

HERE'S THE NEWS

DECEMBER 2017



It has been another busy month here at Sugar Hill. We are still having lots of visitors since our Ofsted Report (including Santa Claus) and they have, without exception, commented on the excellent behaviour of all the children and their positive attitude towards learning and to each other. Here is a roundup of 'Sugar Hill News' for December.

Young Carers Charter



Just another reminder that we are pledged at Sugar Hill to the Young Carers Charter.

A Young Carer is someone between the ages of 5-18 years who has caring responsibilities for a family member at home who has:

- A serious or long term illness
- A physical disability
- A mental health problem
- A drug or alcohol dependency
- A learning disability

Young Carers' may do things like:

Household chores
Preparing or cooking food
Personal care
Giving medication
Communicating on behalf of someone else

Ensuring someone's safety
Providing emotional support

If your child is a YOUNG CARER please speak with Mrs Legge
or Mrs Atkinson-Jones in confidence.

SENDAG (Special Educational Needs and Disability Action Group) Updates



Once again thank you to all parents/carers who attended our SENDAG meeting on Friday 24th November at 2:30pm. There will be another meeting scheduled for Spring Term 2018. More information to follow.

December is always busy at Sugar Hill and this year was no exception!

December 5th Santa's Grotto 3:30pm-5:00pm and December 6th Santa's Grotto 3:30pm-5:00pm

This year our Santa's Grotto moved from Nursery to a secret location! All parents and carers (without exception) commented on how lovely the grotto was. The children who visited Santa all received a gift and Santa was left in no doubt but to put all their names on his 'Good Boys and Good Girls List'. Well done everyone.

December 6th KS2 Gala Theatre

The Key Stage 2 trip to the pantomime was a huge success! Oh yes it was! Many thanks for all your support.

December 8th Non uniform day in aid of Dogs Trust- tin of dog food donation

The staff from the Dogs Trust were overwhelmed with your generosity for their appeal for dog food. A huge thank you for all your support.

December 13th Reception Nativity and December 14th Reception Nativity

As always the Reception Nativity was a huge success. All the parents and carers who watched both shows agreed with me that the children

were absolutely amazing (even though the same show looked so different on the 13th to the 14th December. That's the magic of working with children- you can never rely purely on the script!) Once again, many thanks for your support. It was lovely to see the children enjoying their acting, singing and speaking roles and those costumes! Fan.....tas.....tic!

December 15th Nursery Nativity

Our Nursery children worked so hard learning all the songs for their Nativity Show and were fabulous at entertaining their audiences! It never ceases to amaze me how brave they are at such a young age to put on a show! Well done everyone!

December 15th Christmas Lunch Day

Many thanks to all the ladies in our school kitchen for providing a fabulous Christmas Lunch. It was yummy!

December 18th Christmas Craft Afternoon - KS1 1:30pm

This event is becoming a firm favourite and was very well attended. Thank you for your continued support.

December 19th Nursery pupils to Gala Theatre

The children had a fabulous time at the Gala Theatre. Their behaviour was outstanding and they were all praised by Gala Theatre Staff. Well done everyone. You all helped Mrs Claus to save Christmas with your super wish making skills.

December 19th Christmas Craft Afternoon - KS2 1:30pm

This event is also becoming a firm favourite and was very well attended. Thank you for your continued support.

December 19th Breakfast Club Party- after school

Many thanks to all the staff who made Breakfast Club Party a huge success! So much fun!

December 20th Reception Pupils to Gala Theatre

The Reception children also had a fabulous time at the Gala Theatre. Their behaviour was also outstanding and they were all praised by Gala Theatre Staff. Well done everyone. You all helped Mrs Claus to save Christmas with your super wish making skills

and entertained the public with your super singing of your Christmas Nativity Songs.
Great work!

Party Days

All party days were a huge success. After a very busy term it was lovely for all the children to enjoy their party games and fun.

December 22nd Christmas Jumper Day & end of term

Thank you for all your support for Christmas Jumper Day. The children and staff all got into the spirit and non-school uniform/Christmas Jumpers helped everyone get into the holiday mood!

With a mind on January and the possibility of cold, winter mornings please ensure good attendance and arriving on time remain priorities- the number of children arriving late is creeping up. This has an impact on the whole school as the first lesson of the day is disrupted.

Attendance News



A huge thank you to all parents and carers who support our school Attendance Policy and ensure their child/ren arrive on time.

Parental Satisfaction Survey Results November 2017 101 Responses

For those of you who may have missed our November Monthly Newsletter here are our Parental Satisfaction Survey Results again!



Parental Satisfaction Survey Results November 2017 101

Responses

Many thanks to all parents and carers who returned surveys. We are delighted with the positive profile of the results and the lovely comments provided. These will be added to our Parent Page on our School Website soon.

We urge any parent/carers who returned the survey anonymously and ticked disagree/strongly disagree for any question to speak with Mrs O'Rourke, Mrs Legge or another member of our School Leadership Team so we can address any individual concerns/issues raised.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
My child is happy at Sugar Hill	67%	32%	1%	
My child feels safe at Sugar Hill	77%	23%		
My child is making good progress at Sugar Hill	76%	23%		1%
My child is well looked after	77%	23%		
My child is taught well	79%	21%		
My child receives appropriate homework	68%	30%	2%	
Sugar Hill staff promote worthwhile attitudes and values	72%	28%		
Sugar Hill staff do all they can to ensure children are well behaved	80%	19%	1%	
Sugar Hill staff deal effectively with behaviour issues	69%	30%	1%	
Sugar Hill is well led and managed by the School Leadership Team	72%	27%	1%	
Sugar Hill staff always listen and respond well to any concerns I raise	71%	27%	2%	
Sugar Hill is good at providing extra support for pupils when required	67%	31%	2%	
I felt well supported when my child joined Sugar Hill	71%	29%		
I felt well supported when my child last changed year group due to transition week July 2017	70%	30%		
Sugar Hill is a welcoming school	79%	21%		
Overall Sugar Hill is a happy school	77%	13%		
Sugar Hill is highly thought of in the community (Ofsted September 2017)	79%	21%		
I would recommend this school to other parents/carers	74%	26%*		

*one respondent ticked agree and disagree for this question

Safeguarding at Sugar Hill Primary School



Just a reminder that Safeguarding children at Sugar Hill Primary School is a shared responsibility. All visitors to our school receive and sign for a Safeguarding Leaflet explaining Safeguarding Procedures at Sugar Hill. If you have any concerns about a child please contact a member of our Safeguarding Team at school without delay.

Designated Safeguarding Staff

Mrs P O'Rourke (Head Teacher), Mrs K Legge (Deputy Head Teacher/Safeguarding Lead), Mrs Rowntree and Mrs McCormack (Assistant Heads), Mrs Atkinson-Jones (Social Learning Mentor)

Many thanks for your continued support,
Mrs Legge (Deputy Head Teacher)

Should you have any concerns please do not delay in contacting us to discuss.

Coming next...



Next month's newsletter will include news about an exciting new project at Sugar Hill.

