



ST NICHOLAS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Road, Hurst, Berkshire RG10 0DR

NEWSLETTER 23 – 18th March 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 for the link to their YouTube Channel.



Red Nose Day, Friday 19th March

Tomorrow is Red Nose Day and 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!

SCHOOL CALENDAR

March

Fri 19th Comic Relief - Red Nose Day
 Fri 19th PTA Spring Virtual School Disco:
Infants: 5:00 – 5:40pm
Juniors: 6:00 – 6:40pm

Sat 20th 'Your School Lottery' draw
 Sun 28th Palm Sunday / Clocks move forward 1 hour
 Mon 29th Year 6 Bikeability L3 Group 1
 Tues 30th Year 6 Bikeability L3 Group 2
 Wed 31st Last Day of Spring term (staggered end):
Infants: 1:20pm
Infants & Junior Siblings: 1:25pm
Juniors: 1:30pm

April

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



BA SPORTS

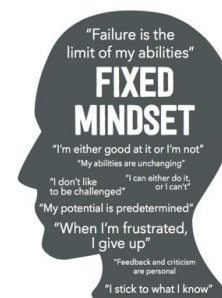
www.basportstar.co.uk

**After School Care Club &
Extra-Curricular Sports Clubs
BOOKING OPEN!**

After School Care Club from 3.15-6.00pm Monday-Thursday, and 3.15-4.30pm on Friday.

Football Club on Tuesday and Multi-Sports on Friday. Both are 10-week clubs starting w/c 26 April.

Please book via www.basportstar.co.uk
Information is on the school website under the 'Wraparound Care' tab.



This week's Growth Mindset thought...

**"What's the greatest illusion?" said the boy.
"That life should be perfect."
replied the horse.
Charlie Mackesy**

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Year 6 Hoodies

In keeping with tradition, Year 6 pupils are wearing their hoodies with pride. This is a privilege usually reserved for the Summer term. This year we decided Blake class deserve to wear them a little early as a reward for their attitude towards remote learning during the school closure and their continued high standards of behaviour and commitment to making progress. We are very proud of each and every one of them.



Once again, there has been a superb effort from Year 2 and EYFS on TT Rock Stars and Numbots.

Felix (De La Mare) has continued to work hard achieving another four certificates. This week, he had the greatest improvement in correct answers, speed and number of coins as well as completing Glass stage in Numbots. Super work, Felix! Well done also to **Lauren** who has become a Gigger and to **Amelia D** and **Mena** (all De La Mare) who are both now Wannabes.

In Numbots, **Sean** (Milne) has gained certificates for achieving Copper Stage and for the biggest increase in correct answers and coins. Well done also to **Ethan** (De La Mare) for finishing Copper Stage and to **Sienna** (Milne) for the highest improvement in accuracy.



Wokingham Libraries – Children's Virtual Easter Activities

Please visit the Wokingham Libraries website to view the various events that are available for families:

<https://wokinghamboroughlibraries.wordpress.com/2021/03/16/childrens-virtual-activities-april-2021/>



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Ordering School Meals from the Summer Term

In the Summer term, we will be returning to a full hot lunch offering from Caterlink. Children will use the Hall for lunch in separate Infant and Junior bubbles. The menu will be shared with parents as soon as it is available.

Please read through the guidance sent to parents today explaining the new process for ordering a Caterlink school lunch online from Monday 19th April via their SCOPAY account. Parents who are not currently registered for a SCOPAY account have been sent an access code via email to set up an account. For lunches required on Monday 19th April, orders must be placed by 10pm on Sunday 18th April. Please ensure lunch options are discussed with your child/ren prior to ordering.

Easter Holiday Clubs

Please check the [News and Events](#) page of the school website for information on various children's holiday camps including Football trials with Berks Elite FC and basketball camps with the Reading Rockets.

Hurst Panto Group

The Hurst Village Pantomime Group have been putting on pantos in the Village Hall for nearly 20 years! Covid may have scuppered our plans this year, but we are BACK and will be rehearsing a new pantomime from September 2021 to perform on 20th - 22nd January 2022.

