



ST NICHOLAS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Road, Hurst, Berkshire RG10 0DR

NEWSLETTER 26 – 29th 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 2nd May No service at St Nicholas Church

For more information on Services in May 2021 please visit www.achurchnearyou.com/stnicholashurst



My Journey, WBC Libraries, Dinton Pastures and the Community Engagement teams invite you to enter their competition



FIND THE TITLE OF THE BOOK WHICH CONTAIN ITEMS IN NATURE AND SUSTAINABLE WAYS TO TRAVEL

Competition starts: Monday, 19th April-28th May

Full details can be found here:
www.myjourneywokingham.com/events

Completed entries should be sent to:
myjourney@wokingham.gov.uk
before Friday, 28th May 2021
to be in with a chance to win a prize!



SCHOOL CALENDAR

April

Fri 30th Multi Sports Club commences, 3:15pm

May

Mon 3rd **MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY – School Closed**

Fri 14th PTA Online Meeting at 9:30am

Sun 16th Messy Church, 11am St Nicholas Church

Thu 20th School Census Summer Term

Mon 24th Final Y2 Cycling Session

Thu 27th Final Y4 Swimming Session

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

Wed 23rd Y6 to Y7 Transition Day (Wokingham Schools)

26th-27th Hurst Show and Country Fayre 2021

28th-2nd Jul Year 6 PGL Residential Trip, Liddington

Reminder: School Lunch Orders

A reminder to please check that lunch orders have been placed for next week.

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...

"I never lose. Either I win or I learn."

Nelson Mandela

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Pupils flex their Green Fingers

TS Eliot pupils are working with Mrs Rachel Jarvis every Tuesday afternoon on a gardening project. This week the pupils cleared stones and weeds from the raised beds and raked the soils ready for planting this week. They will be growing a range of fruits and vegetables. We are very excited to see how the empty beds will be transformed over the coming weeks.



Tennis Talent

We are delighted to welcome back tennis coach Michael Fairburn. All junior pupils will be improving their tennis skills during the term.

Bikeability Level 3

We are delighted to announce that all 21 Year 6 pupils achieved their Level 3 Bikeability, a scheme that was created to teach children to cycle roads in their local area. It aims to train young people to understand and apply road cycling skills confidently, competently and consistently. Cycling is a life skill and will help to keep our pupils safe as they move onto secondary school. Some of them now have the option of cycling confidently and safely to this school and to their next school.



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Wokingham Borough Libraries – Virtual Events in May

<https://wokinghamboroughlibraries.wordpress.com/2021/04/23/young-peoples-virtual-activities-may-2021>

- **Saturday 8th May** - Teen Writing Author visit with Lesley Parr from 10.30am to 12noon. Suitable for young people in Year 6 and above.
- **Tuesday 25th May** - Virtual Storytime at 11am. We will be sharing some Springtime stories. Suitable for families with children aged 7 and under.
- **Friday 28th May** - Elmer Virtual Storytime at 11am to 11.15am. We will be sharing Elmer stories with downloadable activity pack. Suitable for families with children aged 7 and under.

All sessions will be on Microsoft Teams. To sign up, email libraries@wokingham.gov.uk with the session you would like to attend, your name and library card number and you will be sent details of how to join the day before.

Solve the Book Title - Competition!

My Journey, WBC Libraries and the Community Engagement teams invite you to enter their competition. Find the title of the book which contain items in nature and sustainable ways to travel. Download an entry form which can be found under [Related Downloads on this webpage](#) The competition runs until 28th May. Completed entries should be sent to myjourney@wokingham.gov.uk before Friday 28th May 2021 to be in with a chance of winning a prize! <https://myjourneywokingham.com/events/solve-the-book-title-competition/>



Well done to the following children who have completed a level in TT Rockstars: **Clementine** (De La Mare) – Wannabe; **Freddie** (Longfellow) – Support Act; **Oscar** (TS Eliot); **Sammy J** (TS Eliot) – Rock Legend and **Zenna** (Blake) – Rock Legend. It is wonderful to see all the classes represented.

Lauren (De La Mare) has had the greatest increase in correct answers whereas **Harley** (Blake) received the certificate for improved speed. Congratulations also to **Lacey** (De La Mare) for an increase in accuracy and to **Sammy J** ((TS Eliot) for being the top earner.

In Numbots, well done to **Sean** (Milne) who has completed Steel level and to **Amelia C** (De La Mare) for the biggest increase in correct answers. **Eva** (Donaldson) was the top earner and **Jack** (Milne) had the most improved accuracy. Great work all!



Funtastic Kids – May Half Term Holiday Camps (see flyer attached in email for list of venues)

Funtastic Kids

May Half Term Holiday Camps

Dependable Childcare in a safe environment

Tuesday 1st June - Friday 4th June
(Closed Bank Holiday Monday)

9:30am - 3:30pm: £21.50 Sibling: £17
8am - 6pm: £30 Sibling: £23.50
Additional hour options:
8:30am - 9:30am and 3:30pm - 4:30pm
£3 per child per hour.

Ofsted registered. Ages 4-15
(from 3 years at selected locations).
Full sports and creative themed timetables
will be on offer (see reverse).

Special Guests!
Berkshire Reptile Encounters:
Visiting Hawthorns on 2nd June
Berkshire Birds of Prey:
Visiting Loddon on 1st June

www.funtastickids.co.uk - bookings@funtastickids.co.uk - 07715643412

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PTA NEWS UPDATE

I was going to start this newsletter by commenting on how wonderful the warmer, drier weather was, and saying how much I was looking forward to the beginning of my cricket season. So of course it's been raining all day and I forgot to get my availability in before teams were selected. Where did it all go so wrong?!

On the bright side, the weather was kind enough last night to allow the after school football to kick off. One little person came home very happy so it looks like I'm splashing out on a replica football kit! BA Sports is the new provider for wraparound care and sports activity clubs and I hope that they will be successful. Numbers are a little on the low side but all the reports I've had are that they are great fun. I hope that they will get the ongoing support to keep running in the future.

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.
- Help to run at least one event per year.
- Support monthly PTA social events.
- Provide emotional support to Chair and Treasurer.

Easter Egg Hunt

What a fantastic event; there were some really amazing eggs to be found around the village. Which was your favourite? We thought you might enjoy the chance to see your favourites again or find out what you missed.



School Fun Run

We have less than a month to go until the sporting highlight of the village year, the Fun Run. Please start tapping up friends, relatives and neighbours for large amounts of sponsorship. The electoral commission have promised not to investigate any allegedly contentious sums.

PTA Social

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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. We will arrange the first date for when we can meet in larger groups outside.

Your School lottery

Congratulations to Vikki Randles who won the Your School Lottery cash prize this week. 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](#)

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.

Dates for your diary:

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



YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

SUPPORT OUR LOTTERY TODAY

£1 per week

Weekly cash prizes

£25,000 jackpot

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.

Splitting the £1.00

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.

amazonsmile
You shop. Amazon gives.

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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