

Weekly News



Dear Parents and Carers,

This newsletter starts with a huge thank you to all parents and carers for your support at our Welcome Meetings and Stay and Play Events in school. It is so lovely for the children to be able to share their classrooms with you so early in the term. Staff really appreciate your support at these events. We hope you manage time to have a look at the 'Money Matters' leaflet and that you have pencilled the date in your diary. We are opening this event to parents and carers of Sugar Hill children and to their friends and family. So if you have a family member or close friend that you think would like to pop along with you that will be fine with us. We will request numbers nearer the time so we can cater for the number of people attending. We really hope parents and carers support this event- November brings the cold weather and if nothing else the chance of a warm drink and sausage bun at the start of the day has to be a welcome bonus!

Please remember that in addition to this weekly newsletter classroom staff share information with parents and carers using Tapestry for Nursery and Reception children and DB Primary and Planners for Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. Please check planners for messages from staff and logins for TT Rock Stars and DB Primary. Text alerts are sent to parents via the school office for reminders of school events or other key information. We regularly ask for parent/carer views via Survey Monkey and these requests are made via text. Please ensure office staff are made aware of any changes in contact details and telephone numbers at the earliest opportunity. After School Clubs have started across school. If your child is attending a club, please remember to add it to your calendar as it's so easy to forget and have a wasted journey when you come to collect them too soon.

Please visit our school website regularly for more information about our school.

SAFEGUARDING TEAM

Safeguarding our children is a shared responsibility. It is important that all parents and carers know who to contact with any safeguarding concerns. Sugar Hill Primary Safeguarding Team are Mrs O'Rourke (Head Teacher) Mrs Legge (Deputy Head Teacher and Safeguarding Lead) Mrs McCormack and Mrs Rowntree (Assistant Head Teachers) and Mrs Atkinson Jones (Social Learning Mentor).

If you ever have any safeguarding concerns, please speak to a member of our School Safeguarding Team without delay by calling into the school office or giving school a call on 01325 300334

SCHOOL DAY TIMETABLE- A REMINDER OF START AND FINISH TIMES

Please do all you can to ensure your child arrives at school on time. We have several children still arriving late. Please make sure if your child is coming to school with another adult that you have shared the start time with them. Doors close at 9am and late arrivals will need to come into school via the Main Office Entrance A.

Late arrivals impact on teaching and learning time. Thank you 😊

YEAR GROUP	Start Time	Entrance	Finish Time	Entrance
Nursery Full Timers	8.45	B	3.00	C
Nursery Part Timers (am only)	8.45	B	11.45	C
Nursery Part Timers (pm only)	12.00	C	3.00	C
YR	8.45-8.50	C	3.15	C
Y1	8.45-8.50	C	3.15	B
Y2	8.55-9.00	C	3.25	B
Y3	8.55-9.00	B	3.25	B
Y4	8.45-8.50	B	3.15	B
Y5	8.55-9.00	A	3.25	A
Y6	8.45-8.50	A	3.15	A

SAFEGUARDING NOTE REMINDER- Please do not stand in the entrance areas on driveways A, B and C when your child has walked into school as Senior Leaders need to have a clear view of children arriving at school. This is still causing an issue particularly on Entrance B and C. Thank you 😊

REMINDER OF PE Days – children to come to school in PE kit.

SAFETY MESSAGE- Please also remember children should remove all ear rings on their PE day before coming to school. Staff are not allowed to remove a child's ear-rings and they do pose a Health and Safety risk. Only small studs should be worn for school. Please do not send your child to school in hooped ear rings.

Class 1	Monday	Class 8	Tuesday
Class 2	Monday	Class 9	Monday
Class 3	Friday	Class 10	Monday

Class 4	Friday	Class 11	Friday
Class 5	Tuesday	Class 12	Friday
Class 6	Wednesday	Class 13	Friday
Class 7	Tuesday	Class 14	Friday

Good Attendance is a key priority at Sugar Hill. Every Friday class attendance figures are shared with the children in department assemblies. Classes with the best attendance for that week earn rewards. Tulip flowers have been added to our school hall walls. Each week all classes with 96% attendance or above earn a leaf on their tulip flower. The class with the most leaves at the end of term will earn a whole class reward. In every class across school children with 100% attendance for the week will have the chance to win a book and/or a prize from our Attendance Prize cupboards. The lucky winners are chosen from the pot of class names. The draws are very exciting!!! You have to be in it to have a chance to win it!

Our Attendance Policy for 2022-2023 will be uploaded to our school website soon and you will also receive a hard copy of the main points from the policy. Please keep it safe for future reference.

Please contact the school office 01325 300334 to report the reasons for absence before 9am on the day of absence or e mail school on sugarhill@durhamlearning.net

If this is not possible, please contact school as soon as possible on the day of absence.

This is vital to ensure any absences are coded appropriately.

Mrs Atkinson Jones, our Social Learning Mentor, will be contacting parents and carers to share any concerns with attendance and/or lateness.

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES			
Our school attendance target is at least 96%. <u>All classes who have achieved this target are highlighted YELLOW.</u> Please ensure your child is at school on time to ensure a smooth start to the day.			
Class 1	96.7	Class 8	94.2
Class 2	92.1	Class 9	95.8
Class 3	92.1	Class 10	95.8
Class 4	98.3	Class 11	96.0
Class 5	91.7	Class 12	95.2
Class 6	98.7	Class 13	96.1

Class 7	97.5	Class 14	95.2
This week whole class rewards for the best attendance were earned by Class 6 and Class 13 with the highest attendance % in their departments. Well done!			



