

Sun Hill Junior School Newsletter



Issue 6

Friday 18th October 2024

"I truly believe the only way we can create global peace is through not only educating our minds but our hearts and souls"



—Malala Yousafzai.

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we embark upon the second half of our autumn term, I am pleased to provide you with an update on all that is happening at Sun Hill Junior School.

Our return from the half-term break has been marked by a poignant assembly focusing on the theme of remembrance. Our school councillors have been diligently selling poppies, demonstrating our collective commitment to honouring those who have served.

In our ongoing efforts to enrich our curriculum, the Lower School recently participated in an enlightening webinar with artist Este Macleod. This virtual engagement forms an integral part of their current Geography project, providing our pupils with valuable insights into the intersection of art and geographical studies.

As we approach Anti-bullying Week, Mrs Ahmed has been preparing a diverse range of activities for our children. These initiatives are designed to foster a culture of kindness, respect, empathy, and inclusivity within our school community.

It was a pleasure to welcome so many parents to our recent parents' evenings. These occasions provide invaluable opportunities for dialogue and collaboration between home and school, ensuring the best possible support for our children's educational journeys.

During the half-term break, we undertook necessary modifications to our playground, removing a wall to enhance safety. We are now in the process of evaluating potential landscaping options for this area. Mrs Woods is exploring the possibility of incorporating a slide, which we believe would significantly augment the recreational experiences of our pupils.

I am delighted to announce that the Rotary Club has generously donated purple crocus bulbs to our school. Each pupil will have the opportunity to plant a bulb near the school entrance. This initiative not only beautifies our grounds but also serves an educational purpose. The purple crocus symbolises the Rotary's global campaign to eradicate polio, a concept we have explored in assembly, linking it to our '5 Ways of Wellbeing' framework.

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to an important upcoming event. On November 27th, 2024, at 5:45 pm, we will be hosting a joint parents' evening with Sun Hill Infant School. This event will provide an excellent opportunity for us to introduce our new approach to behaviour management - The Empowerment Approach. We are extremely enthusiastic about this innovative strategy and look forward to sharing its principles with you.

Your attendance at this event would be greatly appreciated, as it represents a significant step in our ongoing efforts to enhance the educational experience we provide at Sun Hill Junior School.

Have a lovely weekend
Sue Griffiths
Head teacher



Making a Difference



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

	Jago M (Robins), Jimmy T (Robins), Sam M (Hérons)
	Ellie B-P (Woodpeckers), Beth W (Kingfishers)
	Charlotte O (Hérons), Hamish C (Kingfishers)
	Thomas M-N (Cranes), Louie P (Cranes), Lucas T (Swans), Jonah C (Swans)
	Maia H (Woodpeckers)

This week our school Make a Difference Star Mascots Simon & Puff Puff were awarded to:

Thomas M-N (Cranes)

“Kindness to his classmates!”



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



Adrian F (Kingfishers)



Sophie W (Kingfishers), Raeya T-A (Robins)



Florence G (Kingfishers)

The Bingo Wellbeing Award



Elijah G (Kingfishers)

"For making new friends when it is tough"

School Attendance Award



WINNERS!

98.89%

Whole School
Attendance- 97.16%
(results taken from Friday
to Friday)

House of the Week!

