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Weekly News



Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Governors,

It is Friday again and newsletter day! It has been another busy week and a very wet end to the school day yesterday! Thank you for all your support this week. Hopefully better weather is just around the corner! It will certainly make drop off and pick up times easier for us all.

Living Our School Values at Sugar Hill Primary



Over the coming weeks, we will be focusing on **developing the children's understanding of our School Values** and what it means to *live these values* every day at Sugar Hill Primary.

Children will be taking part in activities, discussions and learning opportunities that help them recognise how our values guide their behaviour, their choices and the way they treat others—both in school and beyond.

We look forward to sharing more about this work and how families can support it at home. **More information will be included in next week's newsletter.**



Red Nose Day – Friday 20th March

A quick reminder that **Friday 20th March is Red Nose Day.**

Children are invited to come to school in **non-uniform** to help us mark the day. Children will be completing activities across the day to learn about this fantastic charity. Please ensure children wear sensible footwear and bring a coat.

Safety Reminder for All Parents and Carers



To help keep all of our children safe during busy drop-off and pick-up times, please can we remind families of the following:

Crossing Sheraton Road

When cars are parked along Sheraton Road, visibility can be reduced. Please take extra care when crossing with your child. Encourage children to stop, look, and listen and avoid stepping out from between parked cars where drivers may not be able to see you.

Safety Near the Main Entrance

We have noticed a number of children running or playing close to the main entrance in the mornings. With vehicles moving past the school at this time, this can be very dangerous. Please keep your child close to you and ensure they walk calmly while arriving at school.

Where to Stand at Drop-off

Wherever possible, please stand and line up along the school fence rather than the roadside. This helps keep pathways clear, reduces crowding near traffic and keeps everyone safer.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep our school community safe.

Important Allergy Awareness Reminder

We would like to remind all parents and carers that we have **several children across the school with significant food allergies**. To help us keep everyone safe, please note the following important points:

No Birthday Cakes in School

Due to allergy risks and the requirements of **Natasha's Law**, we kindly request that **no birthday cakes** are brought into school.

This includes **homemade cakes** and **shop-bought cakes**.

Thank you for helping us maintain a safe environment for all children.

Nut Awareness

We are a **NUT AWARE** school.

Some of our pupils can experience **serious allergic reactions** to nut products.

Please be **extra vigilant** when sending food items into school and always **check labels carefully** to ensure they do not contain nuts.

Key Stage 2 Morning Snacks

Children in Key Stage 2 should bring **fruit or a cereal bar** for their morning break.

If they choose to bring a **cereal bar** please make sure the label has been checked thoroughly to confirm it is **nut-free**.

Please do not send sweets in to school for morning break.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep all our children safe.

A Reminder About Punctuality

Please can we remind all parents and carers of the importance of children **arriving at school on time each day**. Arriving late has a number of impacts:

Disruption to Learning

When a child arrives late, they miss the important first part of the lesson where the day's learning is introduced. This can make it harder for them to settle and catch up.

Settling in to the School Day

Being on time helps children feel calm, organised and ready to learn. Arriving late can leave them feeling rushed or unsettled.

Impact on the Whole Class

Late arrivals interrupt the flow of teaching for the whole class. Classroom staff often have to stop to help the late pupil get started, which affects everyone's learning.

Building Good Habits

Punctuality is an important life skill. Helping children develop good routines now supports them later in school, work and wider life.

Thank you for your support in ensuring your child arrives promptly and is ready for a positive start to the day.

Extreme Reading Competition



A huge thank you to all the children who entered our Extreme Reading Competition.

We are still looking at all the entries and winners will be announced in assemblies next week. It's amazing to see all the ideas about the places where you can be an **EXTREME READER!**

Newsletter Survey

Are you reading our newsletter?



