



# ST NICHOLAS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Road, Hurst, Berkshire RG10 0DR

**NEWSLETTER 03 – 24<sup>th</sup> September 2020**



The organic baby food co.

## St Nicholas School Vision Statement

*Delivering a firm foundation for our childrens' future success by celebrating individual and community achievement, built on Christian values.*

## ONLINE CHURCH SERVICE

Join us on at 11:00am on Sunday for our virtual service.  
Visit [www.thru-christ.org.uk](http://www.thru-christ.org.uk) for the link.



*This week's Growth Mindset thought...*

**"If you have good thoughts they will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely."**  
*Rosald Dahl*

## School Calendar

### September

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Bag2School Collection (see PTA page regarding where and when to drop off bags)  
Fri 25<sup>th</sup> EYFS Photograph for The Wokingham Paper  
Weds 30<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival (donations to the shelter outside the Hall by 9:15am)

### October

5<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> Parent Consultations: Parents will be sent login information regarding online booking for a telephone appointment with the class teacher/s.  
Thu 1<sup>st</sup> School Census (see Menu change below)  
Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Open Morning (by appointment only)  
Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Messy Church at St Nicholas Church, 11am. To book your place, please email [jenny.beasley1@btinternet.com](mailto:jenny.beasley1@btinternet.com)  
Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> **INSET DAY**  
26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> **HALF TERM**



## Looking for a New Challenge? Join Our Team!

We seek enthusiastic volunteers who are keen to learn new skills, work with young people and get out and about, to help out with our Beavers (6-8 years, Tuesday 5.30-6.45pm) or Scouts (10-14 years, Thurs 7.15-9pm) sections. No previous experience in Scouting is needed - our team will provide all the support you need to run these fun, once weekly term time sessions in our local Scout Hut on School Road in Hurst.

If you would like to learn more about either of these opportunities, please call James on 07909 913614 or email [maddens@gmail.com](mailto:maddens@gmail.com)

## SCHOOL CENSUS, THURSDAY 1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER

### MENU CHANGE

Our school receives funding based on the number of children having a school lunch on Census Day. In order to encourage as many pupils to have a school lunch on this day, Thursday's menu has changed:

### OPTION A (Main)

Pork Sausage in a hot dog roll, served with chips and vegetable sticks

### OPTION B (Vegetarian)

Vegetarian Sausage in a hot dog roll, served with chips and vegetable sticks

### DESSERT

Chocolate Cake

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### **Baby News**

Congratulations to Lara and Otto who have welcomed a new baby sister, Zuri, into their family on 9<sup>th</sup> September. They are having lots of fun helping look after her and enjoying cuddles!

### **Thank you**

Thank you to Isabelle (Year 2) and her family who have made a very generous donation of £100 towards learning materials. The donation is much appreciated and we wish Isabelle all the very best in her new school.



### **Is my Child too ill for school?**

Please take some time to visit this very useful page on the NHS website which gives very good advice on lots of childhood illnesses [www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/](https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/). An NHS Test and Trace letter for parents and carers is also attached.

If your child has:  
a runny nose, is sneezing or  
feeling unwell  
But they don't have:  
a high temperature  
a new, continuous cough, or  
a loss of, or change in,  
sense of smell or taste

These are  
**not normally symptoms of  
coronavirus**

Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial  
111 or see your GP

If your child has:  
a high temperature  
a new, continuous cough, or  
a loss of, or change in, sense of  
smell or taste

This could be a sign of  
coronavirus

**Book a test**



Welcome to the new school year for TT Rockstars and Numbots! It is fantastic to be back awarding certificates.

Well done to **Sophie** and **Olivia** (both Blake) who have become Rock Stars and to **Lucas J** (TS Eliot) who is now a Rock Legend. Great work!

Most correct answers and most coins earned this week go to **Cruz** (Blake). **Lucas J** (TS Eliot) is the most improved player and **Poppy** (Blake) has had the greatest improvement in accuracy.

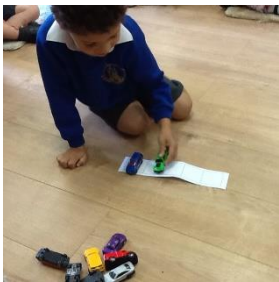
Milne Class have been working tremendously hard on Numbots. The following children have achieved their Rust certificates: **Annabelle, Arthur, Courtney, Freddie B, Ivy, Jack, Sean J, Sebastian, Sienna S** and **Henry W**. Congratulations to them! Well done to **Mena** (De La Mare) who has achieved Iron level and **Eva** (Donaldson) who has reached Tin. Finally, the weekly certificates have been awarded to **Grace** (Milne) for the biggest improvement in accuracy and to **Lacey** (De La Mare) for the most correct answers and the greatest increase in levels. Well done all!



