

SUN HILL





“Sun Hill perfectly prepared them and gave them the skills to be ready for Secondary School”



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Welcome

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to Sun Hill Junior School and all that we have to offer that makes our school a unique and special place to grow and learn. SHJS is a community that I am extremely proud to be the Headteacher of and take so much joy and overwhelming pride in seeing all the achievements that happen every day.

As a school, we are continually working to improve the experiences that we offer all our children. From our in class learning environments, to the many extra-curricular activities we invest in, ensuring that our children succeed in and out of the classroom. Our staff team are extremely dedicated and invested in delivering the highest quality teaching as well as nurturing the individual. We believe it is crucial that we work together, in partnership, to ensure that your child gets the very best from their time at SHJS.

We understand that your child only gets one chance to complete their journey through a junior school and we therefore take that responsibility extremely seriously. It is important to us all at SHJS to strive to provide the best possible social and educational outcomes for your child.

Our goal is to open up opportunities for our children through an exciting curriculum which we are continually developing, in a safe and supportive environment. We want the children to engage in their learning and continue to be happy and successful learners who are equipped with the skills they need for their futures.

Sue Griffiths
Headteacher





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I like that everyone is friends. The teachers are so nice because they help me when I need it. The lessons are really fun and if I find things easy they will challenge me. One of our rules is that when you find something hard, take a step back and do an easier one and work towards your goals.”

A message from the Executive Headteacher

Education begins at birth and continues throughout an individual's life.

We are privileged within the Perins MAT that we can provide positive influences and experiences for many people during their learning journey.

I always state that the main job of a headteacher is not just about delivering the high-quality teaching but also embracing learning experiences and the highest academic standards. These are important and we ensure that our staff are able to provide these.

The main job of a head is to ensure that students are safe and happy. The students and staff at Sun Hill Juniors, take it from me, are warm, welcoming and confident. They drive each other forward and they will not settle for second best.

Our ambition for your child is to receive the highest quality education rivalling that of the best schools in the country. Our students are the kings and queens and they drive everything we do as a MAT. Without them we are nothing. Therefore everything we do is for them and they are at the heart of every decision we make and every opportunity we make available.

Steve Jones
Executive Headteacher



Vision and values

As a school we are passionate about giving our children a love of learning. Through our **STARS** learning values we aim to develop each child's strengths but also help them achieve in areas that they may find challenging.

“To foster a safe and secure environment in which to flourish”

Sue Griffiths, Headteacher



- Devote serious effort
- Struggle against a challenge
- Facing your fears
- Do not give up
- Use initiative



- Telling the truth
- Being relied upon
- Keeping promises
- Given responsibilities
- Great team partner work in class
- Being independent



- Work towards a target
- Organised
- Ready to learn – focus
- Being ready with resources – organised with equipment needed
- Generating original ideas
- Being responsible for self-learning



- Experiment
- Learn from mistakes
- It's okay to be wrong
- I'll have another try
- Use a different method
- Know personal strengths and weaknesses
- Embrace challenges
- Persist in the face of a challenge
- Growth mindset



- Working in a team
- Encourage effort
- Boost moral
- To sustain perseverance
- Uphold school values and rules



Our curriculum

Confidence, Initiative and Diversity are the drivers of our curriculum.



SKILLS EMERGING FROM OUR CURRICULUM ARE COMPETENCE AND CONFIDENCE TO:

- Read and write purposefully and reflectively
- Listen and speak respectfully to convey ideas
- Calculate efficiently and apply skills to solve problems
- Use new technology confidently and appropriately

USING INITIATIVE TO:

- Undertake and embrace challenges
- Work independently and in collaboration
- Commit with focus and resilience
- Reflect individually and collaboratively

USING DIVERSE AND CREATIVE THINKING TO:

- Ask questions to extend thinking
- Generate ideas and explore possibilities
- Overcome barriers by trying out alternatives and adapting or developing ideas
- Connect ideas and experiences in inventive ways

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My daughter has just gone into year 3 at SHJS and the process has been very smooth. The school kept us informed about the transition process and gave us opportunities to ask questions and to put our minds at rest. My daughter loves her teacher and the exciting activities that are new to her.”





