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Weekly News



REMINDER- SCHOOL TELEPHONE LINE IS OPEN MONDAY-FRIDAY 8.30am-4.00pm



Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Governors,

We would like to thank you all for your continued support this week at the start and end of the school day. Please can we kindly request when dropping off and collecting children that adults and children keep to the pathways and avoid the grassed areas. Please do not walk through the car park. It is really important that the children are not near staff cars.

Thank you

We start this week's newsletter with Mrs O'Rourke's retirement news

Dear Parents and Carers,

After much reflection, I am writing to share with you that I will be retiring from my role as Headteacher at the end of the Autumn term, bringing to a close 15 wonderful years of leading our school community.

It has been an enormous privilege to serve as Headteacher and to work alongside such dedicated staff, governors, supportive families and most importantly, generations of remarkable children. Over the past 15 years, I have watched our school grow and develop in countless ways and I am incredibly proud of all that we have achieved together.

One of the greatest joys of this role has been building relationships with families and seeing children flourish, gain confidence, and move on to the next stage of their education. The trust and support you have shown me throughout my time here have meant a great deal.

While retiring is not an easy decision, I feel the time is right for me to begin a new chapter. I leave knowing that the school is in a strong position and will continue to thrive in the years

ahead. The values, spirit, and sense of community that make this school so special will remain at its heart.

I would like to thank every parent and carer, past and present, for your partnership, encouragement, and commitment to our shared goal of providing the very best for our children.

Thank you for allowing me to be part of your children's lives and of this wonderful school community.

With sincere gratitude and warmest wishes,

Paula O'Rourke

A message from the Sugar Hill Team in response to Mrs O'Rourke's news to you all

As we continue through our final term with Mrs O'Rourke as our Head Teacher, Senior Leaders and our whole staff team are reflecting on the incredible impact she has had on our school community. Her dedication, compassion and unwavering commitment to children and families have shaped Sugar Hill Primary School and helped it become the caring, nurturing place it is today.

Mrs O'Rourke has led our school with kindness, integrity and a genuine passion for ensuring every child achieves their very best. She has supported, inspired and encouraged staff throughout her time as Head Teacher, always placing children at the heart of every decision she makes.

Whilst we are excited for Mrs O'Rourke as she looks forward to a well-deserved retirement, it is difficult to imagine Sugar Hill without her. This final term will be an opportunity for us all to celebrate her many achievements, share our memories and thank her for everything she has done for our school.

Mrs O'Rourke will be greatly missed by staff and we know her legacy will continue to be felt for many years to come.

Donations for Outdoor Play and Learning

We are looking to enhance our play and learning opportunities and would be very grateful for any donations of toys and resources that are no longer needed at home.

We would particularly welcome:

- Small world toys and play sets
- Building blocks and construction toys
- LEGO
- Dinosaur figures
- Toy people and animal figures
- Pots, pans and baking trays
- Wooden spoons and kitchen utensils
- Containers and equipment suitable for our mud kitchens

These resources help to develop children's imagination, creativity, communication and social skills through play. If you have any items in good, clean condition that you would be willing to donate, we would be extremely grateful.

Thank you for your continued support. Your generosity helps us to provide rich and engaging learning experiences for all of our children

REMINDER-School Day Timings

YEAR GROUP and Classes	START TIME	FINISH TIME (slightly staggered to minimise congestion on Sheraton Road)
Nursery	Morning children and full timers 8.45am Afternoon children 12 noon	Morning children 11.45am Afternoon children and full timers 3pm
Reception	Soft start from 8.45am. All children to be in school by 8.55am)	3.15pm
YEAR 1 (Classes 3 and 4)	Soft start from 8.45am. All children to be in school by 8.55am)	3.15pm
YEAR 2 (Classes 5 and 6)	Soft start from 8.45am. All children to be in school by 8.55am)	3.20pm
NEW YEAR 3 (Classes 7 and 8)	Soft start from 8.45am. All children to be in school by 8.55am)	3.20pm
YEAR 4 (Classes 9 and 10)	Soft start from 8.45am. All children to be in school by 8.55am)	3.15pm
YEAR 5 (Classes 11 and 12)	Soft start from 8.45am. All children to be in school by 8.55am)	3.20pm
YEAR 6 (Classes 13 and 14)	Soft start from 8.45am. All children to be in school by 8.55am)	3.15pm

PE DAYS

Reception	Thursday
Year 1	Tuesday
Year 2	Thursday
Year 3	Wednesday
Year 4	Monday
Year 5	Tuesday
Year 6	Friday

Wraparound Care and After School Clubs- Active Future



We are delighted that wraparound care has started this week at Sugar Hill provided by Mark and Phillipa Connell Active Future.

A separate newsletter from Active Future will be emailed to all parents and carers and uploaded to our school website on a regular basis. ***Please check your inbox for their first newsletter today.***

In their newsletters, Active Future will be sharing news about their wraparound care offer and after school clubs that they will be running here at Sugar Hill.

Their newsletters will inform you of what is on offer over the coming weeks and how you apply for a place for wraparound care or their after-school clubs.

If you would like **more information** please call Active Future on 07964697411 or email afdarlington@activefuture.info

Bookings for wraparound and clubs are now open and can be made at

<https://pbbl.uk/4y6TcEU>

Please note that all admin for wraparound care and the after-school clubs they are offering is managed by Active Future and not the school office.

DIARY DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR Autumn Term (1)

(please check each week for additional dates added throughout the term)

WEEK 3	
Monday 14 th September	Author Adam Bushnell working with Year 6
Tuesday 15 th September	
Wednesday 16 th September	
Thursday 17 th September	
Friday 18 th September	

WEEK 4	
Monday 21 st September	
Tuesday 22 nd September	
Wednesday 23 rd September	Year 1 Phonics Meeting with parents and carers 2.15pm
Thursday 24 th September	Macmillan Coffee morning for parents and carers 9am
Friday 25 th September	

WEEK 5	
Monday 28 th September	
Tuesday 29 th September	
Wednesday 30 th September	
Thursday 1 st October	National Poetry Day
Friday 2 nd October	Whole School Colour Run Parents and carers invited (a separate letter will follow) Nursery and Reception at 1.15pm Years 1 and 2 at 1.45pm Years 3 and 4 at 2.15pm Years 5 and 6 at 2.45pm

WEEK 6	
Monday 5 th October	
Tuesday 6 th October	
Wednesday 7 th October	Reading Event with a Phonics Focus for Reception Parents and Carers 2.15pm
Thursday 8 th October	
Friday 9 th October	

WEEK 7	
Monday 12 th October	
Tuesday 13 th October	Parent and Carer Meetings with classroom staff 3.30pm-5.20pm (separate letter will follow)
Wednesday 14 th October	Nursery Parents and Carers invited to Stay and Play Event with a reading focus at 11am and 2.15pm (separate letter will follow)
Thursday 15 th October	Parent and Carer Meetings with classroom staff 3.30pm-5.20pm (separate letter will follow)
Friday 16 th October	

WEEK 8	
Monday 19 th October	
Tuesday 20 th October	
Wednesday 21 st October	
Thursday 22 nd October	Halloween Discos held for all year groups throughout the school day
Friday 23 rd October	School closed to all children Staff Training Day

We hope you all have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Kind regards,

Mrs O'Rourke and Mrs Legge