Sugar Hill Parents and Carers Community Cuppa Events are held every Tuesday- we warmly welcome all parents to join us every Tuesday morning at 9am. This week we are having a free raffle and cakes for Macmillan. Following a cuppa and chat with friends, each week our visitors will be sharing information about the services on offer in our local community.

Date	Visiting Speaker(s)
Tuesday 27 th September 2022 Macmillan Coffee Morning Event FREE CAKE AND RAFFLE	Representatives from St Clare's Church will be popping in to let us know all about the wonderful work they do to support our local community. They will be sharing news of events that families and children can attend in the forthcoming weeks- a chance to join something new as the weather gets colder and the dark nights are upon us. We are also holding a free raffle event and free cake!!! PLEASE SUPPORT THIS EVENT. There will be a donation pot for Macmillan but no obligation to donate, as school will be making a donation to this very worthwhile charity that is close to our hearts.
Tuesday 4 th October 2022	Kim Oldham- Family Support Navigator- who works very closely with Mrs Legge and Mrs Atkinson Jones would love to meet parents and carers to share her role and how she can meet with parents and carers to support family needs. Kim has worked with lots of families already and is a real asset to the support we can provide. Please pop along to meet her- she loves working with Sugar Hill families and families who have worked with her have highly praised her support.
Tuesday 11 th October 2022	Our school parent governor, Emma Williams, will be attending our Community Cuppa Event to chat about how attendance at out of school activities supports children's emotional and physical wellbeing. Lots of children in school attend her dance sessions and it's a great way for children to make new friends. Please come along to find out more!
Tuesday 18 th October 2022	Our HLTA Mrs McCormick will be joining us to share information about groups she leads at St Clare's church (Shine Choir, Kidz Flicks and Messy Church). Lots of children from school already

	attend these sessions and once again this is a fantastic opportunity for children to attend out of school events and make new friends. Please join us to find out more!
<p>‘££££ Money Matters Event ££££’ - We are delighted to let you know this event on Tuesday 1st November, where representatives from different agencies will come into school and share information about different ‘Money Matters’ is now confirmed and you should have received more information about this at the Welcome Meetings and Stay and Play Events this week. The event will take place in the Key Stage 2 hall. At a time when we are all worrying about increasing bills we do hope this is well supported. Agencies will signpost us all to ways we can budget well and know services that exist in the local community to support all families.</p> <p>Please pencil this date in your diary and if you have any questions please contact Mrs Legge or Mrs Atkinson Jones.</p>	

SHERATON ROAD SAFETY IS A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY



We are working closely with Newton Aycliffe Police to ensure we are doing, all we can, to keep children and families safe at the start and the end of the school day.

Senior Leaders are at the front of school at the start and end of each school day monitoring children entering and leaving school.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all parents and carers who travel to and from school by car, who park away from school and then walk the final steps to the school gates.

Any cars parked on zig-zag lines, blocking school entrances or parking on the double yellow lines without a Blue Badge will be reported to the police.

Regular monitoring from local police officers will take place throughout the academic year. Keeping everyone safe is our shared responsibility and anyone taking risks that compromise safety of others will be reported.

DIARY DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Any changes or new dates are highlighted yellow



Tuesday 27th September- Macmillan Coffee Morning- Dining Hall 9am

Wednesday 19th October- Tempest Photography- Individual and Family Portraits- more details to follow

Parents and Carers Open Afternoon and Individual Appointments as and when required

Tuesday 8th November – Parents and Carers- Open afternoon for Y1, Y5 and Y6 2pm until home time. (Individual appointments to speak with classroom staff will be available between 3.30pm-5.30pm and will be organised by classroom staff)

Thursday 10th November- Parents and Carers- Open afternoon for Nursery, Reception Y2, Y3, Y4 2pm-until home time. (Individual appointments to speak with classroom staff will be available between 3.30pm-5.30pm and will be organised by classroom staff)

Tuesday 29th November- Gala Theatre- Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y4- more details to follow soon

Wednesday 30th November- Gala Theatre- Reception, Y5 and 6- more details to follow soon

Learning Showcase Dates and Times

Monday 5th December Learning Showcase-Year 6 Times 9am and 1.30pm

Tuesday 6th December Class 2- Learning Showcase Time 2.15pm

Wednesday 7th Class 1- Learning Showcases-Reception Time 2.15pm

Thursday 8th December- Learning Showcase- Y1 and Y4 Times 9am and 1.30pm

Monday 12th December- Learning Showcase- Y2 Times 9.15am and 1.30pm

Tuesday 13th December- Learning Showcase- Y5 Times 9.15am and 1.30pm

Wednesday 14th December- Learning Showcase- Nursery Times 11am and 2.15pm

Thursday 15th December- Learning Showcase -Y3 Times 9.15am and 1.30pm

Tuesday 20th December – Last day of term – Christmas Party Day for all children- children to wear party clothes

We hope you have a lovely weekend and thank you for your support this week.

Mrs O'Rourke- Head Teacher and Mrs Legge- Deputy Head Teacher

