

HERE'S THE NEWS

MAY 2018

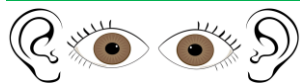


We hope you have had a lovely half term holiday.

School re-opens to all pupils Monday 4th June.



Is it time for a check-up?



When was the last time your child's eyesight and hearing were checked? Sometimes children don't report any concerns to their parents and carers because they don't realise they are not seeing or hearing as well as they should. Please check this out with them and arrange for eyesight and/or hearing tests if you have any concerns. Eyesight and hearing difficulties can impact so much on a child's progress.

Mini Police

Is your child in Year 4? If they are and they would like to be a Mini Police Officer at Sugar Hill they will be asked to apply for this position in June. An application form needs to be completed at home and all applicants need to write a 'Mini Police Pledge' as part of the selection process. They are then interviewed by Mrs Legge and our PCSO. Application forms will be passed to all Year 4 pupils very soon. Our current Year 5 Mini Police need to hang up their Mini Police uniforms at the end of this academic year. They have done a superb job this year and will be a hard act to follow!

Rota Kids



Rota Kids 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 Rota Kids 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 Rota Kids coming to Sugar Hill?

We have been involved in discussions with our Local Rotary Club about this exciting new initiative. We know that Rota Kids will further enhance the work we do and extend our links with our local community and beyond. Rota Kids 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 Rota Kids. Jobs for fundraising or service projects will be shared across school to develop whole school teamwork. **Rota Kids will be appointed to their roles Summer Term 2018 but all children in school will be able to become involved in Rota Kids projects.**

Rotary Mentors will work with our Rota Kids to deliver any project, helping with the background information and any logistical problems. A launch assembly for pupils has been arranged in June and Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club will be sponsoring a refreshment stall at our School Fayre planned for Friday July 6th 2018.

Sugar Hill's Rota Kids will take the following Pledge to demonstrate their commitment to being good citizens:

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

Rota Kids will be completing their first duty at our Annual Summer Fayre.

Rota Kids 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 Rota Kids will be coming up with their own ideas.

As mentioned in previous newsletters this new initiative is coming to Sugar Hill VERY SOON! Current Year 2, 3 and 4 children will be asked to apply to be Rota Kids.

More detailed information to follow to these year groups.

Young Carers Charter- another reminder to contact us if you think your child is a Young Carer.



Just another reminder that we are pledged at Sugar Hill to the Young Carers Charter. We are delighted to inform you we have just received re-accreditation of the Young Carers Charter for another two years. All too often Young Carers do not identify themselves and miss out on the support we can offer in school.

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

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.

It has been a very long time since all classes earned 96% attendance or above. We are hoping we achieve this in the last few weeks of this academic year.

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...

