



ST NICHOLAS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Road, Hurst, Berkshire RG10 0DR

NEWSLETTER 25 – 22nd April 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.

CHURCH SERVICE

Sunday 25th April

11:00am

Holy Communion

To book a socially distanced seat, please contact Patsy Theobald on 01344 428525 or witsend50pat@gmail.com



BA SPORTS

www.basportstar.co.uk

After School Care Club & Extra-Curricular Sports Clubs

This week saw the introduction of our school's first wrap around care club and it has been going very well. If you would like to book places, visit www.basportstar.co.uk

After School Care Club is available from 3.15-6.00pm Tuesday-Thursday, for a short or long stay session

Street Dance, Football and Multi-Sports clubs all start next week. Limited spaces available.

Please visit the [Extra Curricular Clubs](#) page of our website for more information and how to book.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

April

Thu 22nd

Year 4 Swimming sessions begin (6 weeks)

Mon 26th

Street Dance Club commences, 3:15pm

Tue 27th

BA Sports Football Club commences, 3:15pm

Fri 30th

BA Sports MultiSports Club commences 3:15pm

May

Mon 3rd

MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY – School Closed

Fri 14th

PTA Online Meeting at 9:30am

Thu 20th

School Census Summer Term

Fri 28th

PTA Sponsored Fun Run

31st-4th Jun

HALF TERM

June

Mon 7th

INSET DAY – School Closed

Thu 10th

Year 3 Swimming sessions begin (6 weeks)

Mon 21st

Year 6 Cycling sessions commence

26th-27th

Hurst Show and Country Fayre 2021

28th-2nd Jul

Year 6 PGL Residential Trip, Liddington

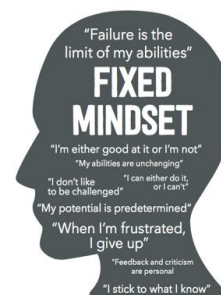
School Lunch Order Process

Thank you to all parents and carers for supporting the new school lunch ordering process. It has been working very well this week and judging by the lively chatter in the Hall, the children have very much enjoyed eating together again!

Lunches can be pre-ordered up to 11pm the night before and you can order lunches daily, weekly or termly using your Tucasi SCOPay account via

www.scopay.com/stnicholas-pri

Download the SCOPAY App via the App Store or Google Play



This week's Growth Mindset thought...

"April hath put a spirit of youth in everything."

William Shakespeare

Our School Values: Respect, Thoughtfulness, Perseverance, Friendship

Rifleman Jordan Cannon

On Saturday 17th April, the funeral of HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh took place in St George's Chapel at Windsor Castle. Prince Philip was heavily involved with the military throughout his life as Colonel-in-Chief of the Rifles Regiment, an infantry regiment of the British Army, for 67 years before transferring the title in 2019 to HRH Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall. In accordance with Prince Philip's wishes, members of the armed forces played a key role in the ceremonial royal funeral.

Max and Jake's (Longfellow class) older brother Jordan, is part of the Rifles Regiment based in Edinburgh and he is known as Rifleman Cannon. Jordan was one of only ten from his platoon to be invited to take part and was extremely honoured to be part of this momentous occasion. A very proud moment for Jordan and all his family.



Thank you

Longfellow class would like to thank the PTA for purchasing the comfy beanbags so that the children can enjoy some quiet reading time! Sienna and Lucas are already making the most of them!





Congratulations to **Lauren** (De La Mare) who has played fantastically on TT Rockstars during the last few weeks. She has become a Rock Legend and had the greatest improvement in correct answers and in speed. Well done also to **Ethan** (De La Mare) who has gained the certificate for improving accuracy and to **Sammy** (TS Eliot) for the greatest improvement in coins earned. Congratulations also to **Felix** (De La Mare) who has become a Rockstar.

In Numbots, several children have worked hard over the holidays and have earned the following certificates: **Amelia D** (De La Mare) – Steel; **Elliot** (Milne – Iron; **Eva** (Donaldson) – Steel; **Frankie** (De La Mare) – Steel; **Henry W** (Milne) – Tin; **Noah** (De La Mare) – Chrome and **Sammy** (TS Eliot) who achieved Iron, Tin and Brass certificates. Well done to all of you!



Now for children up to 12 years old!

BOBiCATS have arrived!

BOB the BOBiCat has arrived at Shinfield Rangers FC and he's on the look out for new boys and girls to come and play football at his new BOBiCats Football Centre!

This exciting new Centre provides young children with disabilities who are aged 5-12 with the opportunity to play regular, fun and engaging football.

Hi kids, I'm BOB the BOBiCat!

