

Weekly News



Dear Parents and Carers,

We want to say a huge thank you to all parents and carers for attending Open Afternoon sessions this week. It is so lovely to see parents and carers in school, visiting classrooms again following the Covid19 pandemic. We are sure you will agree that the school environment looks amazing. Staff work so hard on keeping our school environment a fantastic place for everyone to learn. We had so many lovely comments from parents and carers throughout the afternoon sessions. Thank you. We will soon be sending out a survey, from our Year 6 Pupil Leadership Team, so they can be provided with your comments and feedback from spending time in school.



This week our newly established '**Sugar Hill Troopers**' have been selling items to raise funds for the British Legion. We are so proud of them! They have done an amazing job to help raise money for the British Legion. Thank you to all parents and carers for your support. Lots of children have supported this and worn their 'Remembrance Day' items with pride. Today we held remembrance assemblies and all the children and staff showed their respect following our two minutes silence.

As first mentioned, in last week's newsletter 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.

Anti-bullying week- Monday 14th November-Friday 18th November 2022



National Anti-Bullying Week is next week. The theme is 'Reach Out'. Department assemblies will take place on Monday 14th November and children are asked to come to **school on Monday wearing odd socks** to mark the start of Anti Bullying week.

Children in Need- Friday November 18th 2022



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.

Attendance

Attendance continues to be high profile across school. Unfortunately, we still have several children arriving late particularly in Early Years. **Please remember Nursery and Reception children start at 8.45am.** Some children have still 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. **All children who arrive after 9am must report to the main office with parents and carers.**

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	89.7	Class 8	92
Class 2	91.3	Class 9	96.6
Class 3	95.9	Class 10	98.3
Class 4	95.5	Class 11	91.8
Class 5	97.3	Class 12	96.4
Class 6	95.4	Class 13	98
Class 7	94.7	Class 14	94.5

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 5 and in Key Stage Two Class 10. 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.



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 IS SO DANGEROUS FOR ALL THE CHILDREN.

We have asked the police to patrol Sheraton Road and our Mini Police will be completing Traffic Surveillance activities very soon. Mini Police have completed applications and will be interviewed next week. Watch out for this news story next week.

This week Mrs O'Rourke and Mrs Legge have AGAIN 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



Monday 14th November- Anti Bullying Week starts- children to wear odd socks

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.

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

