

Weekly News



Dear Parents and Carers,

Today is the last day of this first half term and the dark mornings and nights are a sure sign that colder days are on their way. We return to school on Monday 31st October and ask that all children bring a coat to school every day and also wear hats, gloves and scarves as the weather gets colder. Please name all items of clothing. Unfortunately, the case of the missing coat has not been solved. Named items are so much easier to return to their owners when they are mislaid or mixed up. As a safety plea if your child wears a dark coloured coat please consider them wearing a light coloured hat or scarf to make them more visible to drivers when they are near busy roads on the journeys to and from school. Thank you.

MONEY ££££££££ MATTERS FREE EVENT Tuesday November 1st

Our **Money Matters Event** is Tuesday November 1st 9am-12noon in our Key Stage 2 Hall.

If you have not done so already, please reply to our survey, to let us know if you will be attending as we will be offering refreshments at this event. Please reply **Yes** or **No** to the survey and let us know **how many adults** will be attending. **Please remember you can bring friends and family to this event.**

There has been a lot of interest and we do hope you can support this event and pop along to chat with the visitors we have invited into school for this event.

We can only continue to put events like this on if they are supported by families.

Would you like to win a £50.00 Tesco Voucher?

There will be a free raffle at this event with the top prize being a £50.00 Tesco Voucher. Everyone who pops into the event will get a free raffle ticket. The event is on for three hours but you may want to just have a quick tour and collect leaflets etc. There will also be pre-loved uniform displayed that will be free.

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	92.3	Class 8	91
Class 2	85.7	Class 9	96.2
Class 3	95.5	Class 10	97
Class 4	91	Class 11	91.4
Class 5	96.7	Class 12	97.7
Class 6	99.3	Class 13	96.7
Class 7	93.3	Class 14	92.9
Six classes achieved 96% or above attendance this week. That's six classes who can add a leaf to their tulip on the hall display. The best attendance in Early Years and Key Stage One was Class 6 and in Key Stage Two Class 12. Well done everyone!			

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.



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. There will be no Community Cuppa Event in the dining hall on Tuesday 1st November as staff will be at the Money Matters Event in our Key Stage 2 hall. Only three parents attended the Community Cuppa Event on Tuesday to see our Shine Choir children sing. They were absolute superstars and we would like to thank the three parents who attended for supporting the children and Mrs McCormick.

Well done to Shine Choir and Mrs McCormick. You were amazing!



Date	Visiting Speaker(s)
'££££ Money Matters Event ££££' - Tuesday 1 st November, where representatives from different agencies will come into school and share information about different 'Money Matters'. 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. Please reply to the survey so we can provide refreshments for everyone. Thank you.	

RECEPTION CLASSES- SOUNDS WRITE SESSIONS

Reception staff would like to thank parents and carers for attending the Sounds Write sessions this week. We are delighted with the progress the children are making. If you have any concerns about early reading please ask for support. We are always here to help.

SHERATON ROAD SAFETY IS A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

Some parents and carers are still causing a risk to children and adults by parking on zig zag lines near school.

This week Mrs O'Rourke and Mrs Legge have spoken to several parents and carers who have parked on zig zag lines near school entrances.

If you see a driver parking illegally on zig zag lines or school entrances, please pass their registration number to Mrs O'Rourke or Mrs Legge in confidence.

This will then be passed to Newton Aycliffe police



IMPORTANT SAFETY MESSAGE- BREAKFAST CLUB- EARLY YEARS and KEY STAGE ONE

Please use Entrance B on a morning when bringing your child to Breakfast Club. This is for your child's safety. Vehicles still access the driveway after drop off time for Breakfast Club on a morning. Most parents and carers are now using Entrance B. Thank you for your support in helping to keep children safe on school premises.

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.

DIARY DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Any changes or new dates are highlighted yellow



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 half term holiday.

We look forward to our next half term. It is always a busy term when it is our 'Countdown to Christmas!'

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