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Friday 15th November 2024

Christmas at Sun Hill Junior School 2024

Dear Families,

It's the most magical time of the year! We are excited to start all the festive fun at Sun Hill Junior School. Please find all details for all upcoming school Christmas events this half term. All required forms are linked at the end of this letter.

Christmas Card Competition- deadline Thursday 28th November

Students have been invited to design a card for Sun Hill Junior School that reflects what Christmas at our school is all about. Designs could feature the school logo, school values or our 5 Ways to Wellbeing but they must include lots of colour, details and be of A4 size. Please ensure your child does not stick items to their design, including glitter and stickers. Winning designs will be scanned and made into cards for the school to send. There will be a winner and runner up for each class and these students will win a special treat on Elf Day. A grand prize of a 'Watercress Line Family Ticket' will be awarded to an overall winner. All designs should be submitted to the school office by 3pm on Thursday 28th November.

Christmas Wellbeing Advent Calendar- December



At the start of December, our Wellbeing Advent Calendar will be back! We hope your family will join us celebrating the countdown to Christmas with our 5 Ways to Wellbeing. Completed advent calendars should be returned to school in January for prizes and house points.

Christmas Card Postbox- Monday 2nd December

If your child wishes to send their friends a Christmas card, the school Card Postbox will be available outside the school office from Monday 2nd December. Please



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ensure that your child lists their friend's full name and class are written on the envelope to help the elves from the school office with their deliveries.

Elf Day- Friday 6th December

The Grinch hates Christmas! The whole Christmas season! Now, please don't ask why. No one quite knows the reason. However, The Grinch has heard of Sun Hill Junior's fantastically festive annual Elf Day and wants to come and see what it is all about.

On Friday 6th December, can the elves from Sun Hill Junior School 'make a difference', and teach the Grinch the spirit of Christmas? Staff and students are invited to come to school in their best elvish festive dress and enjoy Christmas themed activities, based on our 5 ways of Wellbeing.

As you may be aware, Elf Day is a proud Sun Hill Junior School tradition that staff and students look forward to every year. This year we will be fundraising for Friends of SHJS, as well as Naomi House & Jacksplace. Naomi House & Jacksplace is a local hospice that provides individualised care and much needed respite and support for life limited and life threatened children, young adults and the whole family, on the good days, difficult days and last days. This care continues for as long as a family needs. We are asking for a £5 per child donation and all proceeds will go to the school and this amazing local charity. You can make your donation on your child's SCOPAY account or via cash or cheque.

Keep Learning, Connect, Take Notice, Give and Be Active will be the basis of a variety of activities that the children will enjoy throughout the school day. We are excited to inform you that we will also be hosting our own Santa Fun Run in aid of Naomi House & Jacksplace as part of Elf Day. The Santa Fun Run will involve pupils and their teachers dashing around the school grounds, donning Santa Hats and have a jolly good time! £1 of your £5 donation will automatically be donated to the charity. However, if you wish to



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sponsor your child more money to complete the run, please do feel free to do so. Any overpayments will automatically be donated to Naomi House & Jacksplace.

As in previous years the children will have the opportunity to have their photo taken with their friends at the 'Elfie-Selfie Station'. These images will then be uploaded to the school website for families to see. If your child does not have permission for their image to be on our website, their photos will be emailed to you directly by the school office. If you have any questions regarding your child's image permission, please contact the school office.

'Elf attire' should be appropriate for the school day and the fun run. Your child could wear an elf costume, festive colours or their favourite Christmas jumper. Please ensure that your child is wearing sensible footwear.

After school, our Fundraising Ambassadors will also be hosting a 'Second Hand Puzzle and Board Game' sale to encourage lots of family fun over the holidays. More information regarding this will be communicated soon, however, if you have any good quality puzzles or board games that your family would like to donate then please do drop them into the school office.

Thank you for your continued support of Sun Hill Junior School and this Friends of SHJS festive fundraiser.

Christmas Service- Tuesday 17th December

We would like to invite you to our Christmas Carol Service which will be taking place in St. John's church at 10am on Tuesday 17th December. The service will be led this year by Herons class who will be giving readings while the whole school will join in with some much-loved Christmas songs. The whole school will be in attendance for what promises to be an enjoyable and uplifting experience for all.

If we can ask all of you who would like to attend to sit at the back and sides of the church as the pupils will be sitting in the centre rows. We very much look forward to seeing you there.





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Autumn Term Phase Exhibitions- Monday 16th December

As you know, all our students have been working very hard on their projects this term. Lower School have been investigating "What makes a house a home?", whilst Upper School have been discussing "Does money define us?".

We hope you will be able to join us on Monday 16th December at 3pm to view the children's finished pieces from their projects. There will be a range of work on display and opportunities for you to be immersed in some of the children's project learning. The session will start at 3pm and finish at 3.30pm, and you are welcome to join us any time during that half hour. More details regarding these exhibitions will be communicated nearer the time, however, we do hope you will join us to celebrate your child's dedication and hard work this term.