“As parents we love the community feel of the school, the friendly competition between the houses and the message to children to strive to be the best person that they can be.”

Why choose SHJS?

- Strong child centered, valued approach to education and personal development
- Engaging classrooms which support students understanding and knowledge, each equipped with interactive whiteboards and screens
- Strong links to Sun Hill Infant School and Perins School, making transitions between Infants, Juniors and on to Secondary school smoother
- A wonderful bright and open Library 'Discovery Suite'
- New IT resources recently purchased with the help of a pro-active and dedicated PTA
- A nurture room for 1:1 sessions and small group work
- Newly equipped Arts, D.T, IT and cooking areas
- A year 6 Common room, exclusively for this year group
- A multi-use games area and extensive outdoor space
- A standalone separate space for peripatetic music and drama lessons
- On-site Breakfast & After School club that works closely with the school to provide a safe, secure and enriching environment before and after school.





About our School

Students are welcome to arrive from 8.45am and will be supervised in the playground before school begins.

- 8.55 Morning registration
- 9.05 Morning lessons begin
- 10.45 Morning break
- 11.00 Morning lessons continue
- 12.00 Lunch
- 12.55 Afternoon lessons begin
- 2.55 Afternoon lessons continue
- 3.30 End of the school day

Assemblies

- Monday Whole school
- Tuesday Singing assembly
- Wednesday Well-being assembly
- Thursday Lower school
- Thursday Upper school
- Friday Celebration assembly

Wraparound care

At SHJS we understand the importance of providing our parents with wraparound care options. Our chosen care provider is The Alresford Youth Association (The AYA). They offer an on-site Breakfast and After School Club in a dedicated space located at Sun Hill Junior School. They cater for both Junior and Infant School pupils. Breakfast club starts at 7.30am and After School Club provides care until 6pm.

After School Club comes with the option of a hot or cold meal from a nutritious and varied rotating menu. Students are welcome to complete homework, participate in outdoor play and games and engage with hobbies and crafts in a safe, fully staffed environment.

For more information please see the Alresford Youth Association website: www.theaya.org/services

Lunches

At lunchtime, staff and students eat lunch together in our hall. Our School lunches are supplied by catering provider HC3S.

“At HC3S, our ethos is about tasty food to help children flourish. And to do that it helps if they eat a healthy diet. By providing nutritious food, cooked fresh every day and which is responsibly sourced, we give children a balanced diet with choices that aid concentration levels and gives them energy to focus and to play.” HC3S catering company

“ My daughter has thoroughly enjoyed her SH experience all the way through from year 3-6. She is engaged in her learning, has many opportunities, and certainly feels that she is cared for by all of the amazing staff.”

Menu's are changed twice a year (Easter to October half-term & October half-term to Easter) and meals are charged at £2.50 per day. This includes a main meal along with additional bread and salad which is available daily. A selection of alternative desserts (bananas, apples, oranges, yoghurts, rice pots, fruit pots, cheeses, fruit juices and low-sugar desserts) are also available each day. If you feel your child may be entitled to a free school meal then please contact the school office.

Alternatively, children are welcome to bring a packed lunch. These should be clearly labelled with your child's name and class. We politely ask that no nuts are included in any lunchbox items as we have number of pupils in school with allergies. We encourage healthy eating in school and have a policy of no sweets, crisps or chocolate bars for morning break.

We operate an online payment system for lunches, please visit our website for further information.

Uniform

At Sun Hill Junior School we believe that wearing a school uniform evokes a feeling of pride in the school and the individual. It also helps children to have a strong sense of identity and feel part of the school community, however it is not compulsory to wear our logo as long as the school colours and style is adhered to.





A day in the Life of a student

By two year 6 students.

“When you join Sun Hill Juniors in year 3, you will be in Ladybird or Dragonfly class. Whichever teacher you have, in whatever class you are in, all the staff are kind, supportive and all-round stars.

