



ST NICHOLAS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Road, Hurst, Berkshire RG10 0DR

NEWSLETTER 27 – 6th May 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 9th May

11am

Holy Communion

For more information on Services in May 2021 please visit

www.achurchnearyou.com/stnicholashurst

GOLD AWARDS



Congratulations to

Joe, Hallie, Winnie and Posy-Belle
in Donaldson class

who all achieved a Gold Award

SCHOOL CALENDAR

May

Sun 16th Messy Church, 11am at *St Nicholas Church*

Thu 20th School Census Summer Term

Thu 20th Year 6 PGL Parents Information Meeting
5.45pm (on MS Teams)

Fri 21st PTA Virtual Meeting at 5:00pm

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)

Thu 17th Y6 Group Photo, Tempest Photography 1.30pm

Mon 21st Year 6 Cycling sessions commence

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

Wed 23rd New Classes Transition morning

26th-27th Hurst Show and Country Fayre 2021

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

Reminder: School Lunch Orders

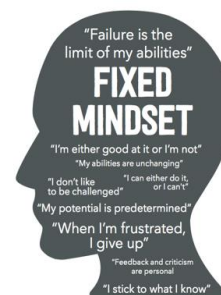
A reminder to please check that lunch orders have been placed for next week.

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...

"Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving."

Albert Einstein

Our School Values: Respect, Thoughtfulness, Perseverance, Friendship

Year 6 Art Gallery

The corridor outside Blake Classroom is now a miniature art gallery, proudly displaying canvases by Year 6. During lockdown, pupils creatively responded to the simple brief “create a rivers inspired artwork”, which provided lots of room for interpretation! Linked to our learning in Geography, pupils have chosen to display a variety of river features and landscapes in a range of different mediums. I am sure you’ll agree that they make a colourful and quality addition to our school environment. Many thanks to those who supported the creation of these home learning masterpieces!

For a closer look, check out our online gallery at <https://sites.google.com/view/rivers-art-gallery/home>



Well done to **Lauren** (De La Mare) who the greatest improvement in correct answers and to **Felix** (De La Mare) who improved his accuracy. **Sammy** (TS Eliot) earned the most coins this week. Great work! Congratulations also to **William** (Longfellow) who has earned his Wannabe certificate.

In Numbots, **Margot** (Donaldson) has had a superb week, earning certificates for the biggest increase in accuracy, correct answers and coins. Well done also to the following Milne children who have completed their respective Numbots Stages: **Courtney** – Iron; **Seb** – Iron and **Sienna** – Tin.





Dexie Returns to School

At St Nicholas, we are very lucky to have our very own School Wellbeing Dog, Dexie. Dexie is a cavapoo and she lives with Mrs Hilling.

Children can benefit educationally and emotionally, increase their understanding of responsibility and develop empathy and nurturing skills through contact with a dog. In addition to these benefits, children take great enjoyment from interaction with a dog. After being furloughed due to school closures during the first lockdown, Dexie is joining us for one day a week while she readjusts to her valued role in school.

Last week, all classes were involved in an interactive educational talk from the Blue Cross on Dog Safety and understanding dog body language. The children enjoyed the session and learned when it is OK to say hello to Dexie and when she prefers to be left alone. They learned about safely meeting dogs outside of school. I wonder how many of them remember the three C's?:

Check with the owner. Give the dog a **Choice**, **Count** three strokes.



Eva in Donaldson was nervous at first, but she is now confident enough to take Dexie on a walk, tell her to sit and give her a treat.



Dexie loves a tummy tickle! Olivia in Blake is multi-tasking here!

This term, Dexie has been joining in with Maths classes, enjoying walks on the field, meeting Milne and snoozing in Mrs Hilling's office! Milne class have been making pictures for Dexie to welcome her back to school.



'Dexie the Super Dog', by Arthur in Milne



If you would like more information about Dexie, please refer to the School Website where you can read our policy and risk assessment.