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Friends of SHJS



SUN HILL JUNIOR SCHOOL

QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER
DOORS OPEN AT 7PM

CHICKEN OR VEGGIE CURRY
WITH A SELECTION OF SIDES
FULLY LIENCED BAR
QUIZ STARTS BY 8PM

£14 PER PERSON
8 PEOPLE MAXIMUM PER TEAM

BOOK NOW

SHJS QUIZ NIGHT

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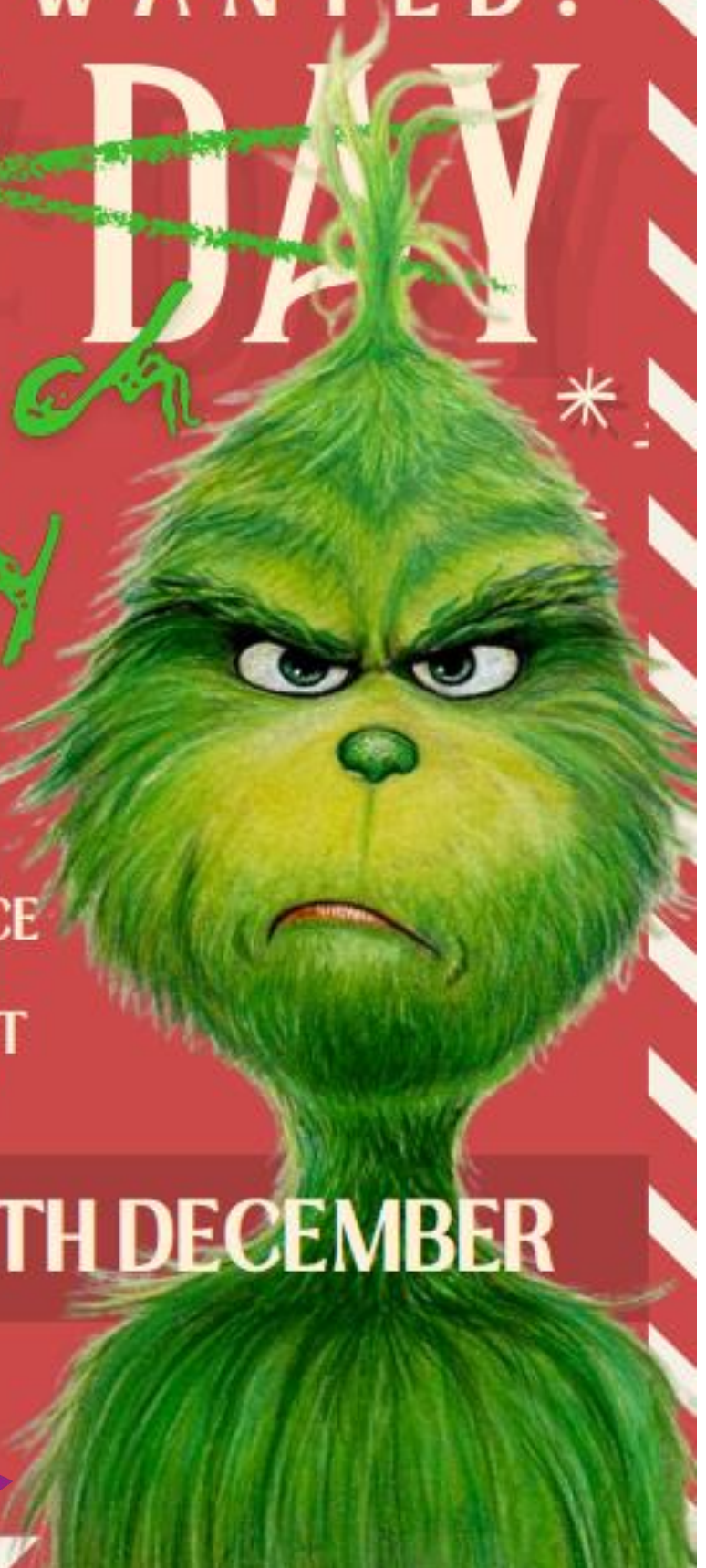
ELVES WANTED!

ELF DAY

Grinch
day

CAN THE ELVES
FROM SUN HILL
JUNIOR SCHOOL
MAKE A DIFFERENCE
AND TEACH THE
GRINCH THE SPIRIT
OF CHRISTMAS?

FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER



SHJS Wraparound Care

This week at Sunrise and Sunset Clubs the children have been focusing on Guy Fawkes Night and Armistice Day. They have made stick and ribbon sparklers, bonfire crowns, remembrance poppy windmills and poppy suncatchers.

All information regarding the school's extended day provision can be found on our website.

https://www.sunhilljs.net/files/ugd/c73a4c_06939d76389d4018a3531f1056229a48.pdf

Please contact extendedday@sunhill-jun.hants.sch.uk regarding the provision. The provision is open to all Sun Hill students aged 4-11.

SHJS School Notices

Thank you to all the families you contributed to the Alresford Rotary Shoebox Campaign this year. Please see the message below from the Alresford Rotary:

"I can report a great Total of 20,455 Shoeboxes having been delivered to the depot during these difficult times. We have now completed all custom required paperwork, now awaiting approvals from each Country's shipping agents to enable us to dispatch, proposed next Weds 13th Nov. Many thanks for supporting again this year and for changing to collect dates before half term holidays. I will inform you all when all safely delivered to host Clubs and have been handed out to the disadvantaged Children they support, Pictures will be forward in due time after Christmas".



Dear Parents/Carers,
**WOOHOO... TUESDAY
 12TH NOVEMBER IS
 ODD SOCKS DAY!**

WHAT IS ODD SOCKS DAY?

Odd Socks Day is part of Anti-Bullying Week! To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that children wear odd socks to school on Tuesday 12th November. Last year over 13,000 schools took part in Odd Socks Day. Andy Day (CBeebies/CBBC) and his band Andy and the Odd Socks are partnering with the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help bring Odd Socks Day to life again this year. Have a listen to the brilliant song they have recorded especially for Anti-Bullying Week, 'Choose Respect'.

