

# Weekly News



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that this is last newsletter of Spring Term!

**We hope you have a lovely Easter Holiday. The children return to school on Tuesday April 18th.**

This has been a really busy term. Governors have regularly visited classrooms and met with staff and children during lessons. Governors are delighted with the work being covered in classrooms and the way the children are working cooperatively and collaboratively in all lessons.

Thank you for all your support throughout the term and your support at our Easter Craft afternoons and Celebration of Work events.

**IMPORTANT**

## **SAFEGUARDING and HEALTH AND SAFETY NOTICES FOR SUMMER TERM 2023**

At the end of the school day parents and carers collecting children from Nursery and Reception please wait on Sheraton Road until a member of staff asks you to come up the school drive to collect your child.

Early Years parents and carers- we have a password system in place when collecting children. Please ensure if you are sending another adult to collect your child that they know your child's password.

Parents and carers should not use mobile phones on school premises without prior permission from a School Leader. This includes when bringing and collecting children at the start and end of the school day.

**All children who attend Breakfast Club in both departments MUST enter school on a morning via Entrance B as staff cars still enter school grounds up to 8.30am at Entrance C.** Parents and carers can walk out of school using Entrance C if you choose to do so, but we kindly remind you for the safety of all children that they use Entrance B as some children do walk this short distance independently.

Any photographs taken at school events are for personal use and MUST NOT be uploaded to any social media accounts if they include other children.

Due to conflict between children PRIME BOTTLES and PRIME DRINKS are not allowed for packed lunches. If your child brings a packed lunch please ensure there are no nut products as we do have children with allergies. We encourage children to bring plain water or flavoured water to drink throughout the day and with packed lunches.

Please ensure your child wears suitable black shoes for school at all times.

When it is your child's PE day please send them into school wearing PE kit. This includes white t shirt, PE shorts or plain black/grey leggings/tracksuit bottoms.

We have seen an increase in children wearing jewellery. In keeping with our school policy only small studded earrings can be worn.

It is best if earrings can be removed at home for PE, swimming and active after school club events. Staff cannot remove ear rings.

### Meet our Governors



Over the coming weeks we are adding a Governor Profile to our newsletters. This week we are introducing you to Denise Raine, our Chair of Governors. Denise regularly visits school meeting with School Leaders, staff and visiting classrooms.

This is Denise's profile information on our school website Governor page.

'Having recently retired from a career that focused totally on child care and education I felt that I would like to continue my involvement in the development of children's futures by becoming a School Governor. Sugar Hill Primary School has been a large focus for me throughout my life and I feel had a positive influence on the person I am today, as well as that of my children and grandchildren. I attended the school, a time I remember with great fondness and where I was taught to explore my environment, to question, to experiment, be independent and confident as well as the academic curriculum.

I joined the Nursery team on a temporary basis for a year to cover long term sickness of a member of the teaching team. This was a very special part of my return to work after

having my children and gave me a lot of new skills that prepared me for my future career development.

My three children and many of my nieces and nephews also attended, currently my youngest grandson attends Sugar Hill and is developing a real quest for learning. His twin brothers spent their primary years at Sugar Hill too. They are now attending Woodham Academy which I feel Sugar Hill prepared them for very well, giving the groundwork of education to enable them to be in the higher achievers in their year.

I have been lucky enough as a Governor to see, first hand, the hard work and dedication of the whole staff team to creating the most conducive environment for children's learning'.

### **Absences**

**If you are reporting your child's absence by e mail please send it to our office staff using the following e mail address**

[sugarhilladmin@durhamlearning.net](mailto:sugarhilladmin@durhamlearning.net)

### **Kindness Café**

A huge thank you to Mayor Kenneth Robson and Mayoress Elaine Robson who called into our Easter Kindness Café on Thursday. Many thanks to Anne French, Governor, who sold raffle tickets. We made over £100 on our raffle. All prizes were claimed. Thank you for all donations received.



## *Thank you, Goodbye and Good Luck, Mrs Megran*



Today we said, 'Thank you, Goodbye and Goodluck', to Mrs Megran, who has been a lunchtime supervisor at Sugar Hill since April 1st 1994. Everyone will miss having her around so much.

Mrs Megran left us today to start her retirement where she is planning on spending time with her family, baking, cooking and gardening. We wish her lots of luck and a long and happy retirement.

### Easter Holiday Fun

**Kids Flicks at St Clare's Church- Saturday 1st April- Doors open at 1.30pm Film starts at 2pm.**

Only £1 entry with sweet shop, ice creams and popcorn on sale.



# IMPORTANT

## Children arriving late- all classes

All children arriving late on a morning must enter school via the Main Office (Entrance A). This is vital for **SAFEGUARDING REASONS** so all class registers are up to date. Children should arrive at school within five minutes from their start time to ensure they are not late.

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YEAR GROUP	Start Time	Entrance	Finish Time	Entrance
Nursery Full Timers	8.45	B	3.00	C
Nursery Part Timers (am only)	8.45	B	11.45	C
Nursery Part Timers (pm only)	12.00	C	3.00	C
YR	8.45-8.50	C	3.15	C
Y1	8.45-8.50	C	3.15	B
Y2	8.55-9.00	C	3.25	B
Y3	8.55-9.00	B	3.25	B
Y4	8.45-8.50	B	3.15	B
Y5	8.55-9.00	A	3.25	A
Y6	8.45-8.50	A	3.15	A

## Appointments

Parents and carers must inform the school office if children have medical appointments through the day. Signing children out through the day is done by office staff and not classroom staff. Again, this is vital for **SAFEGUARDING REASONS** so all class registers up to date.

## Attendance Rewards

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES			
<b>Our school attendance target is at least 96%. <u>All classes who have achieved this target are highlighted YELLOW.</u> Please ensure your child is at school on time to ensure a smooth start to the day.</b>			
Class 1	84.6	Class 8	92.4
Class 2	90.6	Class 9	90.3
Class 3	97.3	Class 10	97.6
Class 4	96.5	Class 11	94.6
Class 5	95.1	Class 12	97.9
Class 6	96.4	Class 13	95
Class 7	92.6	Class 14	90.6
<b>The best attendance in Early Years and Key Stage One was Class 3 and in Key Stage Two was Class 12</b>			
<b>Classes 3,4,6,10 and 12 will be adding a leaf to their tulip on the hall displays this week.</b>			

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.

### 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 30033

**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.**

**SUGAR HILL NURSERY and PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**SUMMER TERM DIARY DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR**



**Summer Term dates will be added to the first newsletter after the holiday**

Thank you for your continued support.

We hope you have a lovely Easter Holiday.

Mrs O'Rourke and Mrs Legge