



ST NICHOLAS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Road, Hurst, Berkshire RG10 0DR

NEWSLETTER 21 – 4th March 2021



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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 to their YouTube Channel.

'Happy Birthday' to pupils and staff who are celebrating a birthday for the rest of March (8th–31st March)

Phoebe and Elliot – Reception
Eva, Holly, Sophia and Hallie – Year 1
Leo and Clementine – Year 2
Noah, Oscar and Violet – Year 3
Aster, Arabella, Reiley, Violet & Henry – Year 4
Alexander, Harrison and Elliot – Year 5



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

SCHOOL CALENDAR

March

Thu 4th World Book Day
Mon 8th School re-opens to all pupils, from 8:35am (see revised staggered times)
Wed 10th Year 2 Cycling sessions commences
Sat 13th Your School Lottery prize draw
Fri 19th PTA Spring Virtual School Disco
Comic Relief/Red Nose Day
Mon 29th Year 6 Level 3 Bikeability Group 1
Tues 30th Year 6 Level 3 Bikeability Group 2
Wed 31st Last Day of Spring term, 1:30pm

April

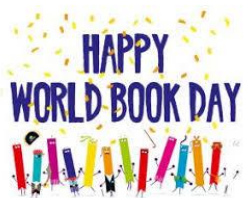
Thu 1st INSET DAY – school closed
Fri 2nd Good Friday
2nd-16th Easter Break – school closed
Mon 19th School reopens – Summer term



This week's Growth Mindset thought...

"Sometimes it is the people no one can imagine anything of, who do the things no one can imagine."
Alan Turing

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World Book Day

To celebrate World Book Day, please find below the link to claim your £1 Book token.

www.worldbookday.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/booktoken_PrimaryUK.pdf

Paper vouchers will also be distributed to all pupils on Monday.

Return to School – Monday 8th March

We are excited to welcome back all our pupils on Monday. Pupils and parents should arrive at school and enter at the **first** gate they reach: **Gate 1** (Village Hall end) or **Gate 2** (Cricket Ground end). A reminder of the slightly revised staggered start/end times:

ARRIVAL:

8:35am – 8:40am Infant pupils only

8:45am – 8:55am Infant pupils **and** Junior siblings

8:55am – 9:00am – Junior pupils only

DEPARTURE:

3:10pm – Infant pupils only

3:15pm – Infant **and** Junior siblings

3:20pm – Junior pupils only

If you would like your child in Year 5 or 6 to leave school and walk home unaccompanied at the end of the school day, please inform the school office by email.

After School Care Club and Extra-Curricular Activities – Summer Term



BA SPORTS

Parents will have received an email earlier this week with information regarding the After School Care club from 3.15-6.00pm Monday-Thursday, and 3.15-4.30pm on Friday, plus two sports activity clubs (Football and Multi-Sports) which will be introduced in the Summer term after Easter by BA Sports. **Bookings are now open** via their website www.basportstar.co.uk. Information can also be found on the school website under the 'Wraparound Care' tab.

Please direct all enquiries to info@basportstar.co.uk or via telephone on 07876 829907.

Household Covid-19 Rapid Testing - Lateral Flow Tests

Lateral flow tests are now being offered to the adults in the households, childcare and support bubbles of school pupils. This means your household, childcare and support bubbles are now eligible for the lateral flow tests.

Please find attached a useful information sheet on how to order a supply of kits. You can also read further guidance via the link below. Please read and share with your households.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

This system is not being managed by schools; we're passing this information on to you for your consideration. This testing system is not for cases where people have symptoms - if you have symptoms, you need to book a PCR test in the normal way.

Year 2 Cycling Sessions

A reminder that Year 2 cycling sessions with Coach Lloyd Watkins will commence from Wednesday 10th March in the afternoon. Year 2 parents have received a letter with more information.



Pride of Reading Awards

Congratulations to Dexter in Year 4 who has been shortlisted for a Pride of Reading Award in the 'Fundraiser of the Year' category for his achievement in raising over £2000 for the Royal Berkshire Hospital since lockdowns first began. Good luck Dexter! You can read the full story here:

<https://www.porawards.co.uk/2020-nominations-2>

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Remote Learning Survey

Parents were sent a link to a survey on our remote learning provision <https://forms.gle/yzkMN9ztgyN36U1HA> if you would like to give us your feedback. The survey will close on Friday 19th March.



