



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.



Thank you to the PTA for their donation of £150 before half term, and also thanks to the 2020 Year 6 Leavers for the generous leaving gift of £65 Amazon vouchers!

Blake Class have been able to re-stock our class bookshelves. Each pupil nominated a 'recommended read', which they named and described to our class on our Teams get-together earlier this month. We are very excited that the books have now arrived!

Thank you!

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

Fri 27th PTA Meeting, 9:30am via Teams
(see PTA page for how to join)

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 (voluntary donation of £3.
Pupils can wear a festive jumper)

Wed 16th Christmas-themed Packed Lunch (pre-order)

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)

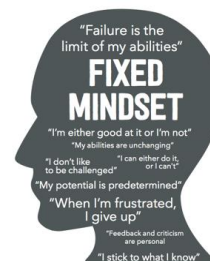
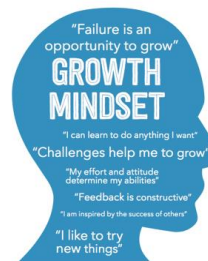
GOLD AWARDS



Congratulations to

**Clementine in De la Mare Class;
Cruz, Harley, Jacob & Poppy
in Blake class**

who all achieved a Gold Award



This week's Growth Mindset thought...

**"Nothing is particularly hard if you
break it down into small jobs."**

Henry Ford

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Hungry & Hursty: A Village Cookbook

After the success of the Virtual Show this year, the Hurst Show committee team has been working on ideas that embody the show's ethos of village community and fund-raising all year-round. With so many of us spending more time in the kitchen this year, the team have produced a new version of the village cookbook, having called on the village to share their family favourites, new and old.



Hungry & Hursty: A Village Cookbook, is bursting with over 70 delicious recipes, all tried, tested and recommended by friends of Hurst Show. A perfect Christmas present for all those in need of kitchen inspiration!

All proceeds from sales of the book will go to the Show's local supported good causes, including St Nicholas Primary School, St Nicholas Pre-school, Church, Scout and Guide groups, as well as Alexander Devine Children's Hospice and JAC.

You can now order single copies for just £10 at

<https://www.hurststudios.co.uk/product/hungry-hursty-a-village-cookbook/> or grab yourself a bargain and order 5 copies for £45 at:

<https://www.hurststudios.co.uk/product/hungry-hursty-a-village-cookbook-5-copies-and-save/>

Please order by Tuesday 1st December. Books will be delivered by 13th December so in plenty of time for those Christmas presents! Any questions or feedback can be sent to the Show email at info@hurstshow.uk

Festive Packed Lunch, Wednesday 16th December

This year, Caterlink are offering a festive Packed Lunch option on Wednesday 16th December instead of the usual choices on this date.

An online pre-order form was emailed to parents on Monday. The deadline to complete the form is Tuesday 8th December to ensure the hub kitchen can fulfil orders.

Tech Camp – Christmas Holidays

Please find attached information on a Tech Camp over the Christmas holiday run by Next Thing Education giving children a hands-on and immersive experience teaching computer science and coding skills. It is suitable for children aged 5-12 years and covers topics such as robotics, moving-making and circuitry. Camp locations include Westende Junior School in Wokingham and Hemdean House School in Caversham.



Wow, so many certificates this week! Well done to the following children who have reached a new status level: **Charlotte** (Longfellow) is now a Rock Star; **Rebecca** (Blake) has become an Unsigned Artist; **Jayden** (TS Eliot) is a Gigger and **Addison** (TS Eliot) has become a Wannabe Artist.

Biggest increase in correct answers and coins goes to **Dylan** (Blake) whilst **Zac** (TS Eliot) has improved his speed the most. **Zoe** (TS Eliot) has had the greatest improvement in accuracy. Well done to all!

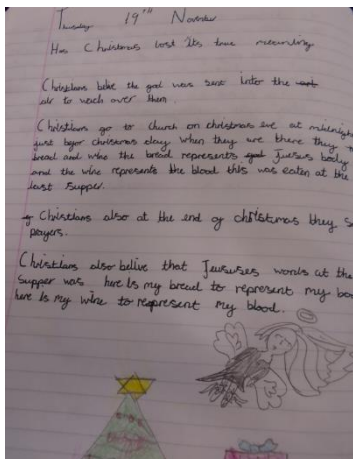
Winnie (Donaldson) is doing well with Numbots; as well as competing Tin Stage, she had the most correct answers and achieved the most levels. **Bruno** (De La Mare) continues to lead the way in stages completed and has now reached the lofty heights of Platinum Stage!

Congratulations also to the following children: **Ivy** (Milne) has conquered Tin Stage; **Clementine** (De La Mare) has finished Brass and **Phoebe** (Milne) completed Rust! Finally, well done to **Henry W** (Milne) who was the most accurate player this week.



TS Eliot Class News

TS Eliot were very busy in their big write last Friday, creating stories prompted by a literacy shed video short story about a lighthouse keeper. The children were very imaginative and created very descriptive narratives and newspaper reports. In Maths, the



children focussed on symmetry. In RE, the children discussed in detail Christian Christmas traditions. In Geography, the children explored the needs of a settlement and prioritised the necessary features of a settlement community, which provoked much discussion.