### **Parent Consultation Telephone Appointments and Online Booking**

A letter has been emailed to parents today with information on our online booking system for a telephone appointment with their class teacher/s. You will also have received login details in order to access the booking system, which opens on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September. The system allows only one booking per child; if you require an additional appointment, please contact the school office.

The online booking page is <https://www.st-nicholas.wokingham.sch.uk/connect/parents-evening/>



### Milne Class Update

I cannot believe it is the end of week 4 already! So much has been happening in Milne class! The children continue to work hard on their letter sounds and reading. The 'curiosity cube' is now in place and ready to go and has already encouraged the children to ask questions about the contents but this week, we have been showing off our Maths skills! From Autumn collections to sorting circles to reading 'A squash and a squeeze', this week has all been about what makes counting tricky or easy. The children have worked out for themselves that trying to count groups or piles doesn't give you the best results but lining

objects up means "you can see everything!" We have also introduced the '5-frame' and it did not take these bright sparks long to work out that they didn't need to count at all if every square had one object in, it was always going to be 5! Looking forward to exploring patterns and number patterns next week!

In RE, Milne class have been learning all about The Creation Story. We discovered what Christians believe about how God made the world and what animals he included. We wondered why God made Jellyfish and then had a go at making our own. The all look so wonderful and colourful - well done Milne!



Merits awarded to **Mollie** for growing in confidence and making new friends; **Charlotte** for working hard and successfully finding the pulse and copying the rhyme in music and **Arthur** for thinking of the safety of others in PE and consistently waiting for a safe space before throwing. Stars awarded to **Ivy** for her fantastic independent number work and **Freddie** for a super drawing of an octopus in RE.



### Donaldson Class Update

Donaldson have been very busy this week looking for lost toys! First Dogger, a character in a book we have been reading, went missing and children had to write a very detailed description of what he looked like for a poster to help find him. Next, we could not find our class bear Ted anywhere. We had to search high and low to find him. Eventually he turned up after having gone on a big adventure. He had written the class a postcard, which the children very eagerly responded to.

Our merits last week went to Hallie for persevering and wanting to do extra maths work, Sophia for her excellent work in blending and segmenting letters in Phonics, Charlotte for her thoughtfulness towards a friend and Holly for challenging herself with mathematical problems. Our stars went to Winnie for her superb acting in a retelling of a story and Poppy for her fantastic reasoning in Maths. Well done!

### De La Mare Class Update

Year 2 have become expert minibeast hunters this week. Searching under plant pots, under the tyres and in bushes, they recorded the different types of invertebrates that they had discovered whilst also learning about different microhabitats around the school. They then changed this data into a pictogram.

Last week's stars awarded to **Bruno** for challenging himself in Maths and to **Amelia C** for excellent answers when discussing a story. Well done to **Megan** for receiving a merit for excellent sounding out in phonics and to **Lauren** for demonstrating a growth mindset when reasoning in maths. Congratulations also to **Noah** for his merit for persevering with his handwriting.





### TS Eliot Class Update (Year 3)

Last week, in Religious Education, we studied the five Ks of Sikhism and the children created a poster with text boxes and illustrations to explain the five Panja Kakka of the Khalsa Sikhs. The children were enthralled, learning about the: kesh, kara, kanga, kachera and the kirpan.

In English, the children published their Stone Age recounts, some of which have been displayed on the corridor noticeboard for everyone to marvel at. I am sure you will agree, the children have worked hard to produce beautifully written accounts, fully of adverbials, past tense verbs and similes.

In Maths, the children focused on number lines and by the end of the week, solved reasoning problems, using their newly acquired skills.

Merits last week awarded to:

Respect: **Amelia**, for displaying such politeness in class.

Growth Mindset: **Martha**, for working so much harder in all subjects.

Friendship: **Violet**, for being so kind and such a good friend to her new classmate Myra.

Stars of the Week awarded to:

**Reiley**, for working so hard in class at all times and making excellent choices.

**William**, for achieving so much mathematically this week.

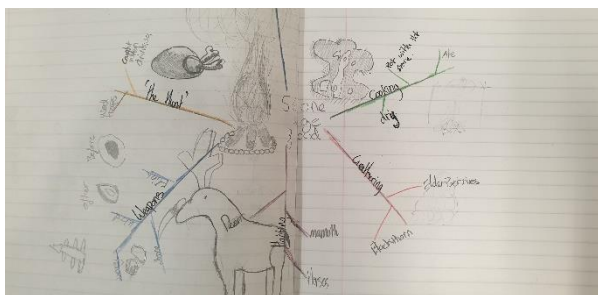
**Lola**, for producing such fabulously well-written work in English.