Funtastic Kids Easter Holiday Camp www.funtastickids.co.uk

Please visit our website under 'News and Events' for information on an Easter holiday camp run by Funtastic Kids, held at various locations including Sonning, Woodley CE, Emmbrook Infants and Earley St Peter's.

<https://www.st-nicholas.wokingham.sch.uk/page/?title=Holiday+Activities&pid=32>



It is wonderful to see some new names in the newsletter this week.

Well done to **Jannah** (Longfellow) who has achieved Rockstar status and to **Aidan** (Longfellow) who has become a Breakthrough Artist and was the most accurate player. **Charlie S** (Longfellow) and **Theo** (De La Mare) have both become Headliners and **Clementine**, **Felix** and **Otto** (all De La Mare) have started their Rockstar journey by becoming Wannabes.

Congratulations also to **Jannah** who had the greatest improvement in correct answers and to **Phoebe** (Longfellow) who had the greatest increase in coins earned.

Both Felix and Theo have had success in Numbots as well as TT Rockstars. Well done to **Felix** who has achieved Chrome stage and to **Theo** who has gained both Aluminium and Kevlar stages AND certificates for the greatest increase in correct answers and coins. Great work!



Congratulations also to the following children who have worked hard to complete a stage: **Ivy** (Milne) – Copper; **Leo** (De La Mare) – Glass and **Noah** (De La Mare) – Steel. **Charlotte D** (Milne) also received a certificate for the biggest increase in accuracy. Well done!



Comic Relief/Red Nose Day, Friday 19th March

On Red Nose Day, we are inviting children to come to school wearing Red Nose Day-inspired clothing, or other accessories with their school uniform or PE kit, in exchange for a voluntary donation. This could include official Comic Relief merchandise such as a T-shirt or sweater, red nose (they are 100% plastic free), headband, socks etc.

Alternatively, get creative and wear your own creation! All proceeds go to the amazing projects and organisations working to tackle some of the biggest challenges that society faces today and supporting people living incredibly tough lives in the UK and around the world. Collection buckets will be available at the gate at the start and end of the school day; thank you for making a difference!

PTA NEWS UPDATE

Hello, hope all is well with everyone and that you're looking forward to the children being back in school next week. We have lots of exciting events coming up that we'd like to remind you about.



Virtual Disco, Friday 19th March

Tickets are on sale now for the virtual disco taking place on the Friday 19th March. The disco will be hosted by kids' party entertainer, John Johnny Entertainment. John has run previous virtual discos for us and proven very popular.

The Infants session is 17:00 – 17:40, with the Junior session at 18:00 – 18:40.

The cost is £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 will be available for collection from Wednesday 17th March to Friday 19th March after school.

Your School Lottery – First draw Saturday 13th March

This is now live. It is a weekly lottery draw which not only raises vital money for the school but also gives our parents, carers and staff a weekly chance to win a cash prize!

Taking part is extremely simple as it takes just 1 minute to sign up. Tickets cost £1 per week and you can pay by direct debit or card payment. The draw takes place each Saturday and there is a **guaranteed school winner** every single week. The prize amount depends on how many tickets are in the draw so the more entries the bigger the prize.

There is also a chance to win the £25,000 jackpot by matching the winning six-digit number. There were 8 lucky jackpot winners in 2020 so it does happen!

For every £1 ticket bought, 40p goes to the school. This adds up to £1,000 per year for just 50 weekly tickets, just think what this money can buy for the children.

Follow this link to take part:

[Support St Nicholas CE Primary School when you play Your School Lottery - Your School Lottery](#)

The first draw will take place on **Saturday 13th March**. Good Luck!

Dates for your Diary

- **Friday 13th March** – The first Your School Lottery draw
- **Friday 19th March** – Spring Virtual School Disco

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Easy Fundraising App <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stnicholasprimaryhurst/>

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