We were sad to say farewell this week to Emilia Davidson and wish her well at her new school.



Christmas Traditions for Christians by Maddie H

Year 4 News

Year 4 pupils continue to work very hard. As parents are unable to come in and see where Year 4 are working, I thought you might enjoy seeing some photos of the set up in the hall. Here we are busy writing Remembrance day poems. We finished our work on the picture book 'Tuesday' by David Weisner. The children are looking forward to bringing their work home to share.



Longfellow Class News - Thinking inside the Box

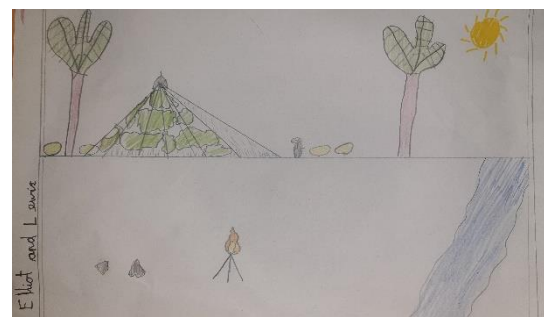
Although it might be trendy to 'think outside the box' in corporate circles, Year 5 have been very much focusing their attention inside of boxes recently. We have been making dioramas (small-scale models), using shoeboxes, of the Stone Age. Some groups decided to focus on the oldest period (Palaeolithic), whilst some made models of the Bronze and Iron Age settlement. One group even made their own Stonehenge!



Before we even started, we made plans on paper and a challenge was set: The group whose final model looked most like their initial design would receive 5 house points. I can now reveal, exclusively in the school Newsletter, that that group who 'boxed clever' was...

Elliot and Lewis!

Here is their winning design!



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Blake Class News

In Year 6 this week, we have been learning all about river features. From upper course, to lower course; from source to mouth, there are many new additions to our rivers vocabulary and knowledge this week.

Pupils worked in pairs to match features to labels on a diagram. Using this information, they went outside and found natural materials that they could use to make a model of a river: sticks, stones and leaves. In groups, pupils made the models and labelled the key features. It was a fun, hands-on way to learn some great physical geography facts!



STARS OF THE WEEK!

EYFS

Stars of the Week: **Henry** for his fantastic writing of a story about a dragon; **Charlotte** for her fantastic effort and progress in her name writing.

Merits: **Jack** for friendship; and **Grace** and **Sebastian** for thoughtfulness.

YEAR 1

Stars of the Week:

Merits: **Holly** and **Poppy** for Growth Mindset and **Georgia** for respect.

YEAR 2

Stars of the Week: **Otto** for excellent detective work when finding out how the school has changed; and **Amelia D** for super use of science vocabulary.

Merits: **Ethan** for perseverance, **Lauren** and **Amelia C** for Growth Mindset

YEAR 3

Stars of the Week: **Josie** and **Myra** for showing exceptional work ethic and progress in hockey, during Wednesday's PE lesson.

Merits: **Adam W** for always being respectful in class.

YEAR 4

Stars of the Week: **Archie**, **Maddie** and **Henry G** for really getting to grips with their times tables.

Merits: **Ariane**, **Maddie** and **Lara** for friendship.

YEAR 5

Stars of the Week: **Harrison** for fantastic effort on improving presentation and great Maths investigational skills; and **Charlie** for awesome 3-dimensional art skills demonstrated in lesson.

Merits: **Teigan** for Growth Mindset, and **Lucy** for respect.

YEAR 6

Stars of the Week: **Daniel** and **Roxy**

Merits: **Roxy**, **Olivia**, **Jacob**, **Ayla**, **Sean**, and **Poppy** for respect.

PTA NEWS UPDATE

Hello parents, we hope you are well.

School Events:

PTA Meeting – TOMORROW Friday 27th November at 9.30am via Microsoft Teams. **Unfortunately, no parents replied to the message about the roles of Chair or Vice Chair and only one parent so far has asked to join the meeting. But, there is still time** - If you would like to attend, please send your email address to mike_rand@hotmail.com so you can be added to the meeting.

St Nicholas Virtual Disco Party – Friday 4th December TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

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

- £5 per ticket or if you have more than one child at the school, a sibling discount is offered (2 children for £8.50 & 3 children for £11.50).
- Please use the PayPal link to transfer the money: <https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/VirtualDisco> (NB - you do not need a PayPal account to do so)
- Use your child's/children's name as the reference to help with the allocation of party bags.
- **Party bags available for collection on Wednesday 2nd Dec after school and Thursday 3rd December at morning drop off.**

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 have the Zoom codes in.

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 Uniforms We still have plenty of second-hand uniform. You can check out the latest list on Facebook or ask via your class reps. 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. We have raised approximately £40 so far!

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 - £1440 and we are looking to raise £2,500.**



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

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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Christmas is coming!

There are many ways to support the PTA:

PLEASE NOTE:

Chocoholics and Christmas Trees offers both end very soon!

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).



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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