



ST NICHOLAS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Road, Hurst, Berkshire RG10 0DR

NEWSLETTER 30 – 27th 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.

The Butterfly Effect

Some exciting developments in Milne over the last week...our butterflies have finally started to emerge! We have been waiting so patiently and making sure we have been caring for them carefully, but we have now started to say goodbye to them and we released them in Miss McGrail's butterfly garden!



CHURCH SERVICE

Sunday 30th May

11am Holy Communion

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

SCHOOL CALENDAR

May

Thu 27th Final Year 4 Swimming Session
Thu 27th PTA Meeting, 5:00pm - virtual (see PTA page)
Fri 28th PTA Sponsored Fun Run – All pupils
31st-4th Jun **HALF TERM**

June

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

July

Sat 10th Party in the Park Hurst Music Festival (adults only). For tickets www.partyinparkhurst.co.uk

GOLD AWARDS

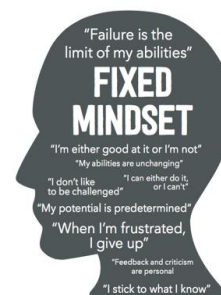


Congratulations to

Zara

in Donaldson Class

who achieved a Gold Award



This week's Growth Mindset thought...

"I have just three things to teach: simplicity, patience and compassion. These three are your greatest treasures."

Lao Tzu

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TS Eliot Gardening Project Update

Thank you to Mrs Saliba for her help at the TS Eliot gardening project and for providing the following update.

TS Eliot Gardening



We are growing potatoes in compost bags. From one potato, many more will grow.



Lettuce



Carrots



Spring Onion



Marigolds



Strawberries



This is our strawberry patch where we have also planted marigolds to protect the strawberries from whitefly. Whiteflies hate the smell of marigolds and therefore it deters the flies from eating our strawberry plants



Chard



Tomatoes



Beetroot



Radish

These are all the tasty vegetables we are growing in our patch.



There are so many certificates this week; it is wonderful to see so many children working hard on TT Rockstars and Numbots.

Well done to **William R** (Longfellow) who has become a Support Act and also had the biggest increases in speed and also in accuracy. **Charlotte** (Longfellow) was the top earner this week and **Lauren** (De La Mare) had the greatest increase in correct answers. Great work!

The following children received certificates for reaching their next level: **Arabella** (TS Eliot) – Headliner; **Charlie S** (Longfellow) – Rockstar; **Jake** (Longfellow) – Headliner; **Lola N** (Longfellow) – Rock Legend; **Maddie** (TS Eliot) – Rockstar; **Martha M** (TS Eliot) – Busker and **Max** (Longfellow) – Breakthrough Artist.

In Numbots, congratulations to **Poppy** (Donaldson) who completed Iron stage and to **William** (De La Mare) and **Winnie** (Donaldson) for completing Tungsten and Copper stages respectively. There has also been super work from **Eva** (Donaldson) who had the greatest increase in both correct answers and coins and to **Otto** (De La Mare) who improved his accuracy.



PE Days – 2nd Half Summer Term (from Tuesday 8th June)

Please ensure children wear PE kit of the following days:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Donaldson Blake (Cycling)	De La Mare Year 3 (Tennis)	TS Eliot Longfellow	Milne Donaldson De La Mare Year 3 (Swimming) Year 4 (Tennis)	Milne Blake

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BA Sports – Activity Clubs and Wraparound Care Club

We are pleased to have started a successful programme of Sports clubs and wraparound care with BA Sports this term, which the children are really enjoying! BA Sports offer a range of activities such as physical play, scooter-ing and Laser-tag, including activities such as Lego, Jenga and arts and crafts, allowing children to be stimulated and active whilst also having fun! Children are also given healthy snacks and a light tea.

To book regular and ad hoc sessions, please visit the [school website](#) or the [BA Sports website](#).

Full information on the schedule for September including Sports activities, Breakfast Club and After School will be communicated to parents after half term.



