

# Weekly News



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's Friday again and SATs week is always an extra busy week for all staff and children in school.

## Year 6 SATS

Many thanks to all our Year 6 parents for your support this week with Year 6 SATs. We are so proud of all our Year 6 children and how they have coped with the tests this week.

## Health and Safety- New date for Sports Day

Due to the recent wet weather the school field is too wet for Sports Day to be held next Friday as it has not been possible to mark the running tracks. Sports Day will now be held on Friday 23rd June. More details will follow in a separate letter.

## Red Sky Foundation Charity Day

On Friday 16th June we are having a non-uniform day to raise funds for another defibrillator in school. Please can children wear red if possible and cash donations will be collected. More details to follow in a separate letter. The defibrillator we have in school has been deployed several times since installation and this is a fantastic way to support our local community.

## Summer Fayre

We are holding a Summer Fayre on Friday 7th July at 1:30pm. Any parent or carer who makes and would like to sell crafts at this event please contact school for more details.

## Half Term Holiday

Half Term Holiday- children break up for half term on Friday 26th May and return to school on Tuesday 6th June

## Phonics Meeting for Year 1 parents and carers

Year 1 Parents and carers are invited to a Phonics Meeting to be held on Tuesday 16th May at 2.30pm. Please arrive at Entrance C.



All children MUST bring a coat to school. This week a lot of children have been leaving their coats at home and with the weather so unpredictable it is vital all children have a warm coat for outdoor play. Thank you for your continued support.

### Meet our Governors



This week we are introducing you to Emma Williams, Parent Governor

I've been a parent governor at Sugar Hill since 2019 and both my daughters attend Sugar Hill. I'm the Owner and Dance Principal of Aycliffe Dance Academy which is a local dance school based in Newton Aycliffe. ADA has been established for over 13 years offering professional dance training to the local community. With over 19 years' experience of working with children I bring my business knowledge, my performing arts background as well as previous experiences to the Sugar Hill community.

I am committed to working alongside staff providing additional opportunities for children, leading dance and performing arts workshops to support not only physical health but also mental wellbeing.

I regularly attend meetings and visit classes across school talking with the children about their curriculum and experiences. Sugar Hill really is an outstanding school and I'm proud to be a governor.

I regularly attend the Kindness Cafe on a Thursday morning and look forward to seeing more parents, carers and staff there over the coming weeks.

## Attendance Rewards

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES			
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.			
Class 1	96.3	Class 8	90
Class 2	89.6	Class 9	86.6
Class 3	93.1	Class 10	96.5
Class 4	86.2	Class 11	96.4
Class 5	94.8	Class 12	96.5
Class 6	89.2	Class 13	96.4
Class 7	93.1	Class 14	100
The best attendance in Early Years and Key Stage One was Class 1 and in Key Stage Two was Class 14.			
Classes 1, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 will be adding a leaf to their tulip on the hall displays this week.			

## 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.**



### **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)

Please contact the school office 01325 300334 to report the reasons for absence before 9am. This is vital to ensure any absences are coded appropriately.

### **Holiday Requests**

We are receiving lots of holiday requests. Please be mindful that it is only in very exceptional circumstances that Mrs O'Rourke can authorise absences.

### **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.

### **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.

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**SUMMER TERM DIARY DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR**



**Half Term Holiday- children break up for half term on Friday 26th May and return to school on Tuesday 6th June**

**Friday 16th June- Red Sky Foundation Charity Day- non-uniform day- children to wear red if possible**

**NEW DATE Friday 23rd June Sports Day- more details to follow in a separate letter**

**Monday 3rd July- Project Showcase- Class 2 at 2pm- please enter school via Entrance C**

**Tuesday 4th July- Project Showcase- Class 1 at 2pm- please enter school via Entrance C**

**Wednesday 5th July- Year 6 Leavers Event 2.15pm - Parents and Carers invited- please enter school via Entrance A**

**Thursday 6th July- Project Showcase- Year 1 at 2.15pm- please enter school via Entrance C**

**Thursday 6th July- Project Showcase- Year 5 at 2.15pm- please enter school via Entrance A**

**Monday 10th July- Project Showcase- Year 2 at 2.15pm- please enter school via Entrance C**

**Monday 10th July- Project Showcase- Year 4 at 2.15pm- please enter school via Entrance A**

**Friday 7th July- Summer Fayre- 1:30pm- more details to follow in a separate letter**

**Tuesday 11th July- Project Showcase- Nursery at 2pm- morning children will be invited back to attend this event with parents and carers- please enter school via Entrance C**

**Thursday 13th July- Project Showcase- Year 3 at 2.15pm - please enter school via Entrance A**

**Thursday 13th July- Annual Reports to parents and carers**

**Friday 14th July- Colour Run Afternoon Event- more details to follow in a separate letter**

**Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th July- Transition Days- more details to follow in a separate letter**

**Friday 21st July- Last day of term**

Thank you for your continued support.

We hope you have a lovely weekend with family and friends.

Mrs O'Rourke and Mrs Legge

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