

Weekly News



Dear Parents and Carers,

Another week draws to a close and what a busy week it has been! **This newsletter starts with a plea for all parents and carers to please name all items of clothing.** Named items are so much easier to return to their owners when they are mislaid or mixed up. Several children in school are wearing the same winter coats and it is so easy for them to take the wrong coat by mistake. This happened again this week but fortunately, on this occasion, the matter was sorted quickly and the coats were swapped back again.

Thank you to all our parents and carers who attended our **Money Matters Event** on Tuesday November 1st. The adults who attended felt the event was extremely worthwhile. Everyone left with fantastic advice and some left with superb raffle prizes from our free draw.



Many thanks to colleagues from other agencies who came along to this event. It proved to be a fantastic networking opportunity for everyone involved. A huge spin off is Sarah from the Halifax Building Society is planning on coming into school to work with our older Key Stage 2 pupils. Managing money is a life skill and we are never too young to learn!

Attendance continues to be high profile across school. Several children are arriving late particularly in Early Years. Please remember Nursery and Reception children start at 8.45am. Some children have arrived at school this week 15-20 minutes late. This is very unsettling to all the children in Early Years at the start of the school day and the children who are late miss valuable learning time.



Next week our newly established '**Sugar Hill Troopers**' will be selling items to raise funds for the British Legion. Poppies can be bought for a small donation and we have limited numbers of zip pulls (suggested donation £1), reflectors (suggested donation £1), silicon wristbands (suggested donation £1) and snap bands (£1.50). If snap bands are purchased they can only be worn at home for safety reasons. **All items will be on sale from Monday 7th November.**

Our 'Sugar Hill Troopers' are Chase, Phoenix, Leo and Richie. Mrs Legge is the 'Sugar Hill Trooper Lead' and we can't wait to share more news with you about this new initiative over the coming weeks. These four boys all have parents working in our Armed Forces and they are going to help us to know more about the fantastic work their parents do.

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	88.3	Class 8	95.0
Class 2	95.7	Class 9	94.5
Class 3	93.8	Class 10	96.3
Class 4	91.0	Class 11	92.1
Class 5	93.3	Class 12	97.9
Class 6	97.1	Class 13	99.3
Class 7	98.7	Class 14	92.9
Five classes achieved 96% or above attendance this week. That's five 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 13. 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 in the dining hall. The mornings are getting colder so please join us for a warm up cuppa on a morning! It's a great time to make new friends. This is also a great time for parents to pop into school and collect high quality pre-loved uniform free.

Children in Need Friday November 18th



On Friday November 18th all children are asked to come to school in non-uniform. Pudsey t shirts etc. can be worn but please do not buy anything special for this day.

We kindly ask for a £1 donation per family on Parent Pay. We thank you in advance.



SHERATON ROAD SAFETY IS A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

We can't wait for the day when we can remove this message from our weekly newsletter but unfortunately we STILL have some parents and carers 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 are available between 3.30pm-5.30pm and are being organised by classroom staff)

For parents coming to the afternoon session children can leave with their parent after spending time in class but other siblings cannot leave early. Please bear this in mind if you have more than one child as you may want to arrive later in the afternoon to make end of school collection easier for you.

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 are available between 3.30pm-5.30pm and are being organised by classroom staff)

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Friday 18th November- Children in Need Day- please wear non uniform- we kindly request a £1 donation per family on Parent Pay

Tuesday 29th November- Gala Theatre- Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y4

Wednesday 30th November- Gala Theatre- Reception, Y5 and 6

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. Please stay safe if you are celebrating this weekend with fireworks.



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

