



ST NICHOLAS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Road, Hurst, Berkshire RG10 0DR

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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.



Christmas Craft Day **Tuesday 15th December**

Children will have the opportunity to create a variety of creative Christmas-themed crafts. We kindly request a voluntary contribution of £3.00 per child towards the cost of materials.

Our preferred method is Tucasi SCOPay or you can pop the money into a named envelope labelled 'Craft day' into the PTA mailbox outside the main reception door.

Children are welcome to wear a festive-themed jumper if they wish. Parent helpers will not be required this year.
Thank you for your support.

ONLINE CHURCH SERVICE

Join us on at 11:00am on Sunday for our virtual service.
Visit www.thru-christ.org.uk for the link.

School Calendar

November

Wed 25th Year 2 Cycling Assessment session (afternoon)
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
Enter unique Code: BK147377
Fri 4th Virtual Christmas Disco (see PTA page)
Sat 5th Open Morning for 2021 intake (by appt only)
Tue 8th PTA Santa Run (see PTA page)
Fri 11th KS1 Nativity (will be recorded for parents)
Mon 14th Nine Lessons and Carols – KS2 pupils
Tue 15th Christmas Craft Day
Wed 16th Christmas-themed Packed Lunch
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
Sat 9th Open Morning for 2021 intake (by appt only)

GOLD AWARDS



Congratulations to

Amelia C, Leo and Theo
in De La Mare class

who all achieved a Gold Award



This week's Growth Mindset thought...

It always seems impossible until it is done.
Nelson Mandela

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Children in Need

Thank you to all who donated to this worthwhile charity last week – we raised **£181.26!**



Christmas Packed Lunch, Wednesday 16th December

This year, Caterlink are offering a Christmas-themed Packed Lunch option on Wednesday 16th December instead of the usual choices on this date. An online pre-order form will be emailed to parents next week.

Parent Survey for Wrap-around care

A reminder to complete the survey that closes tomorrow, Friday 20th November. It will be very useful to gauge interest and assess viability. <https://forms.gle/sdK9N9o6CubPUgoe7>. If you would like to feedback any other views and comments, feel free to email the office admin@st-nicholas.wokingham.sch.uk

PLEASE NOTE: The Club will be open to current pupils of St Nicholas CE Primary School.

Milne Class News

Over the past few weeks, we have been exploring some of our children's interests. This includes learning about the Antarctic and Cats and this week has been all about Fairy tales and Castles. In Maths, we have been studying circles and triangles as well as positional language with lots of map-making, after Muddles took us on a Pirate themed adventure! Our reading and writing continue to get better every day and I continue to be impressed by how brilliant they all are! Milne class would also like to thank the PTA for purchasing two circle bikes for the children to enjoy!



Donaldson Class News

Our Science topic this term is plants. So far, children have been growing their own cress seeds and this week we looked at the different parts of a plant. We enjoyed looking at the roots of our cress and then created our own models of a plant. Children really enjoyed getting hands on and next week we will be looking at naming different flowers and trees.



De La Mare Class News

Last week, the children edited and wrote their fireworks poems in neat handwriting to make a display. They have also been learning to use conjunctions such as 'because' and 'if' to join sentences and used them when writing a letter home as a War World One soldier. The final History enquiry question this term is 'How has our school changed?' The children have so far studied photographs and looked at the outside of the building to hunt for evidence of changes. They were shocked to discover that the school used to have outside toilets!



There has clearly been a lot of work on TT Rockstars this week. Great effort from **Charlie** (Blake) who had the most correct answers and **Sammy** (TS Eliot) who had the biggest improvement in speed. Well done also to **Arlo** (Blake) who has improved his accuracy and to **Cruz** (Blake) who earned the most coins.

Stage certificates have been earned by the following children: **Ariane** (Longfellow) – Headliner; **Bram** (Blake) – Rock Star; **Dylan** (Blake) – Rock Legend; **Freddie** (Longfellow) – Unsigned Artist; **Jannah** (Longfellow) – Headliner; **Sammy** (TS Eliot) – Support Act and **Violet B** (TS Eliot) – Rock Star. Congratulations to all!

In Numbots, well done to **Lacey** (De La Mare) who gained her Chrome certificate and to **Primrose** (De La Mare) who has completed Iron Stage. Congratulations also to **Levi** in Donaldson who has also finished Iron Stage. Great work!



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STARS OF THE WEEK!

EYFS

Stars of the Week: **Grace** for her super Maths work using our number shapes and **Ronnie** for his kindness and helpfulness in and around the classroom.

