



ST NICHOLAS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Road, Hurst, Berkshire RG10 0DR

NEWSLETTER 08 – 5th November 2020



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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 for the link.

World History Timeline

Thank you to all parents of our Class of 2020 Year 6 leavers who paid for this impressive World History timeline that has recently been installed in the corridor outside Blake class.

It has also been personalised to include the opening of St Nicholas School in 1818 and our bicentenary in 2018.



School Calendar

November

- Sun 8th Remembrance Sunday Poppies available to buy from Keith Bunce 0118 979 1068
jayandkaybee@btinternet.com or make a donation at www.britishlegion.org.uk
- Mon 9th Non-Uniform / Dare to be Different Day (see PTA page)
- Wed 11th Remembrance Day
- Fri 13th Children in Need – £1 donation in exchange for wearing spotty-inspired top/accessories.
- Fri 27th PTA Meeting, 9:30am via Teams

December

- Thu 3rd Flu Vaccination for all pupils from YR - Y6
www.berkshireimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu
- Fri 4th Virtual Christmas Disco (more info to follow)
- Sat 5th Open Morning for 2021 intake (by appt only)
- Tue 8th PTA Santa Run
- Tue 15th Christmas Craft Day
- Fri 18th Christmas Jumper Day
- Fri 18th **Last Day of Term, 1:30pm**

January

- Mon 4th **INSET DAY - School Closed**
- Tues 5th School reopens from 8:35am

GOLD AWARDS



Congratulations to

Sophie
in Blake class

who achieved a Gold Award



This week's Growth Mindset thought...

We know what we are, but know not what we may be.
William Shakespeare

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Dexter and Archie help the Community



During half term, **Dexter** (Year 4) and **Archie** (Year 1) asked what they could do to help those less fortunate. They discovered the *Woodley Lunch Bunch* who operate a packed lunch delivery service to local children during the holidays. They deliver twice weekly to families who are struggling and suffering financial hardship.

The boys created posters and displayed a collection box outside the house; we received donations from neighbours, friends and classmates. Dexter and Archie filled eight shopping bags with donations and *Woodley Lunch Bunch* were delighted! They received so many donations from Woodley residents that they are able to feed sixty families each day! **Well done Dexter and Archie for your generous and inspiring work for the local community!** Please do visit www.woodleylunchbunch.org to learn about the fantastic work they do and how you can get involved.

Winter Weather

As the weather becomes cooler, please ensure that your child/ren wear extra layers underneath their school uniform (a vest, white t-shirt or base layer works well). COVID-19 guidance requires classrooms to be well ventilated and so doors and windows are kept ajar. Please also ensure they come to school with a warm coat for outdoor play.



Rock Out 2020 - Maths Week Competition

This November, Key Stage 2 are taking part in a competition for Maths Week England called **Rock Out 2020**. It is played online via Times Tables Rock Stars.

Every correct answer to a multiplication or division question will earn your child's year group a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average (the number of correct answers per pupil in the year group who play during the competition hours). Winning year groups in the school and in the country as a whole will be the ones with the highest average.

All game modes (Gig, Garage, Studio, etc.) will count but only from games played between 7.30am and 7.30pm on **Monday 9th, Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th, Thursday 12th, Friday 13th and Saturday 14th November.**



Well done to **Poppy** (Blake) who has earned the most correct answers and coins this week. **Zac** (TS Eliot) has had the greatest improvement in speed and **Zoe** (TS Eliot) has been the most accurate player. Congratulations!



Bruno (De La Mare) is the star Numbots player this week. Not only has he completed Silver Stage, but he has also achieved the most levels and the most correct answers. Fabulous work! Well done also to **Amelia D** (De La Mare) who has finished Iron Stage and **Charlotte D** (Milne) who had the greatest improvement in accuracy. Well done!

