent armbands** can also be worn over coats and other clothing
- **Bags** are available in bright colours or with high-visibility strips
- **If walking near traffic at night, reflective clothing is needed**
- **Reflective clothing** reflects light from car and bike headlamps.
- **Remember that fluorescent colours do not show up in the dark.**

### Let's Talk Pants!

You've probably talked to your child about many subjects, talking to them about staying safe from sexual abuse is just as easy.

The NSPCC have produced a useful website that we would recommend accessing. With the help of a friendly dinosaur 'Pantosaurus,' the website provides you with simple ideas and to teach your child how to stay safe from abuse. With fun tasks, word searches, games and stickers, you can help them learn without using scary words. Let's talk pants!

### School Visits

Over the next couple of weeks school visit letters will be sent out to individual classes. All payments should be made on Parentpay. If you have misplaced your login details, please contact a member of the admin team who will be able to help you with this matter.

The London residential deadline for payments is 1st May 2019.

For events run by the Siddal Parents and Friends group, money should be sent into school in a named, sealed envelope.

### 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

## Honours Awards 25.1.19

	Hard Workers	Special Pupil
Reception	Barkley Yates	Mia Rushton
YEAR 1	Memphis Ivory	Ivy-Lil Barrett
YEAR 2- Dolphin	Charlie Parry	Jase Cockerell
YEAR 2- Snow Leopard	Ava Higgins	Andrew Cook
YEAR 3	Natina Lorriman	Pola Murawska
YEAR 4	Zain Fayaz	Lexi Helliwell
YEAR 5	Evie Farrar	Aimee Cartwright
YEAR 6	Isabel Gorbutt	Finley Cummings

### Do you have a spare morning or afternoon to help in school?

At Siddal we are always looking for volunteers to support in school. We welcome any parents/carer or family members who have spare time to come into school and work alongside the pupils and staff. If you are interested, please speak to one of the

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

7th Feb- Year 4 visit to Blue John Cave  
 11th Feb- Year 1 visit to Legoland  
 13th Feb- SPAF Valentine's Disco  
 14th Feb- Choir going to Young Voices  
**15th Feb- School closed for staff training**  
 25th Feb- Better Living Team Y1 Sleep session - parents invited  
 28th Feb- Reception Eye Tests  
 1st March- Year 3 visit to Coal Mining Museum  
 5th/8th March- Lindley Book Shop visit  
**12th April- break up for Easter break 3pm**  
**29th April- School reopens 8.50am**  
 13th-16th May- KS2 SATS

### Whole School Attendance and Punctuality

Whole School Attendance: 94.6%  
**This below 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	Pandas 97.9%	Dolphins 100%
2nd	Elephants 96.8%	Orangutans 99.6%
3rd	Gorillas 96.2%	Pandas and Gorillas 99.3%
4th	<b>Rhinos 95.8%</b>	Snow Leopards 98.8%
5th	<b>Dolphins and Orangutans 93.3%</b>	Pandas 98.7%
6th	<b>Snow Leopards 92.9%</b>	<b>Rhinos 97.7%</b>
7th	<b>Polar Bears 90.8%</b>	<b>Elephants 97.6%</b>

### Head Lice

We have had a number of reported cases of head lice in school since returning this term. Please continue to check your child and family members' hair for head lice on a regular basis. Head lice are passed from person to person by direct contact or on shared objects such as towels, combs, hats. It has absolutely nothing to do with cleanliness.

#### What to look for:-

Small light or dark brown insects without wings.

Tiny white eggs on the hair shafts.

An intense itching on the head and neck.

#### What to do:-

Check **ALL** members of the household at the same time and treat those who have head lice.

Use an effective head lice treatment. The pharmacy can advise you.

After the treatment, comb the hair with a fine-tooth comb to remove as many eggs as possible.

Check all household members daily, for 3 weeks, during an outbreak.

Inform school if you find head lice on your child.