



# ST NICHOLAS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Road, Hurst, Berkshire RG10 0DR

**NEWSLETTER 06 – 15<sup>th</sup> October 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.



## Poppy Appeal

Unfortunately, we will not be selling poppies at school this year. However, poppies will still be available to purchase from our local British Legion volunteer.

If you would like to make a purchase, please call Keith Bunce on **0118 979 1068** or email [jayandkaybee@btinternet.com](mailto:jayandkaybee@btinternet.com)

Alternatively, make an online donation by visiting [www.britishlegion.org.uk](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk)



## School Calendar

### October

- 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> EYFS Parent Telephone Consultations
- Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Virtual School Disco (KS1 5pm / KS2 6pm)
- 17<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> Wokingham Children's Book Festival
- 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)
- 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> Year 6 - Level 1&2 Bikeability training (2 days)
- Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> **INSET DAY – School closed**
- 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> **HALF TERM** (For information on various children's holiday clubs please see our website under 'News and Events' tab.)
- Sat 31<sup>st</sup> This Little Light - Lantern Night, St Nicholas Church 5.00-6.30pm
- Sat 31<sup>st</sup> Application deadline for Year 7 places

### November

- Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> School Reopens
- Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Sunday
- Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Non-Uniform Day (see Page 2 for details)
- Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Day
- Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Children in Need – £1 donation in exchange for wearing spotty-inspired top/accessories.
- Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Open Morning for 2021 intake (by appt only)

### December

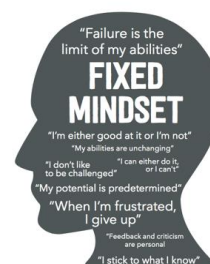
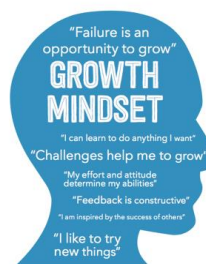
- Thu 3<sup>rd</sup> Flu Vaccination for all pupils from YR - Y6  
[www.berkshireimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu](http://www.berkshireimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu)

## GOLD AWARDS



Congratulations to

**William**  
in De La Mare class  
who achieved a Gold Award



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

**Perseverance is a great element of success. If you only knock long enough and loud enough at the gate, you are sure to wake up somebody.**

*Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*

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### Wellbeing Area

We would like to thank the PTA for funding a wellbeing area in the corridor outside the Headteacher and SENCO offices. This is a calming area where all pupils have the opportunity for quiet reflection time should they be experiencing anxieties and worries. The area has ambient lighting and a range of resources proven to support children's mindfulness and relaxation techniques.



### Childhood Flu Vaccine, 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Online Consent Form

Parents will have received an email on Tuesday with instructions on how to give consent or non-consent for the flu vaccine on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. All parents must complete this, even if you do not want your child to be vaccinated. Please visit [www.berkshireimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu](http://www.berkshireimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu) and insert the school's unique code: **BK147377** by 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020.



This week **Harrison** (Longfellow) leads the way with awards for the greatest earner and the most correct answers. He has also become a Rockstar. Well done, Harrison! Congratulations also to **Noah W** (TS Eliot) who was the most accurate player and to **Lola C** (Blake) who had the greatest improvement in speed. **William B** (Blake) is also now a Busker. Well done!

Numbots players continue to impress and this week is no exception. **Primrose** (De La Mare) and **Mollie** and **Chloe** (both Milne) have completed Rust level. Iron award winners are **Sean J** (Milne) and **Noah J** (De La Mare) whereas **Clementine** and **Leo** (both De La Mare) have conquered Tin Stage. Well done to all! **Bruno** (De La Mare) had the most correct answers and **Lacey** (De La Mare) went up the most levels. Great work!



### Non-Uniform Day, Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November

We have chosen a Monday as no classes have PE and can wear their own clothes for the whole day. Please bring a voluntary donation to school. We suggest a donation of £1-£2 per child. Clothing choices need to be practical and warm so pupils can safely play at break and lunch times and complete the daily mile.

### Funtastic Kids Half Term Holiday Camp



**October Half Term Holiday Camps**

Dependable childcare in a safe environment

Open Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October

9:30am - 3:30pm: £21.50 Sibling: £17  
8am - 6pm: £30 Sibling: £23.50  
Additional hour options:  
8:30am - 9:30am and 3:30pm - 4:30pm  
£3 per child per hour.

