



# ST NICHOLAS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Road, Hurst, Berkshire RG10 0DR

**NEWSLETTER 16 – 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021**



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 to their YouTube Channel.

*'Happy Birthday' to pupils and staff who are celebrating a birthday this week and next (18<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> January)*

**Posy-Belle and Levi – Year 1**  
**Ariane and Lara – Year 4**  
**Jake and Max – Year 5**  
**Robyn – Year 6**  
**Miss McGrail**



*From Miss McGrail, and all the staff, governors, pupils and parents in our school family.*

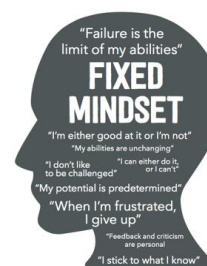
## SCHOOL CALENDAR

### January

Thu 21<sup>st</sup> School Census – Spring term  
Fri 29<sup>th</sup> PTA Meeting via Teams, 9:30am.  
*To join the meeting, please email Dee Morley before 29<sup>th</sup> Jan at [d.yonjan@gmail.com](mailto:d.yonjan@gmail.com)*

### February

15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> **HALF TERM**  
22<sup>nd</sup> School Re-opens to all pupils (subject to Government guidance)



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

**"Try to be a rainbow in someone else's cloud."**

*Maya Angelou, American Poet and Author*

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# CHOOSE Kindness



## Kindness

Studies show that **kindness** makes everyone happier, reduces stress, and improves self-esteem. **Kind** actions activate the joyful area of the brain, and boost well-being.

Over the last week, I have joined lots of remote lessons and I have been looking through the class TEAMS pages. What has really struck me is the **kindness** and support that the children show for each other.

It is lovely to see the quick replies of support and help from their class friends, siblings helping each other at home with their learning and helping around the house. It is brilliant to have **kindness** flowing through the heart of our school community and seeing the support for each other.

As staff, we have received many messages of **kindness** and support since we moved to remote learning and this is very much appreciated by everyone. **Kindness** is such a small word but can have an enormous impact on someone. A quick call, an email, an offer of help, it really can make such a difference. Sometimes we forget the positive impact that our actions have.

Over the next week, try out some of your own ideas for **kindness**, bring some smiles to your friends, family and neighbours.

Watch this:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vQdHtp-aodA>

Try this:

<https://www.kindnesscrusaders.com/aok-challenges>

We can all get through this with **kindness** and positivity.

Sarah Hilling, SENCo



*"Nothing beats kindness," said the horse. "It sits quietly beyond all things."*

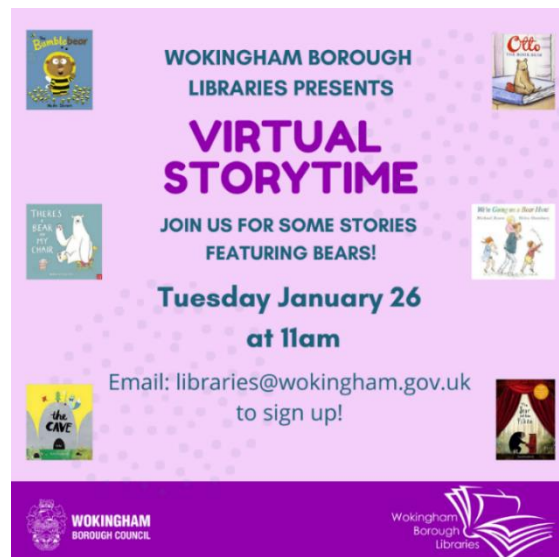
Charlie Mackesy, Author of *'The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse'*

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### Virtual Storytime with Wokingham Borough Libraries

Join Wokingham Borough Libraries online on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 11am for story time. We will be sharing some bear themed stories. Suitable for families with children aged 7 and under. This event is free of charge.

To sign up just email [libraries@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:libraries@wokingham.gov.uk) with your name and library card number and you will be sent details of how to join. This session will be hosted on Microsoft Teams Live. This session will be no longer than 30 minutes.



**Winter Mini Reading Challenge: The Challenge has now been extended to February 19, 2021.**

'Everyone Is A Hero' themed Mini Challenge celebrating heroes in all their forms and keep children reading this winter.

Visit the Winter Mini Challenge website

[www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/](http://www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/) to find out more about this year's booklist and how you can get involved.

All you have to do to complete the Winter Mini Challenge is choose a reading goal (we recommend three books) and then read that many books before the end of the Challenge. For inspiration, why not visit our virtual library for book's to download and read or listen to, or try our click and collect service. <https://wokingham.spydus.co.uk/>

Rate and review your books while the Challenge is on and you'll unlock a limited-edition virtual badge for your profile AND a special certificate that you can print out and keep. If you don't have a profile yet, click the 'Join' button at the top of webpage to sign up. [www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/](http://www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/)



The TT Rockstars Battle is still ongoing (ends at 6.30pm tomorrow), but as it currently stands, Year 6 are leading the way with magnificent efforts from **Roxy**, **Lola** and **Cruz**. It is therefore not surprising that **Roxy** has achieved the most correct answers this week and **Cruz** the most coins. Other successes in Year 6 are **Ayla** who has the greatest increase in speed and **Arlo** who has had the biggest increase in accuracy. Well done also to **Sophie** who has become a Rock Legend and **William W-A** (Longfellow) who is now a Headliner.

Year 2 have done well in Numbots this week. Wonderful performances mean that several Year 2 children have completed a level:

**Amelia D** – Tin and Brass

**Lauren** – Tin

**Mena** – Brass

**William** – Glass

**Felix** – Iron

**Leo** – Steel

**Theo** – Steel and Chrome



Well done also to **Freddie** (Milne) who has been awarded an Iron certificate. Finally, the weekly certificates go to **Theo** for the most coins and correct answers and to **Ethan** (Year 2) for the greatest improvement in accuracy. Great work everybody!

## PTA NEWS UPDATE

We made it through another week of remote learning, give yourself a pat on the back, you earned it!

### General PTA Meeting, Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 9:30am (MS Teams).

Please join us for a school update and a great discussion with our school community. Don't miss it! **If you would like to join, please send your email address to [d.yonjan@gmail.com](mailto:d.yonjan@gmail.com) so you can be added to the meeting.**

I fully understand and appreciate the difficulty in keeping abreast with all of the changes and time needed to reorganise your plans for education, home learning and childcare. As a School PTA, we aim to filter the material provided to us and share the relevant information in a timely and concise manner.

### New PTA Chair required!

All parents and carers of children in the school are automatically members of the PTA, so it is something we are all involved in. We are really lucky at St Nicholas to have such an active parent/carers community. Many of the members who attend meetings have older children in the school and we need to ensure some succession planning, so we would really welcome new parents/carers to the school, with younger children, who would like to be more involved in enriching the school community and improving the school for our children. It is really rewarding and a fulfilling position.

Please contact Dee via [d.yonjan@gmail.com](mailto:d.yonjan@gmail.com) if you are interested.



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If you haven't already done downloaded the app and would like some support in doing so, please talk to us or your class reps.

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