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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy week it has been! We have had two authors visiting school and there has been a real buzz in the air with all our reading, writing and drama sessions taking place. The children have worked really hard and are a real credit to you when we have visitors in school.

## Kindness Café

We are spreading our 'Kindness Café' across our local community. Today Mrs McCormick, Miss Simpson, Miss Cook and Mrs Legge were so proud of all the children who represented Sugar Hill at our first Kindness Cafe on tour event.

The children sang songs and planted bulbs for everyone in the audience at Neville Parade Community Centre.

Our Year 6 Rota Kids also joined in this community event and supported the younger children to make this event such a huge success.

One member of the audience kindly donated £10.00 to our school fund in appreciation of the children's hard work.





Year 6 Rota Kids

Future venues will be Aycliffe Care Home and Woodham Village Community Centre.

# **Project Events for Parents and Carers**

This term some of our Project Events will be held in school and some will be held in the local community. Classroom staff will be sending more information to parents and carers. The dates and times are as follows:

RECEPTION -Wednesday 13th March 1.30pm- - in school

YEAR 2- Wednesday 20th March 1.30pm - at the pond

YEAR 3- Thursday 21st March 2pm - in the town centre

YEAR 1- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March Class 3 at 10am and Class 4 at 2pm- in the town centre

YEAR 4 - Monday 25th March 9.15am- in school

YEAR 5- Tuesday 26th March 9.15am and 2.30pm- in school

YEAR 6- Wednesday 27th March 9.15am and 2.30pm- in school

NURSERY- Wednesday 27th March 1.30pm- - Picnic in Tesco Park

### **Child/Parent/Carer/Staff Meetings**

We will be holding meetings on the following dates

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March- Parent, Teacher and Child Meetings 2pm-5.30pm (appointments to be arranged with class teachers)

It is beneficial for the children to attend these meetings with you so please bring your child back to school with you, if your appointment time is after school.



## **Attendance**

This week our winning classes in each department are Class 2, Class 5 and Class 13.

Class 2 and Class 5 had 98% and Class 13 had 97.1%.

Seven classes across school with 96% attendance or above and will be adding a leaf to their tulips on the hall displays (Classes 2,4,5,7,10,13 and 14)



### **Lates**

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have ensured children have arrived on time this week. This week we have had 40 children arriving to school late.

We really must stress that this impacts massively on staffing at the start of the school day when office staff and other staff members need to take children to class. Please ensure your child arrives promptly on time. Our first lesson every day is Maths. Children are missing valuable teaching and learning time. Thank you to all parents and carers who ensure children are at school on time.

#### **DIARY DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR- Spring Term 2024**



Kindness Café every Thursday morning in the Key Stage 2 Dining Hall 9am- please join us if you can. It's always lovely to see new faces at this weekly event.

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March- World Book Day- Children's Illustrator and Theatre Practitioner Sam Green working with Year 1 and Year 2

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March- World Book Day- we have completed a survey with the children and they have decided they would like a non-uniform day for World Book Day. Children can come to school in non-uniform, pyjamas or dressed as a book character.

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Tuesday 12th March-Life Centre Visit-Reception, Year 5 and Year 6

Wednesday 13th March-Life Centre Visit- Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March- Red Nose Day- children to wear non-uniform. A school donation will be given.

Wednesday 20th March- Year 4 to Segedenum

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We hope you all have a lovely weekend and thank you for all your support this week.

Kind regards,

Mrs O'Rourke and Mrs Legge