Ofsted registered – ages 4-15  
Mixed sports and Autumn themed timetable

**Locations**  
Alder Grove - Burghfield St Mary's - Earley St Peter's  
Emmbrook Infants - Gorse Ride - Hatch Ride - Hawkedon  
Hawthorns - Highwood - King's Academy Oakwood  
Sonning CofE - Springfield - Woodley CofE

**Illustration:** A pirate character with a skull and crossbones on his hat, holding a sword, and a girl with a magnifying glass. There are also autumn leaves and a hedgehog.

[www.funtastickids.co.uk](http://www.funtastickids.co.uk) - [bookings@funtastickids.co.uk](mailto:bookings@funtastickids.co.uk) - 07715643412

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### Milne Class News

We continued our theme of space this week and created our own chalk-based space pictures. These were inspired by Van Gogh's 'The Starry Night'. We learned about different lines (straight, curved etc) and techniques (smudging and flicking) to help us but I think the best bit was creating all the pom-pom aliens!

In Maths, we have been learning all about repeating patterns whilst in Literacy, we have now finished all of our Phase 2 letter sounds! Amazing! Next week will be spent consolidating this learning and working on our blending skills.

Merits were awarded to **Chloe** for thinking so carefully about the construction of her junk model rocket; **Henry** for his fantastic ideas during our space theme and **Annabelle** for her super efforts in making new friends.

Stars of the Week were **Charlotte** for volunteering to help a friend look for something they had lost and **Mollie** for her fantastic moves and poses in yoga.

### Donaldson Class News

This week children have been learning about the importance of Harvest Festival. To celebrate we created our own amazing collages of different fruit and vegetables and collated them to make a display to remind us to be thankful for the food we have.

Merits were awarded to **Eva** for showing a Growth Mindset when working on number bonds, **Charlotte** for using her phonics to help spell words and for **Sophia** for helping a friend in Maths.

Stars of the week were **Holly** for finding all the number bonds to 10 in Maths and **Hallie** for working hard on reading and writing tricky words!



### De La Mare Class News

This week Year 2 have been progressing their addition knowledge. We have been using concrete resources such as Numicon and tens frames to embed various addition facts, including number bonds that make 100.

Merits were awarded to **Primrose** for always offering to help; **Theo** for persevering with his handwriting and **Clementine** for showing kindness to a classmate.

Stars of the Week were **Bruno** for detailed work on the Five Pillars of Islam and **Leo** received a star for perseverance when tackling a symmetry problem in maths.

### TS Eliot Class News (Year 3)

This week, in science, T.S Eliot were visited by the palaeontologist Mary Anning, who spoke of her life as a fossil finder on the Jurassic coast. The children were keen to ask questions and share their findings and knowledge. The children then researched about specific fossil finds and reported back their opinions and observations. In Religious Education, the children explored the idea of commitment in their own lives and how then discovered how commitment is displayed within the Sikh faith, in the Amrit ceremony. The children used the imperative in English to give clear instructions to create a Stone Age craft and later produced a craft piece, following their instructions.

Merits were awarded to **Emilia**, **Arabella**, **Maddie**, **Martha M**, **Addison** and **Evie** for friendship.

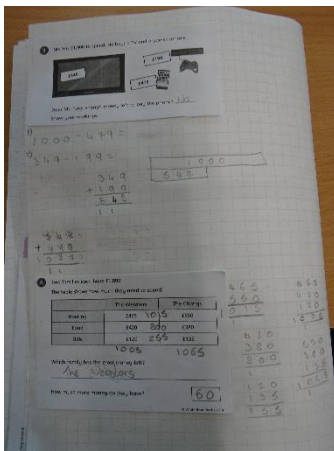
Stars of the Week were **Lily** for amazing independent writing in English; and **Oscar** for phenomenal work in RE.





### Year 4 News

We love Science Fridays. Last week, we learned about thermometers and how to read the scale, taking temperatures in different areas of the school. We continued our topic on states of matters and learned about how particles move about in their different forms as solids, liquids and gases. Melting ice and recording temperatures was great fun. Flying frogs are still our focus in English as our reporters put together their newspaper reports to record the event. Stars of the week were **Evie** for getting to grips with column subtraction; and **Henry S** for his enthusiastic attitude towards Maths.



