

Weekly News



Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we are at the end of another week and September over! It's hard to believe it's the last day in September. The dark nights are just around the corner and dare we say it the Countdown to Christmas!

We are delighted to start this week's newsletter with a SUPER STAR STORY about Riley in Year 5.



This week's newsletter starts with a really positive story. Riley in Year 5, has been awarded the 'We think you are ACE' Award from Newton Aycliffe Police. Riley was given this award for, 'Making a positive difference by being an inspiration and always helping others'. PC Welch said, 'We can think of nobody more deserving of this award than you. You truly are an inspiration to us all in the work you do helping others. Thank you for everything you do and keep up the great work. Thank you from all the team at Newton Aycliffe Police'. Well done Riley! We are so proud of you. You are a perfect ambassador for 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

If any arrangements change regarding who is collecting your child at the end of the school day this message must be communicated to classroom staff via your child's planner on a morning or if it is a late notice change that the school office is notified before 2.30pm if possible.

'I Can Do Anything,' by Florence Quinn



Year One surprised Mrs O'Rourke and Mrs Legge at the end of last week when they delivered their positive pebbles to the Main Foyer in the Key Stage 2 building. The children in Year One have decorated pebbles linked to the work they have been doing in class, 'I Can Do Anything' by Florence Quinn. Well done Year One! We see your pebbles everyday with all your positive messages.

Attendance Update

Our Attendance Policy for 2022-2023 is now uploaded to our school website and you should have received 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%. All classes who have achieved this target are highlighted YELLOW. Please ensure your child is at school on time to ensure a smooth start to the day.

Class 1	95.3	Class 8	92
Class 2	93	Class 9	87.7
Class 3	85.3	Class 10	98.3
Class 4	89	Class 11	93.9
Class 5	93.7	Class 12	93.8
Class 6	93.2	Class 13	96.7
Class 7	90.7	Class 14	88.4

This week whole class rewards for the best attendance were earned by Class 1 and Class 10 with the highest attendance % in their departments. Well done! Only two classes achieved 96% or above attendance this week. That's only two classes (Classes 10 and 13) who can add a leaf to their tulip on the hall display.



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.

Please pop in on Tuesday morning to meet with Kim, our Family Support Navigator.

See information below.

Date	Visiting Speaker(s)
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.

This week Newton Aycliffe Police added to their FaceBook page that officers from the Neighbourhood Team and enforcement officers will continue to carry out foot patrols and engage with drivers who need a reminder! Enforcement action will also be taken. Please remind yourself of the rules using this link

<https://www.durham.gov.uk/schoolparking>

DIARY DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Any changes or new dates are highlighted yellow



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

Wednesday 14th December Christmas Lunch for Reception to Year 6

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

