

Weekly News



Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we are Friday again! The weeks are really whizzing by!

SHERATON ROAD SAFETY IS A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY



Our first item on this week's newsletter is a plea to all parents and carers to consider the safety of everyone. This week **again** there have been several instances where drivers have parked on zig zag lines near school gates. We notice this more on wet mornings when some parents and carers park as near to school as they can. With December looming quick and fast and wet mornings probably becoming 'the norm,' **please consider the safety of everyone** and park away from school on a morning and a night. We know parked cars are an issue at all schools and that we are not unique with this issue. Please help us to be **UNIQUE** and to **NOT** have this problem at Sugar Hill.

Mornings at Sugar Hill are always very busy. Senior Leaders are always at the front of school to ensure all children arrive at school safely.

Parents of Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will have noticed that all children now enter school through the main entrance door at Entrance C. This new system is working incredibly well. Year One children who are ready at the gate at 8.45am enter school slightly before the Reception children and their parents and carers walk up to the main door. We thank all our Reception parents and carers for your patience and understanding so our Year One children, who are asked to walk up the drive without parents and carers, do not get mixed up with the Reception year group. Using one door also ensures our Year One and Year Two classrooms stay warm on a morning. Mrs Legge and Mrs McCormack are both delighted with how quickly the children have adapted to this new routine. Well done everyone! You are Super Stars!

Parent/carers messages for classroom staff- please use planners to write messages to classroom staff. Planners are checked as soon as the children come into school. This is the best way to ensure messages are shared with teachers and teaching assistants for the children in their classes first thing each day.

We thank you for your support. Systems are in place to ensure a smooth start to everyone's day.

End of school- Collection of children in Year One and Year Two works really well. However, Mrs Legge has noticed that some parents and carers are crossing the yard and not collecting children from the YELLOW SPOTS. It is VITAL children are collected from the spots. Staff can clearly see who is collecting a child. It is also VITAL that children walk out of school at the side of their adult. We have staff deployed at different vantage points to ensure this happens and kindly ask that all parents and carers follow these safety procedures.

The vast majority of parents and carers follow our systems and we warmly thank you for this. It makes all the difference to ensuring children arrive and leave school safely.

Attendance

Attendance continues to be high profile across school. Unfortunately, **we still have** several children arriving late particularly in Early Years. Despite this being mentioned on previous newsletters we are still having some Early Years children arriving 15-20 minutes late on a morning. **Please remember Nursery and Reception children start at 8.45am. All children who arrive after 9am must report to the main office with parents and carers. The Entrance C door will be closed at 9am each morning.**

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	90	Class 8	98.3
Class 2	84	Class 9	94.5
Class 3	98.6	Class 10	95.2
Class 4	92.1	Class 11	92.6
Class 5	91	Class 12	93.6
Class 6	99.3	Class 13	92.4
Class 7	97	Class 14	89.4
Only four classes achieved 96% or above attendance this week. That's four 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 8! 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.

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



NEXT WEEK IS PANTO WEEK! OH YES IT IS!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

All children need a packed lunch and the date for ordering school packed lunches has now passed. If you have not ordered one please send a packed lunch to school with your child on their panto day. Buses will be leaving promptly so on Panto Day it is VITAL your child arrives at school on time. If your child needs to take an anti-sickness tablet prior to the bus journey please take this at home before arriving at school. Any child who has an inhaler MUST have this in school to take to the

theatre. **FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM MUST BE WORN.** Lots of different schools attend and wearing uniform is a safeguarding requirement so children are easily recognisable by theatre staff as Sugar Hill pupils. Children can bring a small packet of sweets and a small bottle of water for the pantomime. **No chocolate or nut products are allowed.**

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

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

Learning Showcase Dates and Times

Individual letters regarding showcases will be sent to year groups shortly

Monday 5th December Learning Showcase-Year 6-Times 9am and 1.30pm

Tuesday 6th December RECEPTION Class 2- Learning Showcase -Time 2.15pm

Wednesday 7th RECEPTION Class 1- Learning Showcase- Time 2.15pm

Thursday 8th December- Christmas Jumper Day/Non uniform day

Thursday 8th December- Learning Showcase- Y2 Times 9.15am and 1.30pm

Thursday 8th December-Learning Showcase- Y4 Times 9.00am and 1.30pm

Monday 12th December- Learning Showcase- Y1 Times 9.00am 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- children to wear Christmas Jumpers/non uniform

Thursday 15th December- Learning Showcase -Y3 Times 9.15am and 1.30pm

Monday 19th December-Christmas Jumper Day/Non uniform day

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

