



ST NICHOLAS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Road, Hurst, Berkshire RG10 0DR

NEWSLETTER 29 – 20th 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 23rd May

11am Holy Communion

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

GOLD AWARDS



Congratulations to

**Archie, Eva and Holly
in Donaldson Class**

who all achieved a Gold Award

SCHOOL CALENDAR

May

Thu 20 th	Year 6 PGL Parents Information Meeting at 5:45pm (on MS Teams)
Mon 24 th	Final Year 2 Cycling Session
Thu 27 th	Final Year 4 Swimming Session
Fri 28 th	PTA Sponsored Fun Run
31 st -4 th Jun	HALF TERM

June

Mon 7 th	INSET DAY – School Closed
Tues 8 th	Year 3 Tennis sessions begin
Thu 10 th	Year 3 Swimming sessions begin (6 weeks)
Thu 10 th	Year 4 Tennis sessions begin
Mon 14 th	Year 6 Cycling sessions begin
Thu 17 th	Year 6 Individual and Group Photo, 1:30pm
Mon 21 st	Year 6 Junior First Aid course
Wed 23 rd	New Classes Transition morning and Year 6 visits to Wokingham schools
26 th -27 th	Hurst Show and Country Fayre 2021
28 th -2 nd Jul	Year 6 Residential Trip, PGL Liddington

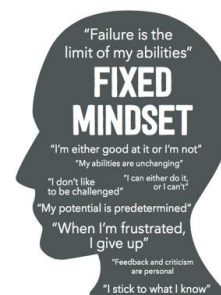
Reminder: School Lunch Orders

A reminder to parents to 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...

**"Take the first step in faith.
You don't have to see the whole staircase,
just take the first step."**

Martin Luther King

Our School Values: Respect, Thoughtfulness, Perseverance, Friendship

Yoga Mats

On behalf of all the children in the school, Milne class would like to say a very big 'Thank you' to the PTA for purchasing our request of 20 yoga mats. The children in Milne class have been having weekly yoga sessions for PE and they have really perfected the poses. The Yoga mats will help keep us comfortable when developing the more complicated positions.



Diva Lamps

This term for RE, Milne class have been learning about different faith stories. One story in particular that we really enjoyed was the Hindu story 'Lakshmi and the Clever Washerwoman'. This story focuses on what is most important to some people in life, having **good health, good luck** and **happiness**. We decided to make our own diva lamps so that when we light the candle, we can also think deeply about these three important things in

our lives. We moulded our salt dough first into the shape of a diva lamp, waited for it to dry and then we painted and decorated the lamp. It was lots of fun!



Wow, St Nicholas has another **Rock Hero** – our youngest and our first female, **Lauren** from Year 2. Lauren has had this goal as a target for the last few weeks and has been working tremendously hard to achieve it! Fantastic work, Lauren! She is currently fourth on the school leader board and is now aiming for the top spot!

It is also wonderful to award so many other certificates for children who have reached their next level:

Jake (Longfellow) – Support Act; **Lola N** (Longfellow) – Rockstar; **Maddie** (TS Eliot) – Headliner; **Max** (Longfellow) – Busker; **Sean** (Blake) – Rockstar; **William R** (TS Eliot) – Support Act and **William R** (Longfellow) – Breakthrough Artist. Congratulations to all of you for your hard work!

Leo (De La Mare) has had the most improved accuracy this week and **William R** (TS Eliot) has achieved the greatest improved speed. Well done also to **Lauren** for the biggest improvement in correct answers and to **Sammy** (TS Eliot) for her increase in coins earned.

In Numbots, **Frankie** (De La Mare) has worked hard, with her efforts awarding her three certificates for the biggest increases in correct answers, coins and accuracy. Fantastic work, Frankie!



Would your child be interested in playing cricket?

Hurst Cricket Club is a family friendly club with fantastic coaching opportunities, all at very reasonable prices. There are spaces available for under 9's, under 11's and under 13's.

A flavour of training/matches: Training for under 9's Monday 5.30 - 6.30pm & Friday 6.15 - 7.15pm with matches usually held either Wednesday evenings or Sunday mornings.

U11s & U13s Monday 6.30 - 8pm & Fri 6.15 - 7.45pm with matches often on a Monday or Sunday.