### Year 4 Update

This week in Year 4, we have been very busy working on lots of the basics. We have spent some time thinking about strategies for working out times tables and thought about different ways to learn spellings.

In English we finished our stories based on the book Stone Age Boy. This gave us an opportunity to look at how we can edit work and be the teacher, correcting mistakes. The stories have been fun to read and you should have the opportunity to see them for yourselves before Parent Consultations in October.



### Longfellow Class Update 'Meat-ing our Ancestors!'

Longfellow have been time travelling again this week to 'meat' some of our very distant ancestors. We headed back to the middle stone age, some 10,000 years ago, to find out what they might have eaten. We learnt that they would probably have used hunting and gathering techniques to collect food - hunting creatures that would have looked very different from the animals we know today. We learnt about some of their clever hunting strategies (like sneaking up on animals when they were

drinking in rivers or using trained dogs) and what weapons and tools they might have made to help them.

Some of the plants, fruit and nuts that they may have collected can still be found today, and although our lives are very different today, we discovered that many of us still follow in their ancient footsteps by collecting blackberries and other fruits in modern Britain. We watched videos, read information and even hunted animals found around the class to widen our knowledge, then tried to put all that information into a mind map.

### Blake Class Update

On Monday, as part of the Wokingham Children's Book Festival we welcomed, through the magic of MS Teams, the author Cath Howe to our classroom. She discussed her planning, writing and editing process (explaining that some chapters of her most recent book were the 40<sup>th</sup> draft!) and then set us a writing task based on a mystery object. Blake Class produced some top quality writing about a mysterious wooden chest.



Stars of last week: **Sophie**, for thoughtful contributions and questions during class discussion and **Daniel** for effective development of characters in his 'Rock Paper Scissors' story.

Merits: **Arlo**, for thoughtfulness- creative responses to a class text; **Roxy**, for growth mindset- in improving her 'Rock Paper Scissors' story; and **Rebecca**, for friendship- working well with other pupils in class.

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# PTA NEWS UPDATE

Hello all, and hope you had a good week.

We hope you have all seen the email about the virtual PTA meeting, which will take place this Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 9.30-10.30am. If you would like to join, please send your email address to [mike\\_rand@hotmail.com](mailto:mike_rand@hotmail.com) so you can be added to the meeting.

## PTA Bags to School Clothing & Textile Collection – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September

This is a scheme we have used many times in the past to help raise funds for the school and it's a great way of clearing out your unwanted clothes! The school get money for the total weight of the goods received.

Please drop off the bags to the shelter area by the School Hall by 9.00am. If the morning poses any difficulties, we can accept them on Thursday afternoon.

**BAG 2 SCHOOL**  
FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS  
In partnership with your school or organisation  
**St Nicholas C E Primary School**

  
www.bag2school.com



Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.



By using this paper leaflet we are helping to reduce unnecessary extra plastic. Please use your own bag or bags (there is no limit). The leaflet is FSC accredited, please recycle it.

When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

**We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:**  
Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.  
(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)

**The more we weigh the more we pay!**  
Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit

**Please return your Bag2School on:**

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 [helpdesk@bag2school.com](mailto:helpdesk@bag2school.com)

**Friday September 25 2020 by 9am**



**Amazon Wish List** Our teachers have carefully selected wish list items that will inspire and support the children's learning, including books, classroom resources, art and craft supplies and gardening resources. Staff will continue to add items over the school year. They really do make a difference to all the children to benefit from these added extras to enhance their learning! If you would like to purchase something from the selection available, please visit the following link:

[www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/WZSU6HFJ8FGO?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/WZSU6HFJ8FGO?ref=wl_share)



**EasyFundraising App** Please download this if you haven't already. It's such an easy way to raise funds for the school. You can just do your usual shopping e.g. on Amazon but if you do it via the App, the school get a percentage (at no additional cost to you!)

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stnicholasprimaryhurst](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stnicholasprimaryhurst)

If any parent would like to talk to us directly about the PTA, please contact Mike or Louise on [mike\\_rand@hotmail.com](mailto:mike_rand@hotmail.com) or [louisej125@hotmail.com](mailto:louisej125@hotmail.com)

Many thanks to all and kind regards

The PTA Team ☺

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