Online Code Club

On Saturday 7th November, Wokingham Library is running an online Code Club on Scratch and Python via MS Teams for children aged 9-12 years. The aim will be that the students acquire an understanding of coding through using Scratch and Python trying different projects with the help of volunteers. The sessions are currently running on the first and third Saturday of each month, using Teams. Please see attached flyer for details. For more information and to join the virtual session, please email libraries@wokingham.gov.uk

School Travel Survey

The Transport team at Wokingham Council have put together a short survey to find out how pupils are currently travelling to school, how this might have changed since the beginning of term, and whether there are any issues that prevent them from travelling as they would wish. The survey is live and will close on 20th November 2020.

www.wokingham.gov.uk/news-and-consultation/consultation-and-having-your-say/current-consultations/?entryid206=537010

Childhood Flu Vaccination Online Consent Form, Thursday 3rd December

If you have not already done so, please complete the online consent/non-consent form for your child to be given the flu vaccine on 3rd December. **All parents must complete this**, even if you do not want your child to be vaccinated. www.berkshireimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu and insert the school's unique code: **BK147377**

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From this week, KS1 and KS2 Class News will be included on alternate weeks. This week, we will start with the Infants and next week, it will be the turn of the Juniors.

Milne Class News



This week, we have continued learning about Africa; making comparisons between where we live and what life is like in Africa. We also found out about a famous African President, Nelson Mandela. Milne class have also been finding out about Guy Fawkes and understanding why we celebrate Bonfire Night as well as learning about the meaning of the poppies that people are seen wearing at this time of year. We also had great excitement with the strong winds earlier this week and were out on the field throwing paper aeroplanes and flying kites! Stars of the Week were awarded to **Henry** for his fantastic ideas during our safari adventure and to **Jack** for his superstar blending during our phonics sessions.

Merits went to **Charlotte** for showing a Growth Mindset and practising her letter writing during explore time, and **Elliot** for also showing a Growth Mindset and continuing to work hard to write his name accurately.

Donaldson Class News

Children have fully immersed themselves in our new text 'We Are Going on a Bear Hunt'. Children made up actions to help them learn the story off by heart and have even been on their very own bear hunt around the playground! Children are now excited to write their own versions of the story next week.

Stars of the Week were awarded to **Joe** for reading his poem aloud with confidence and **Charlotte** for her excellent moving storybook.

Merits went to **Sam D** for persevering with his handwriting, **Hallie** for displaying a growth Mindset when designing a background in DT and **Zara** for also displaying a Growth Mindset when designing a background in DT.



De La Mare Class News

Year 2 have evaluated the portraits that they painted before half term. The children had practised their drawing and painting techniques and used skills in colour mixing to carefully create their skin and hair tones. They also learned about the significance of poppies for Remembrance Sunday and were fascinated to find out various facts about World War One.

Stars of the Week were awarded to **Lacey** for challenging herself to use a range of adjectives and to **Lauren** for super perseverance in Maths problem solving.

Merits went to **Theo** for thoughtful responses in RE, to **Leo** for challenging answers in History and to **Otto** for perseverance



when forming his letters.

Junior Merits and Stars of the Week

Year 3 Stars of the Week: **Martha P** and **Nathan** for working so hard and making tremendous progress in Maths and English in particular.

Year 3 Merits: **Amelia** for friendship and **Zac** for Growth Mindset

Year 4 Stars of the Week: **Maddie** for working hard in Maths to link concepts together and **Reiley** for working hard on his 'lost pet' poster.

Year 4 Merits: **Emilia** for friendship.

Year 5 Stars of the Week: **Lola** for creating line graphs with multiple information shown and **Teigan** for super use of Numicon to solve tricky addition problems.

Year 6 Stars of the Week: **Daniel** and **Bram** for being organised and taking responsibility for learning.

