

SIDDAL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER | 6/9/2019



Welcome Back!

Firstly, we would like to welcome all pupils, parents and carers to a new school year; we hope you all had a restful and enjoyable summer break.

The pupils have settled into the school routines quickly and are looking very smart in their school uniforms.

Thank you if you have already returned your Health Care Plan and medicines your child requires to take in school. The Department for Education guidance on school food provision states that special diets, food allergies or intolerances must be taken seriously by school and catering providers. We work closely with our catering providers and parent/carers to support pupils with medically verified special dietary needs, allergies or intolerances. As of last year, any special dietary/medical requirements must be supported by a Health Care Plan from a registered health care professional. We look forward to an exciting Autumn term, thank you for your continued support.

Term Dates 2019/2020

I have taken the liberty of including next year's term dates again, to remind parent/carers of when the holidays from school are, particularly due to the number of families who have already taken term time holidays this term! **Term dates are always published on the school website. Please check these before booking any holidays.** Holidays taken during term time will be subject to a fine by the Local Authority and also have a direct impact on your child's education. Any days off during term time should be requested in writing to Mrs Howarth/Mrs Denham, leave request forms can be obtained from the school office.

To prevent a fine DO NOT book holidays during term time.

School will be closed on the following dates for staff training:

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

Thank you again to all the parent/carers who take their breaks during the school holidays and make every effort to ensure their child is in school each day.

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		

St Marks Church notices- Due to lack of volunteers to run it, there will be no Messy Church at St. Mark's this Saturday (7th Sept). There is to be a litter pick in Siddal on Saturday 14th September 10am to 2pm. Litter pickers, gloves etc will be provided. Anyone who can come to help clean up our village should meet at the main entrance to Stoney Royd Cemetery at 10am or come and join us when they can.

Siddal Primary School Contacts

Who to contact if you have a concern about your child:

First contact: Class Teacher

Any concerns that you have regarding your child should always be brought to the attention of their class teacher, unless this is a confidential matter.

Second contact: Phase/Team Leader

EYFS, Years 1, and 2 - Mrs Wood

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 - Mrs Woodhead

Concerns that cannot be dealt with by the class teacher will be directed to the Phase Leader for the child's year group.

Third contact: Deputy Head Teacher - Mrs Howarth

Executive Head Teacher - Mrs Denham

Mrs Howarth and Mrs Denham will deal with serious matters and confidential information.

At Siddal Primary School, we operate an open door policy and will try to meet with parent/carers when requested. On Wednesday evenings after school all teachers have a staff meeting, so will not be available to see parent/carers unless it is an emergency.

Class teachers are not available to speak to parents/carers in the morning before school as the pupils are entering the building. Please give all messages to be passed onto class teachers, via Mrs Harper and Mrs Gurteen, who are available in the KS1 playground before school.

Parents/carers can also ring the school office to arrange meetings with staff.

Honours Awards 6.9.19

	Hard Workers	Special Pupil
RECEPTION	Spencer Parry	Layla Higgins
YEAR 1	James Downsborough	Poppy Holden
YEAR 2	Rishi Ahir	Lee Brocksom
YEAR 3	Jase James	Shakira Fogarthy
YEAR 4	Olivia Murray	Kian Grice
YEAR 5	Ronan Cummin	Lexi Helliwell
YEAR 6	Louie Farrar	Lexi Abel

Does your children turn 4 years before August 31st 2019 or is your child in Year 6?

If the answer is yes, then you are required to register your child for their reception place and Year 6 pupils for their secondary school place, to begin school in September 2020. Follow the link to direct you to the online application form:
<https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/residents/education-and->



We LOVE reading at Siddal Primary School

As part of our preparations for the new academic year, all the teachers visited the Madeleine Lindley bookshop on Monday. We bought lots of brilliant books to further enhance our curriculum. A special thank you to Siddal Parents and Friends who provided us with £2000 to spend on all these exciting books. We hope the children enjoy reading them!



Whole School Attendance and Punctuality

Whole School Attendance: 98.2%
This is significantly above with the Government National average of 96%.

Thank you to everyone who has been at school every day and on time. We had 100% punctuality in four classes this week. Well done!

	Attendance	Punctuality
1st	Polar bears 100%	Orangutans 99.2%
1st	Pandas 100%	Gorillas 99%
1st	Rhinos 100%	Rhinos 99%
1st	Gorillas 100%	Pandas 98.7%
5th	Snow Leopards 99.1%	Year 2 98.6%
6th	Orangutans	Polar Bears 98.7%
7th	Eelphants 93.3%	Elephants 97.8%

Autumn Term Dates so far...

Please keep checking for updates.

- 10th Sept- 3pm EYFS Early Essence parent/carer information session
- 27th Sept- 9.30am MacMillan Coffee morning
- 16th Oct- pm fire safety sessions
- 18th Oct- pm House team event
- 24th Oct- Halloween Discos
- 25th Oct- 9am Harvest celebration/ half term honours
- 2.30pm- Harvest work showcase
- 25th Oct- School closes for the half term break at 3pm**
- 4th Nov- School re-opens**
- 7th Nov- PCSO anti-bullying workshops
- 98th Nov- Year 3 trip to the cinema to watch The Angry Birds Movie 2
- 11th Nov- Anti-bullying week
- 14th Nov- Year 6 trip to the cinema to see Jonny English Strikes back
- 14th Nov- Year 4 trip to the cinema to see Dumbo
- 15th Nov- Year Reception and 1 trip to the cinema to watch Peter Rabbit
- 15th Nov- 2.30pm- Anti-bullying work showcase
- 19th Nov- Individual school photos
- 19th Nov- pm PSCO Road safety workshops
- 20th Nov- Year 5 trip to the cinema to watch Mary Poppins
- 21st Nov- Year 2 trip to the cinema to watch Dora and the lost city of gold
- 25th Nov- 3.30-6pm Parents' consultation evening
- 28th Nov- 5.30- 8pm Parents' consultation evening
- W/c 2nd Dec- Enterprise week
- 6th Dec- pm Christmas Fair
- 11th Dec- pm EYFS nativity performance
- 12th Dec- pm Year 1/2 Christmas performance
- 13th Dec- am Year 1/2 Christmas performance
- 20th Dec- am Whole school Carol concert/end of term honours
- 20th Dec- School closes for the Christmas break**