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

These 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!

Link to first event on 9th June:
my.raceresult.com/169419/registration



This summer, the exciting sport of Cyclocross is coming to Dinton Pastures in Wokingham. 4 evenings of short course, traffic free races for riders from age 4 to whatever.

Cyclocross (CX) is the fastest growing cycle sport in the UK, akin to Parkrun on bikes, is ideal for beginners and seasoned riders alike. The short, multi-lap, events ensure excitement and thrills for everyone and exercise both bike-handling skill and fitness. Races are run for a fixed time rather than a fixed distance and the time is set to suit the age of the riders.

Summer CX is the least stressed, most fun and friendliest format and is ideal for anyone who wants to try cycle sport in a safe, local setting.

Starting on Wednesday 9 June 2021 and continuing on 16, 13 and 30 June, there are separate races for U10, U12, Youth Boys, Youth Girls, Adult Women and Adult Men. So there is a race for everyone in the family. There are no leagues, and no prizes but all races benefit from full electronic timing so that you can track your progress.

Book online and, for Covid control reasons, don't arrive more than 45 minutes before your race. Pick up your number and timing chip, get ready to ride and have fun.

Try it, You Know you want to !

9 Jun 21	https://my.raceresult.com/169419/registration
16 Jun 21	https://my.raceresult.com/170578/registration
23 Jun 21	https://my.raceresult.com/170582/registration
30 Jun 21	https://my.raceresult.com/170584/registration

Sprockets Summer CX

...where Success is Measured in Smiles

PTA NEWS UPDATE

A week ago I took part in important research to determine which is harder to write; the PTA newsletter or an agenda for the PTA meeting? Given the last minute re-scheduling of the PTA meeting this section of the newsletter was drastically pruned in an attempt at relevance. This week I'm rewarding myself with an easier job by recycling the general theme. Maybe I could recycle my efforts in the form of a PTA quiz based on the contents of past newsletters. This could be a real success.

Vacant Position - PTA Vice Chair

Job description:

- Be a trustee of the charity St Nicholas CE Primary School PTA.
- Support the Chair and help run PTA social events.
- Raise unbelievably large amounts of funds for St Nicholas School.
- Position comes with personal star destroyer and galactic empire.

Whole School Fun Run

Keeping the subject of recycling just about going, I hope you all appreciated our efforts to save the planet by sending out **Sponsorship forms** as email attachments. Those of you who need printed copies can collect them from the school office. We need to collect all sponsorship money by the first day back after half term, Tuesday 8th June, in order to get access to our match funding.

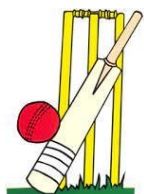


Please can all children wear PE kit to school on Friday (to wear all day).

Sponsor money can be handed in to the office if cash, or donated online using PayPal:

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

Please do your best to gift aid as much as possible, it really does make a difference!



Hurst Village Society BBQ and Games Day - 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.

Please, please sign up for the PTA team if you have some experience of club or school cricket. I'm sure that we can find 11 Ben Stokeses or Sarah Taylors from amongst parents, older siblings and distant acquaintances.

Pass your details on through class PTA reps or contact us on stnicholashurstpta@outlook.com.

PTA Meeting

The increasingly hard to pin down PTA meeting has been moved to 5:00pm on Thursday 27th May. The meeting is virtual. If you have any ideas to share or would like to attend, please email stnicholashurstpta@outlook.com. If you would like to contribute to this meeting but find the time difficult please suggest an alternative, we are keen to broaden participation.

Dates for your Diary:

- Thursday 27th May – PTA meeting 5:00pm
- Friday 28th May – **Sponsored Fun RUN – all pupils**
- Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th June – Hurst Show and Country Fayre 2021
- Saturday 18th September – Village BBQ and Cricket Match

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Your School Lottery

Congratulations to Lesley Stonehouse who, for a second time, 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).