

Sun Hill Junior School Newsletter



Issue 12

Friday 13th December 2024

*"You've got to believe, you've got to believe
in Christmas.*

*Open up your heart, for one tiny spark
Can light a mighty fire in you!
You've got to believe, you've got to believe in
Christmas.*

*And you'll find all your dreams come true!"
—When Sasha Got Swept Up The Chimney.*

Lower School put on four fabulous performances of their Christmas production this week. The story follows Sasha, an orphan who believes in Santa and Harriet, who needs convincing of Santa's existence. One day, Sasha, Harriet, Will and Milly are swept up the chimney and on to a fantastic journey to the North Pole. On the way, they met the chimney sweeps, penguins, elves, reindeer and two naughty fairies - Tooth Fairy and Tooth Ache. Will the orphans manage to convince Harriet that Santa does exist and therefore have her Christmas wishes granted?

The children worked very hard and shared their thoughts on the play - "Magic!" "Great!" "Fabulous!" "My favourite part was when the sleigh crashed" "I liked the start, with the Londoners."



Elf Day 2024

The Grinch hates Christmas! The whole Christmas season! Now, please don't ask why. No one quite knows the reason. However, The Grinch heard of Sun Hill Junior's fantastically festive annual Elf Day and joined us on Friday 6th December to see what it was all about.

All the elves from Sun Hill Junior School worked together to make a difference. They used their 5 Ways to Wellbeing to teach the Grinch the spirit of Christmas!

The children warmed up with a game of "Santa Says" as they donned their Santa hats to dash around the school grounds, BEING ACTIVE to raise money for Naomi House & Jacksplace. They ran, they jogged, they conga-ed and they danced! Each child received a medal for their accomplishment! We are delighted to have raised approximately £300 for such a charity very close to a lot of hearts.

Staff and students CONNECTED over creating their own board games and playing some class party games- Pin the nose on Rudolph was a festive favourite! Our Elfie-Selfie booths were busy all day, capturing memories to treasure.

Then, the battle of the houses continued as Arle, Candover, Itchen and Meon KEPT LEARNING and competed in a Christmas Quiz. Congratulations and a Merry Quiz-mas to Meon House!

After spending lunchtime dancing on the playground, the children GAVE back and created Christmas cards for members of our community. They shared thoughtful messages of Christmas cheer and drew some beautiful pictures that would bring a smile to even the grumpiest of Grinches!

Sun Hill Junior Schools cheeky elves then made cheeky elves of their own.; sewn with intention and filled with a secret Christmas wish. Each class was challenged to create a paperchain decorated with ideas of how families could TAKE NOTICE this festive season. Some of their ideas included; spending time outside, baking and reading.

Our amazing House Captains lead our Elf Day Celebration assembly before all the classes finished the day with a Christmas story. After school, the school's fundraising ambassadors had a lot of fun selling puzzle and boards games and promoting lots of family fun over the holidays.

All at Sun Hill Junior School had a fantastic day (even the Grinch!) and we would like to thank all the families who supported this festive fundraiser!

5 Ways to Wellbeing



Design your very own board game that you can enjoy with your loved ones



Unite in some class party games!

Take an Elfie-Selfie with your friends!

Connect

Keep learning

MERRY QUIZMAS!
Test your festive knowledge and maybe learn something new, as the houses battle it out in a Christmas Quiz!

Get creative and enjoy some mindful crafts!



Thank you for your generous donations today! We are going to have a lot of fun!

Give a Christmas Card for a member of our local community!



Take a selfie with your friends!



Give

be active

SANTA FUN RUN!

Let's go dashing around the school grounds and have a jolly good time!









Making a Difference



Congratulations to all our stars for making a difference and therefore receiving head teachers awards this week!

	Leah H (Hérons), Finn H (Cranes)
	Lower School, Sophie H (Robins), Tom s (Woodpeckers)
	Caspian D (Robins), Lauren S (Hérons), Beau R-T (Kingfishers), Martha S (Swans), Bronte M (Woodpeckers)
	Isobel C (Cranes), Ted W (Kingfishers), Corey S (Swans)

This week our school Make a Difference Star Mascots

Simon & Puff Puff were awarded to:



Bronte M (Woodpeckers)

“Super support to her group on her brochure”

Congratulations to all our stars for achieving their first 25 stars certificates for their “Making a Difference Awards” this week!



Jimmy T (Robins)



Austin N (Swans), Herbie W (Swans),



Jackson T (Kingfishers)

Austin N (Swans)

The Bingo Wellbeing Award



Farris M
(Woodpeckers)
"For always giving support to friends"



School Attendance Award



Whole School
Attendance- 93%
(results taken from Friday to Friday)

House of the Week!





CHRISTMAS

Wellbeing Advent Calendar

Celebrate the countdown to Christmas with our 5 ways to wellbeing. Complete your advent calendar, ticking the stars as you go, and return to school on Wednesday 8th January to win a prize. Prizes and house points will be awarded to students who complete 12, 18 or all 24 days.