### Longfellow Class News (Year 5)

#### **Raising the Bar (model)**

This week, Year 5 have been finding strategies in order to simplify multi-step word problems in Maths. SUMtimes it can be tricky to work out exactly what a long written question is asking of us. But, we learnt that by drawing out problems and representing information in bars, then the calculations needed became easier to spot. It all 'Added up' to maximum marks by the end of the week!

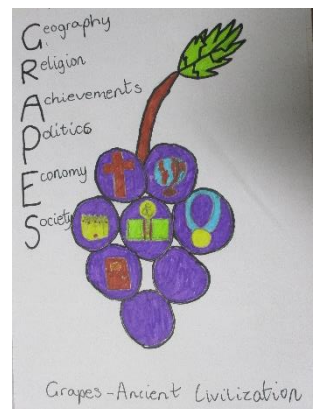
Longfellow's Maths 'Joke of the Week': Why did the two fours skip lunch? They already eight!

### Blake Class News

In our history area of topic, we have been learning about the defining features of civilisations - GRAPES (Geography, Religion, Achievements, Politics, Economy and Social Structure) and then applying them to design our own civilisations. The pupils proudly presented home learning projects about their various new lands and peoples in role as a representative from their country/civilisation. We heard about a diverse range of exciting lands as Double Bubble (Lola) and the Jacooba Tribe (Jacob). Mrs Prince also experimented with writing messages in the language developed in Harland (Harley).

Merits were awarded to **Sean** and **Daniel** for thoughtfulness; and **Arlo** for perseverance.

Stars of the Week were **Poppy** for a positive attitude towards her work and an infectious enthusiasm for tasks; and **Ayla** for her 'view from my window' artwork.



# PTA NEWS UPDATE

Hello to all,

## **Virtual Disco, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October – TOMORROW!!!**

We are very excited about the virtual disco party tomorrow!

**5pm-5.40pm for the Infants**

**6pm-6.40pm for the Juniors**

We have hired a professional entertainer who will host the disco. Activities might include scavenger hunt, dance routines and X-Factor games. You can see more at [www.johnjohnny.co.uk/kids-virtual-disco](http://www.johnjohnny.co.uk/kids-virtual-disco) where there are loads of testimonials!



There are still some last minute tickets available using <https://paypal.me/VirtualDisco>

£5 per child/ £8.50 for 2 children and £11.50 for 3 children.

Please remember to put your child's name as a reference.

**Once you have paid, don't forget to grab your child/ren's party bag! The bags contain the Zoom details you need to log into the party! Please log in 5 minutes before the party starts as it will be locked soon after the start time for security reasons. There will be one final opportunity on FRIDAY at the end of the school day in the shelter to collect party bags.** There are also still some bags spare for £2 each for siblings who do not attend St Nicholas. Please note that you need exact change though on the day.

The Castle Inn has offered to make the children's pizzas to help make the evening even more fun!

- Individual Child size pizzas - Margarita (£5) or Pepperoni (£6).
- Email [stnicholasptadisco@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholasptadisco@gmail.com) to place your order by Thursday 15th October 7pm.
- Please specify the time slot you would like to collect from The Castle Inn on the Friday evening (anytime between 4pm to 6pm).
- Payment to be made on collection of pizzas.
- The Castle are kindly donating profits to the PTA.



A huge thank you to Rhiannon Jones and Claire Goff for organising it! We can't wait for the fun!

**Chocoholics – look out for an email coming out tomorrow.**

## **Upcoming Fundraising Ideas**

The other fundraising things we are looking into for the term include:

- Non Uniform Day – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November
- Dare to be Different day
- Santa Fun Run
- Virtual Quiz Night

We also continue to welcome any other ideas from parents. You can let us know via the PTA Facebook page, your class reps or email. Thank you!

## **School Uniform and PTA Shed**

The PTA shed has been sorted and organised! There were a LOT of second-hand, good quality, uniforms in there. It may take a bit longer than we anticipated to go through and sort according to sizes but once we have done so, we will let parents know the range of items we have available via the PTA Facebook page and in a newsletter.

## **Cake Sales**

Each class normally does a cake sale during the school year and the proceeds raised are given to the class to spend. Since there can be no cake sales this term, the PTA have decided to give £150 each to the two classes who would have done the cake sales (Blake and De La Mare.) Blake will get the money now and De La Mare will get theirs in November.

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**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! Unfortunately, the items arrive without the School knowing who they have come from, thus we are unable to send a personalised 'thank you'. 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](http://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](http://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 😊