All Stars Cricket at Hurst Cricket Club

All Stars Cricket provides a fantastic first experience for all children aged 5-8 years old where they're guaranteed 8 weeks of jam-packed fun, activity and skills development. The programme is designed to introduce children to the sport, teaching them new skills, helping them make new friends and have a great time doing so. To sign up please visit www.allstarscricket.co.uk or email hurstallstars@gmail.com for any questions.



Big Moments of summer fun!

ALL STARS cricket

Join us at: **Hurst Cricket Club**
Wokingham Road Hurst

Sessions will run: **Fridays - 21st May to 16th July 2021**

Session timings: **17.15 to 18.00**

For any questions please email: **hurstallstars@gmail.com**

Sign up today at
allstarscricket.co.uk or at the centre

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PTA NEWS UPDATE

Apparently, the job of PTA chair is an honourable and respected role. It's a shame nobody told this to the three cats who allow my family and I to share their home. After having to remove a furry ginger interloper from the chair's chair (ho ho) he is seeking to make his mark on this newsletter by continually walking across my keyboard. Anyhow, on to more serious matters. Across the land, millions of lives have been thrown into turmoil now that season 6 of Line of Duty has concluded. What on earth will they spend their time watching or discussing? Thankfully the PTA has an answer for the population of Hurst; you can help get **sponsorship** for the school fun run!

Vacant Position - PTA Vice Chair

Job description:

- To be the power behind the Chair, deputising as and when necessary.
- Be a trustee of the charity St Nicholas CE Primary School PTA.
- Raise massive amounts of fun run **SPONSORSHIP**.
- Support monthly PTA social events.
- Earn the eternal gratitude of Chair and Treasurer.

School Fun Run

In previous years, the PTA has organised a fun run for the children. In the past it has been possible to welcome supporters to cheer the children on, but sadly this cannot be done this year. The event will still happen, but like all other elite sport it will take place in the absence of spectators.

Every child is encouraged to take part and set themselves a target number of laps of the school field they think they will be able to run (and hopefully smash) on the day!

Please ask family and friends to sponsor your child to complete their challenge to raise money for the school. We are including a Sponsorship Form with this newsletter, and will have details of how to sponsor online available soon.

Does your employer offer match funding for charities? Do you think they might match fund this event for all or part of the money raised? Just remember, all of the really cool parents raise lots of sponsorship!

PTA Donations to the school

Thanks to the funds you have helped to raise we are pleased to have donated:

£100 for the raised beds in the school garden.

£220 for Year 6 Leavers gifts.

PTA Meeting

The next PTA meeting has been **moved to 5:00pm on Friday 21st May**. The meeting is virtual. If you have any ideas to share or would like to attend, please email stnicholashurstpta@outlook.com. Virtual tea and cake will be served.

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

Dates for your diary:

- **Friday 21st May – PTA Meeting 5:00pm (virtual)**
- **Friday 28th May – Sponsored Run**
- **Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th June – Hurst Show and Country Fayre 2021**

Your School Lottery

Congratulations to Mrs Samantha Giles who was a cash prize winner this week, generously donating her winnings to the school. Please buy some tickets if you haven't already done so.

Win 1 of 5 £100 B&Q Gift Cards

It's DIY season, and Your school lottery is giving away not one but FIVE £100 B&Q Gift Cards.

Support your school lottery before 5th June for your chance to win. Tickets cost just £1 a week, and all profits go towards school funds.

Good luck! 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](#)



WIN
1 OF 5
£100
B&Q
Gift Cards

SUPPORT US
Through Thick & Thin

- Help us raise essential school funds
- Support our lottery from just £1 a week
- Guaranteed cash prize every week
- Win up to £25,000

To support your school, go to:
yourschoollottery.co.uk
and search for: **St Nicholas CE Primary School**

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. Offer ends 5th June 2021. Terms and conditions apply (see website for details).

Easy ways to support Fundraising for St Nicholas School

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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