

HERE'S THE NEWS

JANUARY 2018



Here is a roundup of 'Sugar Hill News' for January. The children have all settled really well after the Christmas Holidays. Across school new children have joined us including ten new starters in Nursery. It's always lovely to have new children and their families join us. Everyone seems to have settled in really quickly and made lots of new friends.



RotaKids is coming to Sugar Hill.

What is Rotakids?

Rotakids is an exciting way for children at Sugar Hill Primary to lead and engage in important, lively activities that will make a positive difference in our school, in our local community and globally. At the same time RotaKids will develop the ability and confidence for Sugar Hill pupils to take their place in society as responsible, successful, effective citizens both now and in the future.

Why is Rotakids coming to Sugar Hill?

We have been involved in discussions with our Local Rotary Club about this exciting new initiative. We know that Rotakids will further enhance the work we do and extend our links with our local community and beyond. RotaKids is to be sponsored by our local Rotary Club and will be led by Mrs Legge and Mrs Preece. As citizenship is already such a central part of our school curriculum we see this as an excellent opportunity for Rotary to support and

expand the work already happening in school and for us to be more involved in local, national and international projects.

The decisions made will always involve the RotaKids. Jobs for fundraising or service projects will be shared across school to develop whole school teamwork. RotaKids will be appointed to their roles Summer Term 2018 but all children in school will be able to become involved in RotaKids projects.

Rotary Mentors will work with our RotaKids to deliver any project, helping with the background information and any logistical problems.

RotaKids take the following Pledge to demonstrate their commitment to being good citizens:

"As a RotaKid, I endeavour to be fair to all, to serve my community and to show respect for others"

RotaKids will come up with ideas like:

1. Fundraising money for charity
2. Leading on school and local community improvement projects
3. Improving the environment
4. Helping the elderly
5. Helping children in another country.

The sky is the limit and our RotaKids will be coming up with their own ideas.

Mrs Legge and Mrs Preece are currently planning RotaKids at Sugar Hill and the children will find out more about it in the Summer Term. Mrs Legge and Mrs Preece have attended a Rotary Meeting and we are so excited that our school has been chosen by the Rotary Club to launch the first RotaKids group in Newton Aycliffe. There will a press release in the Summer Term about this fantastic new project for Sugar Hill children. More information to follow.

Young Carers Charter (as mentioned in December's Newsletter)



Just another reminder that we are pledged at Sugar Hill to the Young Carers Charter. A Young Carer is someone between the ages of 5-18 years who has caring responsibilities for

a family member at home who has:

- A serious or long term illness
- A physical disability
- A mental health problem
- A drug or alcohol dependency
- A learning disability

Young Carers' may do things like:

Household chores

Preparing or cooking food

Personal care

Giving medication

Communicating on behalf of someone else

Ensuring someone's safety

Providing emotional support

If your child is a YOUNG CARER please speak with Mrs Legge or Mrs Atkinson-Jones in confidence.

We have a Young Carers Group in school and we would like all our Young Carers to benefit from this group.

SENDAG (Special Educational Needs and Disability Action Group) Updates
(as mentioned in December's Newsletter)



Once again thank you to all parents/carers who attended our SENDAG meeting on Friday 24th November at 2:30pm. There will be another meeting scheduled for Spring Term 2018. More information to follow.

Attendance News



A huge thank you to all parents and carers who support our school Attendance Policy and ensure their child/ren arrive on time.

Parental Satisfaction Survey Results November 2017 101 Responses (as mentioned in November's and December's Newsletters)

For those of you who may have missed our November and December Monthly Newsletters here are our Parental Satisfaction Survey Results again!



Parental Satisfaction Survey Results November 2017 101 Responses

Many thanks to all parents and carers who returned surveys. We are delighted with the positive profile of the results and the lovely comments provided. These will be added to our Parent Page on our School Website soon.

We urge any parent/carers who returned the survey anonymously and ticked disagree/strongly disagree for any question to speak with Mrs O'Rourke, Mrs Legge or another member of our School Leadership Team so we can address any individual concerns/issues raised.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
My child is happy at Sugar Hill	67%	32%	1%	
My child feels safe at Sugar Hill	77%	23%		
My child is making good progress at Sugar Hill	76%	23%		1%
My child is well looked after	77%	23%		
My child is taught well	79%	21%		
My child receives appropriate homework	68%	30%	2%	
Sugar Hill staff promote worthwhile attitudes and values	72%	28%		

Sugar Hill staff do all they can to ensure children are well behaved	80%	19%	1%	
Sugar Hill staff deal effectively with behaviour issues	69%	30%	1%	
Sugar Hill is well led and managed by the School Leadership Team	72%	27%	1%	
Sugar Hill staff always listen and respond well to any concerns I raise	71%	27%	2%	
Sugar Hill is good at providing extra support for pupils when required	67%	31%	2%	
I felt well supported when my child joined Sugar Hill	71%	29%		
I felt well supported when my child last changed year group due to transition week July 2017	70%	30%		
Sugar Hill is a welcoming school	79%	21%		
Overall Sugar Hill is a happy school	77%	13%		
Sugar Hill is highly thought of in the community (Ofsted September 2017)	79%	21%		
I would recommend this school to other parents/carers	74%	26%*		

*one respondent ticked agree and disagree for this question

Safeguarding at Sugar Hill Primary School



Just a reminder that Safeguarding children at Sugar Hill Primary School is a shared responsibility. All visitors to our school receive and sign for a Safeguarding Leaflet explaining Safeguarding Procedures at Sugar Hill. If you have any concerns about a child please contact a member of our Safeguarding Team at school without delay.

Designated Safeguarding Staff

Mrs P O'Rourke (Head Teacher), Mrs K Legge (Deputy Head Teacher/Safeguarding Lead), Mrs Rowntree and Mrs McCormack (Assistant Heads), Mrs Atkinson-Jones (Social Learning Mentor)

Many thanks for your continued support,
Mrs Legge (Deputy Head Teacher)

Should you have any concerns please do not delay in contacting us to discuss.

Coming next...