Christmas School Dinners & Disco- Tuesday 17th & Wednesday 18th December

It is now a SHJS tradition to arrange a Festive Lunch for our staff and pupils and we are delighted to again be inviting each class to a Phase Festive Lunch during the last week of term. The week will run like this:

- Lower School- Tuesday 17th December
- Upper School- Wednesday 18th December

The choices will be Roast Turkey and Chipolata (RED) or Parsnips and Sweet Potato Loaf Served (GREEN). Both are accompanied by roast potatoes, carrots, peas, stuffing and gravy. Dessert is a chocolate, orange and cranberry brownie or a shortbread biscuit.

The usual meal charge of £3 for a school dinner will still apply. If your child is in receipt of pupil premium funding then the charge for these meals will be applied in the usual way. If we do not receive a reply slip by Thursday 5th December it will be assumed your child will bring a packed lunch. All food orders must be made in advance and there will be no meal orders taken in class over these 2 days.

If your child wishes to bring a packed lunch from home on the day of their Phase Festive Meal they can decorate their lunchbox with festive bits and pieces (tinsel etc) so



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they feel part of the occasion. For this special day packed lunch food can be especially festive but please remember **NO NUTS**.

The year groups not having Christmas lunch on the other 2 days will be taking lunch in their classes/wing areas and will only have the option of either a pre-ordered school picnic lunch or a packed lunch from home. The school picnic lunch will consist of a freshly made sandwich (Ham, Cheese or Tuna Mayo).

Pupils will also be invited to wear their festive jumpers on the day of their year group meal. Festive music will be playing throughout lunchtime. In the afternoon after their festive meal, the children will be able to enjoy a festive disco with their phase and teachers.

Please can you complete and return the reply slip below by **Thursday 5th December** so that the school kitchen can organise the catering.

Christmas Pantomime Trip- Thursday 19th December

We are so excited to finally reveal the wonderful Christmas treat we have planned for the children at the end of term.

We are delighted to inform you that we will be taking the whole school to The Theatre Royal in Winchester to watch Mother Goose on Thursday 19th December.

<https://www.theatreroyalwinchester.co.uk/whats-on/mother-goose>

With the help and support from our wonderful "Friends of Sun Hill Juniors" and the fundraising efforts of the Admin Team and the Pupil Fundraising Ambassadors we are able to supplement the cost of this trip by a massive 75%!

Because of these wonderful fundraising efforts we only need to ask each parent for a **£5 donation** to enable this trip to go ahead!.

We will be leaving school by coach at 9.30am for the performance starting at 10.30am. We aim to leave Winchester by 12.45pm and return to school by 1pm.

The pupils will have lunch when they return to school. As the school kitchen will be unable to provide lunch at this time, we ask that all pupils bring a packed lunch on this



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day or pre-order a packed lunch from the school kitchen. Please complete the form indicating your child's lunch choice. Pupils will be able to bring a healthy snack with them from their lunchbox to enjoy during the interval. No nuts or nut products please.

A huge thank you to all the parents and pupils who have supported our fundraising efforts to allow us to take every single pupil on this special festive trip.

Breakdown of actual costs of this event.

- Ticket cost is £10.50 per child
- Travel cost is £6.90 per child

Total cost would be £17.40 per child

Please complete the form using this link giving permission for your child to attend and their lunch choice. A form is required for every student.

Last Day of Term- Friday 20th December

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



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the pupils are not allowed to leave independently and must be signed-out. Please complete the form linked below.

Christmas forms to be completed

Elf Day & Panto Permission Form Kingfishers; <https://forms.gle/GNGrFGopm5DhGHGH7>

Elf Day & Panto Permission Form Robins; <https://forms.gle/jZNTpB1GmcZiTc8g6>

Elf Day & Panto Permission Form Woodpeckers; <https://forms.gle/ZoQTnnesdTdKufsy9>

Elf Day & Panto Permission Form Cranes; <https://forms.gle/1JdokfbZTv2gNSxbA>

Elf Day & Panto Permission Form Herons; <https://forms.gle/Q1sjbbigKJRcT5ue8>

Elf Day & Panto Permission Form Swans; <https://forms.gle/9vsXer5kGistKEkf8>

Deadline Friday 29th November

Lower School Festive Dinner; <https://forms.gle/jfPzu6s68JYbgYLP6>

Upper School Festive Dinner; <https://forms.gle/Ed9zMaFnHm2aVwV36>

Deadline Thursday 5th December

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

Deadline 3pm Thursday 19th December

We appreciate that this is a busy time of year for families and hope you will welcome this consolidation of information. Thank you for your ongoing support of our school. If you have any questions regarding these events, please contact the school office.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Griffiths, Head Teacher



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Key Christmas Dates 2024

- Christmas Card Competition Deadline- Thursday 28th November
- Elf Day & Panto Permission Form Deadline- Friday 29th November
- Wellbeing Advent Calendar Challenge Begins- Sunday 1st December
- Christmas Card Postbox Opens- Monday 2nd December
- Festive Lunch Order Deadline- Thursday 5th December
- Elf Day- Friday 6th December
- 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
- Monday 16th December- 3pm Lower & Upper School Exhibitions
- Christmas Service- 10am Tuesday 17th December
- Lower School Festive Dinner & Disco- Tuesday 17th December
- Upper School Festive Dinner & Disco- Wednesday 18th December
- Whole School Christmas Pantomime Trip- Thursday 19th December
- Last day of Autumn Term- Friday 20th December (1pm finish)



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