Every production brings together a large team of people from the village and surrounds. It's a great opportunity to get involved, meet new people, and experience the fantastic camaraderie associated with putting on a highly-regarded show!

There are a host of different roles for which we need help, from lighting, sound, costumes, props, hair and makeup to front of house, chaperoning, marketing, ticket sales, directing and production.

We would LOVE to have a good mixture of familiar and new faces and would like to invite anyone interested to attend our AGM and launch event on **Thursday 8th April at 7:30pm** via Zoom.

Don't be shy - come and tell us how you could help and we will find a role for you in the team. If you'd like to find out more about any of the roles in advance or would like to be added to the Zoom invitation list, please email info@hurstpanto.org.uk

A promotional poster for the Hurst Panto group. The top half features the text 'HURST PANTO IS BACK!' in large, bold, white and yellow letters. Below this is a black and white photograph of a man in a white shirt and dark vest, standing next to a large, stylized donkey head with a wide, toothy grin. The text 'It's been a while...' is written in a red, cursive font across the bottom of the photograph. The bottom half of the poster is a solid black background with the text 'Interested In Helping?' in yellow, 'AGM Thu 8th April 2021' in white, 'www.hurstpanto.org.uk' in white, and a Facebook logo followed by 'facebook.com/HurstPanto' in white.

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HURST SHOW & COUNTRY FAYRE 2021

THE SHOW WILL GO ON!

We are not quite sure where or how yet, but The Hurst Show Committee will be organising events to help raise much needed funds for local charities including for St Nicholas Primary School, expanding on the huge success the virtual show achieved last year.

RAFFLE - as a PTA, we have always organised the Grand Prize Draw and as this is my last year as a parent at school, **is there anyone who would like to offer to take this on?** St Nicholas Church group arranged a very successful online raffle at the Christmas Fayre and I am hoping we can arrange something along similar lines for this year at least.

GAMES - It would be great if the school PTA can arrange some events, for children in particular. These will have to be hands off or virtual – things like guess how many beans in the jar or a treasure hunt around the village, looking for pictures or letters to make an anagram etc.

HELPERS - **Please can you have a think and come up with some ideas that you (with a friend or two) are willing to set up and run sometime in June.** Please send Dee and me a message with what you would like to do or if you want to help but can't think of what to do, let us know.

The Hurst Show and Country Fayre donates considerable sums to St Nicholas so it is really important that, as a group, the PTA continues to do its part to make the show successful - to support not only the school, but the village as a whole – at the same time as having fun!

I am happy to co-ordinate between the PTA and the Show Committee to help where needed. The fundraising element (i.e. collecting the money) can be organised by the committee which makes it a lot easier, so it's just the fun bit to do. I know the summer feels a long, long, way away, but as we can't get together it may be good to start early.

Please send me a message with any ideas offers or suggestions - via PTA Facebook group or SMS to 07939661499

Thank you!

Sue Cummings (Rebecca's Mum – Year 6)

PTA NEWS UPDATE

Another successful week back at school, with a real mix of weather!



Your School Lottery

We kicked off our first draw on Saturday 13th March with 41 tickets sold, with our school parent Mrs Russell winning a cash prize! 41 tickets sold is great, but we need at least 50 to make the prize draws sustainable for the long term. So please buy some tickets, it's a great way to support the school and be in with a chance to win.

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 do for our school. If you'd like to take part in our School Lottery, simply follow this link: [Support St Nicholas CE Primary School when you play Your School Lottery - Your School Lottery](#)

The next draw will take place on **Saturday 20th March**. Good Luck!

Virtual Disco – 19th March – THIS FRIDAY!

The infants session is 17:00 – 17:40, with the juniors following at 18:00 – 18:40. It 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> (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.

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

Thank you to everyone who has already downloaded this app. It's simple and free to use! It has helped turn everyday shopping into free donations for the school. 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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