Year 6 Merits: **Sophie, Lola, Dylan and Robyn**



PTA NEWS UPDATE

Hello Parents

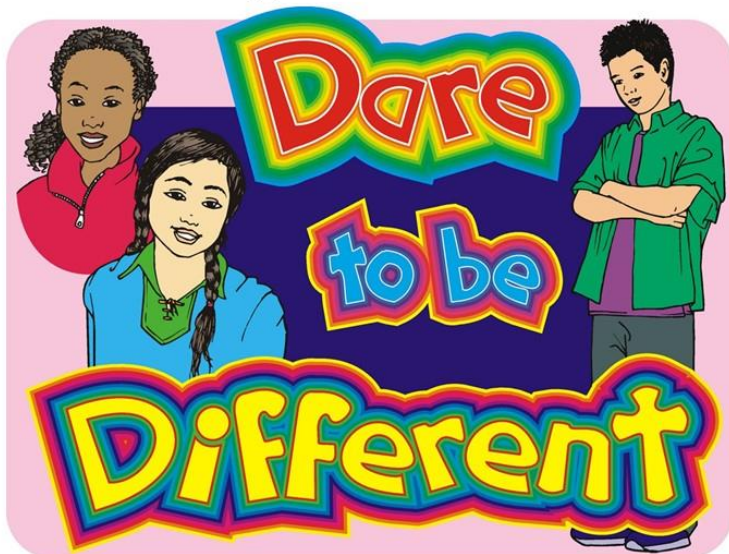
We hope you all had a lovely half term.

School Events

PTA Meeting – Friday 27th November, 9.30am via Teams - If you would like to join, please send your email address to mike_rand@hotmail.com so you can be added to the meeting.

Dare to be Different Day – Monday 9th November. This will run alongside **Non-Uniform Day** and details are below. Please bring exact change on the day to put in our collection buckets at the gates when the children arrive at school.

Calling all children of St Nicholas..
...celebrate being you!



** All proceeds will go directly to the St Nicholas School PTA **

On Monday 9th November

Will you wear....

1. A funny hairband or hat?
2. a temporary or glitter tattoo?
3. your hair in a crazy style?
4. funny shoes or socks?
5. Something shiny or bright?

Choose 1 or wear
all 5 to school on
Mon 9th
November
Donate 50p per
item or wear all
5 for £2

Virtual Disco Party – Friday 4th December. Following the success of the last virtual disco party, John Johnny has been booked for a virtual Christmas disco. **Save the date now!**

Santa Run – We are hoping to run (no pun intended!) this on **Tuesday 8th December** depending on the weather. More details to follow soon.

Second-hand School Uniform Sale Keep your eye on our Facebook page in the next couple of days!

Library Project We have tasked the school to look at how the PTA can help improve/add more books to the school library. Money raised at all the events this term will go to this project so we would appreciate your support (2x Disco/Second hand school uniform sale/Santa Run/Dare to be Different/any donations)

Milne Class The PTA have agreed to purchase the following three items for their outdoor area which totals around £200: **Viking Challenge Circle Bike and two Viking Balance Bikes**

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Chocoholics:

This is a great way to buy some Christmas presents (or just treat yourself!) whilst raising money for the school at the same time. Simply place an order on the Chocoholics website and enter the **unique code** (below) at checkout. This will enable them to keep track of any orders placed by parents/staff from our school. You can also pass our unique code on to friends and family, so that they can maximise the total orders for our school. The cut-off date for placing orders is 30th November. On 1st December, Chocoholics will add up the total sales for our school and the school will receive 10% of all sales in cash/bank transfer. Orders can be delivered to anywhere in the UK, so it's perfect for sending gifts to friends and loved ones. Prices start from just 25p, so there is something for everyone! www.chocoholicsrachel.co.uk / Unique code **stnichurst** (all lowercase)

Christmas Trees!

If you buy a Christmas tree through www.christmastreeexpress.co.uk this year, you can get £5 off any tree and a further £5 will be donated to the school PTA! Pre-order your tree by 29th November with the unique code **STNIC**. Choose from 4Ft, 6Ft and 8Ft and the tree will be delivered to your home at no extra charge.

If you are interested, please see the attached flyer for further information.



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



EasyFundraising App Thank you to everyone who has already downloaded this app. If you haven't already done so and would like some support in doing so, please talk to us or your class reps. The lead up to Christmas is a great time to raise that little bit extra for the school at no additional cost to you. 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 or louisej125@hotmail.com

Many thanks for your continued support,

The PTA Team 😊