Winner of the FA Project of the Year Award 2019 from Berks & Bucks FA

	Date/Time:	Sundays, 1:00pm - 2:00pm 11th April to 25th July 2021
	Venue:	Ryeish Green Sports Hub Ryeish Green, Reading, RG7 1EP
	Contact:	Toni Cannon (07833 251419) ToniCannon@hotmail.co.uk



To find out more about our new BOBiCats Disability Football Centres please contact Jonathan Coles at Berks & Bucks FA via 01235 558450 or email Development@Berks-BucksFA.com

Berks & Bucks FA Club of the Year 2019

BOBiCATS is a local football club and each Sunday afternoon they run a SEN drop-in football session at Ryeish Green Sports Hub.

It is free of charge for children aged 4- 12 years who are not able to access any mainstream football sessions.

For more information, please contact Toni Cannon on 07833 251419 or email tonicannon@hotmail.co.uk

PTA NEWS UPDATE

Hello everyone and welcome to the start of summer term. Do you remember how as children we used to view the start of another school term with mixed feelings? Looking forward to seeing our friends but not so keen on lessons. Fast forward a few years and I'm sure a few of us will be relieved at the return to school. No more the dread of little ones interrupting important Zoom meetings to ask for an ice cream breakfast or demand to watch a few more episodes of Paw Patrol!

Welcome from the new PTA Chair

Hello, I'm Simon Farrar and I'm the new PTA Chair. About three weeks ago I was sitting here wondering how on earth I had just been persuaded to fill the vacant role. Apparently it requires someone who can run a meeting and is happy to attend discussions in the pub; combining my professional and private skills...

I have been living in Hurst for 15 years now. I'm married to a school governor and have a daughter in Milne class. Professionally I'm an IT manager. In my free time I'm a keen church bell ringer, and despite a lack of any talent continue to play club cricket.

As a complete novice to the PTA I realise that I've got some big boots to fill and I hope to persuade many of you to join us in raising funds to help improve school facilities, and hopefully have some fun along the way.

In uncertain times it is difficult to know what events we can safely run, hence the not particularly ambitious program. We do, however, hope to add more to the calendar as things become clearer. What we do know is that there are people out there with good ideas for what we could do, so please let us know what you think could be done.

Vacant Position - PTA Vice Chair

Job description:

- To support the Chair in their role and deputise as and when necessary.
- Be a trustee of the charity St Nicholas CE Primary School PTA.
- Run at least one event per year.
- Support monthly PTA social events.

Hurst Village Easter Egg Hunt

A massive thanks to all who took part in the Village Egg Hunt. We raised £485.10 for the School, exceeding our expectations. Fun was had by all took part, with great displays to be seen all around the village. We've had some really great feedback about the event, and were even featured in The Wokingham Times. An extra special thanks goes to Chocoholics for providing our chocolate treats, and to the Hurst village shop for giving them out and helping sell maps. You can read the article online in Wokingham Today (page 22) via this link:

https://issuu.com/pcreighton/docs/wokingham_today_april_8

PTA Meeting - On Friday 14th May there is a PTA Meeting at 9:30am. The meeting is virtual. If you have any ideas to share or would like to attend, please email stnicholashurstpta@outlook.com.

PTA Social

In addition to raising much needed funds for the school we also hope to provide the opportunity for parents to meet in a social setting other than the school gates. To this end we propose to organise a monthly pub meet at various hostelrys around the village. Watch this space!

Dates for your diary:

- Friday 14th May – PTA meeting 9:30am
- Friday 28th May – Sponsored Fun Run
- Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th June - Hurst Show and Country Fayre 2021

Your School lottery

Congratulations to Ruth Chan, Louise Warren and Mike Rand for winning a cash prize in last few week's Your School Lottery draw, and we thank the parent who donated their winnings to school.

Please buy some tickets if you haven't already done so. There is a guaranteed winner from our community each week.

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](#)

SUPPORT OUR LOTTERY TODAY

£1 per week

Weekly cash prizes

£25,000 jackpot

YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

£1 TICKET

Splitting the £1.00

How it works...

It's simple—choose 6 numbers between 0-9 and if they match the weekly lottery draw, you win great prizes. One of our players will win a cash prize every week, maybe even the £25k jackpot! Tickets cost just £1 per week and the proceeds are donated to St Nicholas CE Primary School

Every Saturday at 8pm the numbers are drawn and posted online. Winners are notified by email and winnings paid into the account of your choice.

The easiest way to join our lottery is online by direct debit or debit card.

It's so easy to join and will make a real difference to St Nicholas CE Primary School

40p goes to our school

36p goes to cash prizes

20p goes to admin costs

4p goes to VAT

The Maths... 100 tickets sold a week means
= £30 weekly cash prize
= £2,080 a year for our school

Buy A Ticket

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older

Easy Fund Raising

Three very easy ways to help raise money for the school are the School Lottery, Amazon Smile and the EasyFundraising app. Please have a look and sign up if you can.



Aren't we all online shopping these days? As well as being very convenient it can now earn funds for your favourite village school! Support us by selecting us as your chosen charity, St Nicholas Hurst PTA.

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1002238-0> It's quick and easy to do!

Once signed up, shop on Amazon as normal and Amazon will donate 0.5% of purchases towards the PTA.



<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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