WHY IS ODD SOCKS DAY IMPORTANT?

The day sends an important message to pupils that they should be allowed to be themselves free from bullying and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way.



Tuesday
12TH
 November

WHAT DO WE NEED FROM YOU?

It's so easy! ☺ Here's what you do:

- 1. Make sure your child wears odd socks to school.**
- 2. Donate £1 (or whatever you can afford) to help the Anti-Bullying Alliance carry on important work.**
- 3. If you want to, you can share a photo or video online and feel free to add the 'Choose Respect' audio to your posts! Don't forget to tag us using #OddSocksDay #AntiBullyingWeek and tag @ABAonline and @AndyOddSock on X. Or @AntiBullyingAlliance and @AndyandtheOddSocks on Instagram.**

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Every penny goes to the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help continue all their work. We can't wait to see all the odd socks on Tuesday 12th November ...

If you have any questions please ask:

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 ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE

ORGANISER

**CHOOSE
 RESPECT**

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

**Andy and the
 Odd Socks**

PARTNER

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Key Dates 2024-2025

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

Monday 11th November- Armistice Day

Tuesday 12th November- ODD Socks Day*

Tuesday 12th November- Bag2School Fundraiser*

Tuesday 12th-Friday 15th November- National Anti-Bullying Week*

Wednesday 13th November- Sibling Photos*

Friday 15th November- Children in Need*

Friday 15th November- SHJS Quiz Night*

Wednesday 20th November 12pm- Class Fundraising Order Deadline*

Wednesday 27th November- The Empowerment Approach Meeting 5.45pm*

Monday 2nd December- Registration for Spring Term Sports Clubs Opens

Wednesday 4th December- Badminton Competition at Eggars*

Friday 6th December- Elf Day (SHJS Fundraiser)

Tuesday 10th December- Upper School Listen to Me Concert

Wednesday 11th December- Rock Steady Concert 9.15am*

Wednesday 11th December- Lower School Christmas Matinee 1.30pm

Wednesday 11th December- Lower School Christmas Performance 6pm

Thursday 12th December- Lower School Christmas Performance 6pm

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

Tuesday 17th December- Lower School Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 18th December- Upper School Christmas Lunch

Thursday 19th December- Whole School Christmas Treat

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
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 7th March- World Book Day
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*



Angel Festival @ St John's Church 2024 Begins on Saturday 30th November



We would like to invite you to create an angel to be part of 'a host of heavenly' angels to decorate St John's Church over the Christmas season for the many visitors to Alresford to enjoy.

There are a limited number of spaces for 2D or 3d angels to be displayed – approximately 25 – so the applications will be on a first come first served basis.

To reserve a space in the church for this exciting event, please contact Rosie Waring Green as soon as possible. We would like to ask for a donation of £10 for an entry per business, organisation, shop, school etc or £5 an entry for families and individuals.

****The Deadline to apply is 14th November****

There is a free competition to create an angel for the top of the 8-foot tree inside the church. You can also apply to create and display a weather-proof angel in the churchyard.

This event will run alongside the free Gift from St John's on Saturday 30th November when the community is invited in for free refreshments and opportunities to create Christmas decorations etc.

The angels will remain 'flying' round St John's until Tuesday, 7th January 2025 and we would be grateful if you could remove your angel by either 4pm on Wednesday 8th or 7pm on Thursday 9th January.

Application form below. Further information, contact Rosie rosie@22rwg.co.uk or 07891120662

Details of sizes and sites for angels for St John's Angel Festival

Below are the sizes that will fit certain places – please choose your position. There are limited places for each size so it is essential you contact us to book your slot. We will let you know as soon as we have heard from you if that space is available. **Please could you make your angel from recyclable materials.**

Window ledges – max size 2ft high by 1 ft deep. Can be 2D and 3D but self-supporting

Pillars – 2D flat to hang. No bigger than 18 inches wide by 2 ft high

Chandeliers - 2D flat to hang. No bigger than 18inches high by 1 ft wide

Free standing – 3D either 3ft, 4ft or 5ft

Outside waterproof angel - any size

***We / I would like to reserve a place for a (state position required)**

***We would like to enter the free competition to make an angel for the top of the St John's Christmas Tree**

Name:

Email:

Contact number:

Organisation etc

***Choose one or both of the above**

Pop Up Ensemble

FREE



Pop Up Ensemble
Winton Community Academy,
Andover

JMST Theatre, London Road, Andover,
Hampshire SP10 2PS
Sunday 15th December 9.15 - 13.15

Beginner to Grade 4

Back by Popular Demand!

**Come and be part of a
'from scratch' orchestra!**

Scan the QR code to
register your place



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County Council

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