

# HERE'S THE NEWS

MARCH 2018



Here is a roundup of 'Sugar Hill News' for March. If you missed last month's Newsletter here is a reminder of a new initiative 'RotaKids' coming to Sugar Hill Primary soon.



**RotaKids is coming to Sugar Hill.**

## **What is Rotakids?**

Rotakids is an exciting way for children at Sugar Hill Primary to lead and engage in important, lively activities that will make a positive difference in our school, in our local community and globally. At the same time RotaKids will develop the ability and confidence for Sugar Hill pupils to take their place in society as responsible, successful, effective citizens both now and in the future.

## **Why is Rotakids coming to Sugar Hill?**

We have been involved in discussions with our Local Rotary Club about this exciting new initiative. We know that Rotakids will further enhance the work we do and extend our links with our local community and beyond. RotaKids is to be sponsored by our local Rotary Club and will be led by Mrs Legge and Mrs Preece. As citizenship is already such a central part of our school curriculum we see this as an excellent opportunity for Rotary to support and expand the work already happening in school and for us to be more involved in local, national and international projects.

The decisions made will always involve the RotaKids. Jobs for fundraising or service projects will be shared across school to develop whole school teamwork. RotaKids will be appointed to their roles Summer Term 2018 but all children in school will be able to become involved in RotaKids projects.

Rotary Mentors will work with our RotaKids to deliver any project, helping with the background information and any logistical problems.

RotaKids take the following Pledge to demonstrate their commitment to being good citizens:

**"As a RotaKid, I endeavour to be fair to all, to serve my community and to show respect for others"**

**RotaKids will come up with ideas like:**

1. Fundraising money for charity
2. Leading on school and local community improvement projects
3. Improving the environment
4. Helping the elderly
5. Helping children in another country.

The sky is the limit and our RotaKids will be coming up with their own ideas.

Mrs Legge and Mrs Preece are currently planning RotaKids at Sugar Hill and the children will find out more about it after the half term holiday. Mrs Legge and Mrs Preece have attended a Rotary Meeting and we are so excited that our school has been chosen by the Rotary Club to launch the first RotaKids group in Newton Aycliffe. There will a press release in the Summer Term about this fantastic new project for Sugar Hill children. More information to follow.

**Young Carers Charter- another reminder to contact us if you think your child is a Young Carer.**



**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.

We have a Young Carers Group in school and we would like all our Young Carers to benefit from this group.

### 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.

### Mini Police Message re Road Safety



Just another reminder from Sugar Hill staff and our Mini Police to please take great care when driving along Sheraton Road and the adjoining side roads. Now we have the warmer weather the sun brings a different challenge for visibility when the sun shines in drivers' eyes! Too many drivers are still stopping on the zig zag lines when dropping off at Breakfast Club and when dropping off and picking up at the start and end of the school day. Local police officers are continuing to do spot checks. Please put the safety of all our children and their families **FIRST**.

### 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...