1 DONATE A TOY FOR ANOTHER CHILD TO ENJOY

2 SIT OR PLAY WITH SOMEONE NEW AT LUNCHTIME

5 LEAVE A HAPPY NOTE FOR SOMEONE TO FIND

4 MAKE A CHRISTMAS DECORATION

3 LEARN HOW TO SAY "HAPPY CHRISTMAS" IN ANOTHER LANGUAGE

2

NAME:

6 ENJOY THE SANTA FUN RUN!

PLAY A BOARD GAME WITH YOUR FAMILY

7 FEED THE BIRDS

DRAW YOUR FAMILY TREE

9 DANCE TO YOUR FAVOURITE CHRISTMAS SONGS

CLASS:

15 SCREEN FREE DAY!

MAKE AN OBSTACLE COURSE

DISCOVER A FACT ABOUT THE NORTH POLE

15 RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS!

11 SNUGGLE UP WITH A HOT CHOCOLATE

READ A CHRISTMAS STORY

ENJOY A FESTIVE SING-A-LONG

GIVE A CARD TO SOMEONE WHO HAS SUPPORTED YOU THIS YEAR

DRAW A PICTURE OF WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS TO YOU

19 TELL YOUR TEACHER A FESTIVE JOKE

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM ALL AT SUN HILL JUNIOR SCHOOL!

24 ENJOY A COZY CHRISTMAS EVE WITH YOUR LOVED ONES

25 WALK AROUND YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD TO SEE THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

22 WRITE DOWN ALL THE THINGS YOU ARE GRATEFUL FOR THIS YEAR

21 HELP AROUND THE HOUSE

SHJS School Notices

Support our School!

- My Name Tags: Order name tags for your child's uniform, water bottles, coats and shoes in many different designs: Please visit www.mynametags.com and enter the code: 21102. FOSHJ will receive 24% of the order value.
- Easy fundraising <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> just search for Friends of Sun Hill Junior School and everytime you access your online shops through this website a donation is made to FOSHJ at no cost to you!

Last Day of Autumn Term

On Friday 20th December, students will have lunch as normal and return to class at 12.55pm for registration. At 1pm parents/carers can collect from the classroom doors. Please allow 5 minutes for the children to be registered before coming to the classroom doors to collect them. Upon arrival, please make your way to your child's external classroom door or the top playground for the Upper School Exit.

We understand that some parents are unable to collect their children at 1:00pm. If this is the case, can you please complete the form linked below to inform the school office as we are happy to keep them with us until you are free to collect them.

If your child usually walks home unaccompanied at the end of the school day, we cannot allow them to leave until 3.30pm unless collected by an approved adult.

If your child is being collected by anyone other than a parent, we will require your permission in advance for your child to leave with a different adult at 1:00pm. Any permissions currently in place for end of day collection do not apply on this occasion as the pupils are not allowed to leave independently and must be signed-out. Please complete the form linked below.

Last day of Autumn Term Permissions; <https://forms.gle/AUUr3PSWWZQJJKya7>

Deadline 3pm Thursday 19th December

Key Dates 2024-2025

The school will update families as soon as possible, but please note these dates are subject to change.

Monday 16th December- No Sports Clubs this week

Monday 16th December- Upper School Phase Exhibition 3pm*

Tuesday 17th December- Christmas Service at St. Johns Church 10am*

Tuesday 17th December- Lower School Christmas Dinner & Disco*

Wednesday 18th December- Upper School Christmas Dinner & Disco*

Thursday 19th December- Whole School Christmas Pantomime Trip*

Friday 20th December- Last Day of Autumn Term (1pm finish)*

*a letter has been communicated about this event.

Monday 6th January- First Day of Spring Term

Thursday 9th January- PrimeVR Workshop*

Wednesday 29th January - SEND Parents Evening

Monday 10th February- Sponsored Read Launch

Tuesday 11th February- Parents Evening

Thursday 13th February- Parents Evening

Friday 14th February- INSET DAY

Monday 17th-Friday 21st February- Half Term

Monday 24th February-Monday 24th March- Year 5 Swimming Sessions

Thursday 27th February- Bag2School Fundraiser

Thursday 6th March- World Book Day

Friday 7th March- Lower School Paultons Park Trip

Thursday 3rd April- Easter Service at St. John's

Monday 7th-Monday 21st April- Easter Holidays

Tuesday 22nd April- INSET DAY

Wednesday 23rd April- First Day of Summer Term

Monday 12th May-Thursday 15th May- SATS Week

Monday 26th-Friday 30th May- Half Term

Friday 27th June- INSET DAY

Tuesday 22nd July- Last day of academic year (1pm finish)

Academic year 2025/26**

Wednesday 3rd September- First Day of Autumn Term

Monday 20th October- Friday 31st October- Half Term

Friday 19th December- Last Day of Autumn Term

Monday 5th January- First day of Spring Term

Monday 16th February- Friday 20th February- Spring Half Term

Friday 27th March- Last day of Spring Term

Monday 30th March-Friday 10th April- Easter Holidays

Monday 13th April- First Day of Spring Term

Monday 4th May- Bank Holiday

Monday 25th May- Friday 29th May- Summer Half Term

Wednesday 22nd July- Last day of Summer Term

***Inset Days for the academic year 2025/26 will be confirmed by the school's board of trustees in due course. These will be shared with families as soon as possible.*