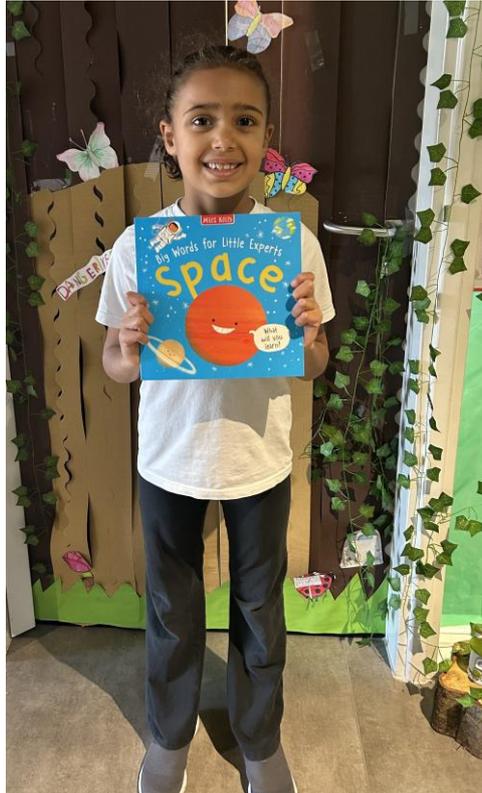
If you read this newsletter, tell your child that this week's lucky word to go into the draw to win a surprise is **TIGER**. If they come to school on Monday 16th March with their name and the word **TIGER** on a piece of paper and hand it to **Mrs Legge at the gate** as soon as they arrive at school, they will go into the lucky draw.

To enter the draw, it must be passed to Mrs Legge at the gate!

To be in with a chance of winning a prize the word must be posted in the box on Monday morning.

We wonder who our lucky winner will be?

This week's winner was Lola in Class 5. We hope you enjoy reading your book Lola.



IMPORTANT

School Lunch Price Increase

The cost of the school meal price is increasing from Monday 20th April to £3.08 per day.

We are currently working with our school meal provider considering menu options and will be asking the children for their feedback on school meals very soon.



**Thank
You**

We would like to say a heartfelt **thank you** to all parents and carers for the generous donations of toiletries.

On Tuesday afternoon, our Rota Kid Ambassadors delivered these items to St Clare's Court Care Home where they received a warm welcome from staff and residents.

It was a pleasure to spend time with everyone at the Care Home and the children thoroughly enjoyed joining in with the afternoon bingo session. We were especially delighted when Nevaeh won the full house and proudly came away with a prize!

Our Rota Kid Ambassadors were an absolute credit to their families and our school, showing kindness, respect and enthusiasm throughout the visit.

We will be returning to St Clare's Court soon and will keep you updated in future newsletters.

A special thank you also goes to Margaret Fenwick from Rotary Newton Aycliffe, who met us at the Care Home and thanked the children for visiting staff and residents at the home and to Sugar Hill families for generously supporting our local community.

Thank you once again for your continued support—it truly makes a difference.

Mrs Legge would like to say a huge thank you to our Rota Kids Ambassadors. We will be appointing two Year Two ambassadors really soon! Watch out for more information in future newsletters.



Rota Kid Ambassadors Years 3,4,5 and 6

DIARY DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR- Spring Term 2026

PLEASE CHECK CAREFULLY EACH WEEK

Thank you

Spring Term (2)

WEEK 10	
Monday 16 th March	
Tuesday 17 th March	Class 11 and Class 12 Library Visits
Wednesday 18 th March	
Thursday 19 th March	Class 4, Class 8 and Class 13 Library Visits
Friday 20 th March	Class 14 Library Visit Red Nose Day- non-uniform day
WEEK 11	
Monday 23 rd March	Class 1 Library Visit
Tuesday 24 th March	Parent/Carer Meetings 3.30pm-5.20pm Reception Classes
Wednesday 25 th March	Parent/Carer Meetings 3.30pm-5.20pm Years 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5
Thursday 26 th March	Class 2 Library Visit Parent/Carer Meetings 3.30pm-5.20pm Reception, Years 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5
Friday 27 th March	Attendance Prize afternoon for winning classes (still to be determined)
WEEK 12	
Monday 30 th March	
Tuesday 31 st March	
Wednesday 1 st April	

Thursday 2nd April

**Nursery Library Visits with parents and carers-
more information to follow via Tapestry**

Last day of Spring Term

Thank you for supporting school events this week. We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs O'Rourke and Mrs Legge