

# Weekly News



Dear Parents and Carers,

## Children in Need- Friday November 18th 2022



Children and staff were asked to come to school today dressed in non-uniform to support Children in Need. Staff always love a 'dress down day' and Mrs O'Rourke and Mrs Legge always opt for a comfy pair of jeans! The children love days like this in school too and your support has been fantastic. At the time of writing this newsletter we have collected £192.00. Thank you for all the donations received so far this very worthwhile charity.

It has been another busy week with lots of activity across school. Our Governors have been in school twice this week visiting classes and talking to the children about their learning and what makes them feel safe in school. We really appreciate governors taking the time to come into school and work alongside the children and staff. It is important that the children recognise who our governors are and that they play such an active part in the life of our school. Many thanks to them all.

## 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	86.2	Class 8	91.7
Class 2	89.0	Class 9	92.1
Class 3	95.2	Class 10	99.0
Class 4	95.9	Class 11	98.5
Class 5	94.7	Class 12	88.9
Class 6	92.9	Class 13	93.8
Class 7	88.3	Class 14	92.3

Only two classes achieved 96% or above attendance this week. That's two 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 4 and in Key Stage Two Class 10 again! 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](mailto: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**



**It's nearly panto time! Oh yes it is!**

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November- Gala Theatre- Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y4

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November- Gala Theatre- Reception, Y5 and 6

#### **Learning Showcase Dates and Times**

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DAY FOR YEAR 1 and YEAR 2 (details in a separate letter to these two year groups)**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December Learning Showcase-Year 6 Times 9am and 1.30pm

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December Class 2- Learning Showcase Time 2.15pm

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Class 1- Learning Showcases-Reception Time 2.15pm

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December- Christmas Jumper Day/Non uniform day**

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December- Learning Showcase- Y2 and Y4 Times 9am and 1.30pm

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December- Learning Showcase- Y1 Times 9.15am and 1.30pm

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December- Learning Showcase- Y5 Times 9.15am and 1.30pm

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December- Learning Showcase- Nursery Times 11am and 2.15pm

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Lunch for Reception to Year 6- children to wear Christmas Jumpers/non uniform**

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December- Learning Showcase -Y3 Times 9.15am and 1.30pm

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December-Christmas Jumper Day/Non uniform day**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> 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