Merits: **Charlie** for thoughtfulness; **Courtney** and **Arthur** for showing Growth Mindset.

YEAR 1

Stars of the Week: **Posy-Belle** for spreading positivity and **Winnie** for using amazing adjectives in her writing.

Merits: Eva for showing Growth Mindset, **Levi** for thoughtfulness and **Archie** for friendship.

YEAR 2

Stars of the Week: **Felix** for making a big effort with his handwriting and **Mena** for using capital letters and full stops.

Merits: **William** and **Clementine** for showing Growth Mindset and **Amelia D** for thoughtfulness.

YEAR 3

Stars of the Week: **Zac** for excellent homework effort and **Violet** for investigating so thoroughly and effectively in Science.

Merits: **Lucas** for showing respect, **Zoe** for friendship and **Oscar** Growth Mindset.

YEAR 4

Stars of the Week: **Violet H** for using excellent reasoning skills in Maths, **Martha M** for excellent progress in all areas of the curriculum, **Henry** for fantastic attitude to his work and **Lara** for always working hard for a well-written Remembrance Poem.

YEAR 5

Stars of the Week: **Jake** for excellent investigation into abundant number.

Merits: **Freddie** for friendship, **Louis** for thoughtfulness and **Max and Sienna** for respect.

YEAR 6

Stars of the Week: **Sophie** for leadership in PE and **Arlo** for detailed WW1 themed writing in English.

Merits: **Harley, Sammy** and **Poppy** for perseverance and **Ayla** for thoughtfulness.

SPSAS Give a Gift Appeal

The *Single Parent Support & Advice Service* are collecting Christmas presents for vulnerable children that wouldn't otherwise receive anything. See the attached flyer or visit their Facebook page for full details **@SPSAS Give a Gift Appeal**



PTA NEWS UPDATE

Hello parents, we hope you are well.

A kind lady who wishes to remain anonymous, has donated £1,000 to the PTA. She has previously donated in the past. As I know who she is, I will send her a thank you card on behalf of all the parents and children.

School Events:

Next PTA Meeting – Friday 27th November at 9.30am via Microsoft 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. If you can't attend, then please let us know before the meeting if you would like to take on the role of Chair or Vice Chair for the next two terms.

St Nicholas Virtual Christmas Party – Friday 4th December

Infants: 5:00 - 5:40 pm Juniors: 6:00 – 6:40 pm

£5 per ticket Kids party entertainer, John Johnny Entertainment, will be hosting the party. Music, Christmas games (including Merry Bumps, Festive Freeze!), and competitions (such as best family Christmas outfits & Christmas song singer!) Join the party via Zoom from home. Party bags will be provided! Information about when tickets will be on sale will be out tomorrow, so keep an eye on your emails!

Santa Run –Tuesday 8th December

Pupils can wear a Santa hat or Christmas jumper (optional). Donations welcome: £1 or £2. All monies raised will go towards the school library.

Second-hand School Uniform

This is what we have!

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T
	age 3	age 3-4	age 4	age 4-5	age 5	age 5-6	age 6	age 6-7	age 7	age 7-8	age 8	age 8-9	age 9	age 9-10	age 10	age 10-11	age 11	age 11-12	age 12	
Blue school cardigans				1		1												1		
blue school jumpers				3																
grey dresses					3				1				2				2			
grey skirts	2			3	1	1	2		2		1		1		5				5	
boys trousers		4	4		5	3			1	2	4	1		1	2			3		
girls trousers				1		1	1		3			1	2	1				1		
grey shorts	4							1		2					1	1	1			
girls summer dresses				1	1						1			5	3				2	

If you would like any items, please make contact on Facebook under the corresponding post, or let your class reps know. You can make donations by using the little post box on the left of the front door (main entrance to reception). The post box is outside and you are welcome to leave any donation in an envelope and pop it in there (please put your name on it and say it's for second hand uniform). You can also make donations by using: <https://www.paypal.com/gb/fundraiser/charity/3242825> . Funds raised will go towards the library project.

Library/Reading Project We have tasked the school to look at how the PTA can help improve/add more books to the school library and improve reading support across the school. 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/ Santa Run/ Dare to be different/ any donations) **Money raised so far - £400 and we are looking to raise £2,500.**



Christmas is coming!

There are many ways to support the PTA:



Smile.Amazon.co.uk: If you order from here and choose 'St Nicholas Hurst PTA', Amazon will donate 0.5% of net purchases to PTA with no cost to the buyer.

Chocoholics: PLEASE NOTE THAT DELIVERY IS NOW FREE! 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 coupon 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 coupon 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 flyer for further information (on PTA page of website).



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 😊

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