A normal day begins with putting your bag on either a peg (lower school) or in a locker (upper school), if you have a packed lunch you put it on a trolley or order your delicious hot meal on the laptop from the 3 options. When you get into class, you are set an Early Morning Activity to complete whether it's editing, mental arithmetic or simply reading. Your first lesson will be either Maths or English. Break is a good time to catch up with friends and relax. After break, you will have an hour of lessons until its lunchtime.

At Sun Hill we have two amazing playgrounds, a MUGA for sport, a clamber stack and a field, it's great having so much outdoor space. During lunch time we have a wide variety of activities to keep us busy, we are lucky to have two ping pong tables, giant connect 4 sets and lots of sports equipment! After lunch you have a few more lessons including topic, your class language and every day we run a 'daily mile.'”

On Fridays we have a celebration assembly in which there are certificates for children who have followed our STARS reward scheme. STARS stands for **Strive, Trust, Aspire, Resilience** and **Support**. There are other awards for knowing your times tables and Music certificates for when you achieve twenty merits. Also we have the Clean Sweep Award for the tidiest area of the school! It's really fun!

Throughout your Sun Hill journey, you will have plenty of opportunities to apply for different roles whether it's the school council, running your own clubs, being a sports leader or being house captain. We also have a sports day in the Summer on our field and we can take part in lots of Creative Arts activities, there is always so much going on at school whatever you are interested in.



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Trustees message

It gives me great pleasure as Chair of Trustees of The Perins Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) to welcome you to our Junior School, Sun Hill Junior School, on behalf of The Perins MAT Board of Trustees and Local Advisory Board (LAB).

The Trustees and LAB are involved with SHJS at every level. While focusing on the all-important safe, successful and happy education and wellbeing of our junior school pupils, our responsibilities include safeguarding, health & safety, finance, premises management and staff appointments.

Our Trustees and the LAB are appointed and elected from local community, parents and staff to ensure that appropriate objectives are set and that planning for our pupils involves both high and realistic expectations. Trustees provide strategic direction for the schools in The MAT, monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of our schools, and holding school leadership to account for the quality of education achieved.

The Local Advisory Boards advise the Trustees on local matters pertaining to each school and help the board frame the vision for the schools long term development. These Local Advisory Boards have replaced the previous Local Governing Boards and have been created to ensure that there is effective communication between the Trust Board and the stakeholders in each school.

At Sun Hill Junior School, we are fortunate to have a wonderful team of staff, ably led by Mrs Griffiths, who devotes a huge amount of time and effort every day to ensuring that your children are learning and developing in a creative, caring and safe environment, inspired by the 'STARS' values and 'Make a Difference' moto.

It is a privilege to be involved in the leadership and direction of SHJS and I look forward to welcoming you to Sun Hill Junior School and to The Perins MAT.

Katy Toms
Chair of Board of Trustees
The Perins MAT





“The teachers and support staff are incredibly nurturing and caring. All staff know the students names and take a genuine interest in their lives.”

The Friends of SHJS

The Friends of Sun Hill Junior school is a hardworking and welcoming team of people who have a connection to the school. The Friends play a key role in supplementing and enhancing the learning environment of the school through fundraising whilst providing as many opportunities as possible for enriching the school experience for all.

In the last few years, funds have been raised for outdoor play equipment, library resources, Chrome books and many Well-Being related activities. Other support has been offered with the funding and organising of creative arts and science days throughout the school years.

Friends events are spread throughout the year- from back to school bonfires, to Christmas discos, to Alresford Duck Race cafes and fun runs. As well as fundraising, involvement in Friends promotes a greater understanding and closer integration into the school community and an opportunity to meet other parents.

All parents of children at the school are automatically members of the Friends association and we are always keen to include other interested members of our community. Involvement can be as much or as little as people are able to give, from helping on a stall at the Spring Fair, face painting at a wider community event, coming along to our half termly meetings or taking a role on the committee. It is hugely satisfying to be part of an organisation which supports the school in delivering high-quality education to our children.

Our fundraising efforts for the 2021/2022 academic year will be to help, support and enhance the outdoor areas of the school along with post-Covid well-being of the whole school community.

Isobel Dix,
**The Friends of
Sun Hill Junior School**





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