On Fridays, the Club has a bar, often with a BBQ and makes for a great relaxing start to the weekend.

For any enquiries feel free to get in touch via email hurstccjuniors@gmail.com or just turn up and check it out.



Summer Evening Races at Dinton Pastures, starting Wednesday 9th June from 5.30pm

Coach Lloyd from Sprockets Cycling has been working to expand the opportunities for cycling for young people in Wokingham. As a result, he is helping to stage a series of four evenings of races for all ages at Dinton Pastures. The weekly events start on Wednesday 9th June from 5.30pm and there are separate races for U10s and U12s, including Youth Boys and Youth Girls, Adult Men and Adult Women, so there is a race for everyone in the family! They are ideal first 'real' races for complete novices and also well suited to more competitive pupils.

Simply put, it is 'Parkrun' on a bike and the main aim is to get active and have fun! Please see the attached flyer for all the information and how to register for a nominal fee. **Link to races on 9th June:** <https://my.raceresult.com/169419/registration>

Virtual Half Term Events from Wokingham Borough Libraries

All sessions will be online 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 joining instructions the day before.

Virtual Half-term Activities

Online Storytime Thursday 3 June at 11am to 11.30am

We will be sharing some fun stories. Suitable for families with children aged 7 and under.

Spring in your step Workshop! Thursday 3 June at 1pm to 2pm

with Explore Learning for families with children aged 7 to 9 year olds

Cut it out! Friday 4 June 11am to 11.30am

Join artist Chris Holley for this art inspired session focussing on Matisse and his cut outs. Then have a go at creating your own! For children aged 7 to 10 years old.

Piece of Cake Workshop Friday 4 June at 1pm to 2pm

with Explore Learning for children aged 9 to 11 year olds

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PTA NEWS UPDATE

What a wonderful weekend, full of sunshine and the correct result in the second most important sporting event this month (neutral PTA chair). I can confirm that VAR will not be used during the school Fun Run.

Vacant Position - PTA Vice Chair

Job description:

- All of the glory, none of the responsibility.
- Be a trustee of the charity St Nicholas CE Primary School PTA.
- Raise unbelievably large amounts of fun run **SPONSORSHIP**.
- Position comes with lair in dormant volcano and white cat.
- No Mr Bond, I expect you to **raise sponsorship for the fun run!**

School Fun Run

I'm sure that by now you will all have collected enough sponsorship to fund the welfare state of a small country. Indeed people have been asking how to forward the money to the PTA. The best method is to use our PTA PayPal account. Please remember to gift aid your donations if possible!

<https://www.paypal.com/gb/fundraiser/charity/3242825>

Hurst Village Society BBQ and Games Day – Saturday 18th September

The Hurst Village Society, in conjunction with the PTA, are organising a Village BBQ and a friendly but competitive **T20** cricket match as well as other fun and games for all the family.

It will be on Saturday 18th September at the **Hurst Cricket Club**. Exact timings are being finalised but with a likely start time of late morning and finishing around 6:30pm.

Full details and ticket prices will be coming soon and will be published on the **HVS** website

(<https://www.hvs.org.uk>), in their newsletter, in this well written and widely read publication, as well as all around the village. You can also register your interest at communications@hvs.org.uk

We would like to put together a PTA team for the cricket match, so if you have played cricket for a club or at school, no matter how long ago, please let us know by emailing stnicholashurstpta@outlook.com or speaking to a member of the PTA.

POSTPONED - PTA Meeting 21st May

The virtual PTA meeting which was scheduled for tomorrow has been postponed. We will try to reschedule it for next week and we will keep you informed of the new date. If you have any ideas to share or would like to attend, please email stnicholashurstpta@outlook.com. If you would like to contribute to the meeting but find the time difficult please suggest an alternative, we are keen to broaden participation.

Dates for your Diary:

- **PTA Meeting POSTPONED. NEW DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED.**
- **Friday 28th May – Sponsored Fun Run**
- **Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th June - Hurst Show and Country Fayre 2021**
- **Saturday 18th September - Village BBQ and cricket match**

Your School Lottery

Congratulations to Gemma Higgins who was a cash prize winner this week. 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](#)

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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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).