



# ST NICHOLAS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Road, Hurst, Berkshire RG10 0DR

**NEWSLETTER 35 – 8<sup>th</sup> July 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 11<sup>th</sup> July** 11am Holy Communion  
**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July** 11am Messy Church (at Church)  
**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July** 11am Holy Communion

[www.thru-christ.org.uk](http://www.thru-christ.org.uk)

## CATERLINK MENU CHANGE

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July**

### NHS & KEYWORKER DAY

There will be a revised menu to celebrate the NHS and Keyworkers. Please ensure lunch orders are made/revised by midnight on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July.

**Hero's Hot Dog**

or

**Vegetarian Hero's Hot Dog with Lifesaver's Sweetcorn, Patients Peas & Wellbeing Wedges**

Dessert is

**Matron's Mandarin and Chocolate Sponge**



## SCHOOL CALENDAR

### July

Thu 8<sup>th</sup> PTA Meeting, 5pm (MS Teams)  
 Thu 8<sup>th</sup> PTA Chat & Social, 8pm Castle Inn Beer Garden  
 Fri 9<sup>th</sup> KS1 and Y6 Singing Picnic (12:00pm-1:00pm)  
 Fri 9<sup>th</sup> End of Academic Year Reports issued  
 Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Final BA Sports Multi-Sports Club  
 Tue 13<sup>th</sup> Bag2School Collection, 9:00am  
 Tue 13<sup>th</sup> PGL Information Meeting for current Year 5 Parents, MS Teams 5:00pm  
 Thu 15<sup>th</sup> Caterlink Menu Change:NHS/Keyworker theme  
 Thu 15<sup>th</sup> KS2 Sports Day, 10am (no spectators). *Pupils to wear house coloured T shirt*  
 Thu 15<sup>th</sup> KS1 BA Sports Taster Session (PM) Wear PE kit  
 Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Caterlink menu change (Fish & Chips)  
 Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Year 6 Leavers Service, 10am School field  
 Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Last Day of Academic Year, from 1:15pm

### August

Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Hurst Horticultural Show, Hurst Village Hall

### September

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> **INSET DAY** – School Closed  
 Thu 2<sup>nd</sup> Autumn Term commences, from 8:35am  
 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> New EYFS pupils transition days  
 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Residential trip, PGL Liddington  
 Thu 16<sup>th</sup> Year 4 Swimming Lessons commence

## Bag2School Clothing & Textile Collection

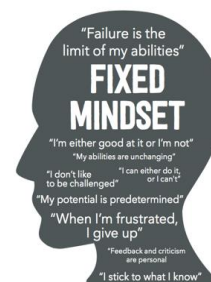
**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 9:00am**

**Please drop off bags to the shelter area by the hall on Tuesday morning by 9.00am.**

Alternatively, you can drop them off at the school office the day before on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July. They will accept good quality adult/children clothing, shoes, handbags, hats, belts, scarves, jewellery, soft toys, curtains, towels or bed linen.



[www.bag2school.com](http://www.bag2school.com)



*This week's Growth Mindset thought...*

**"Every mistake you make is progress."**

*Unknown*

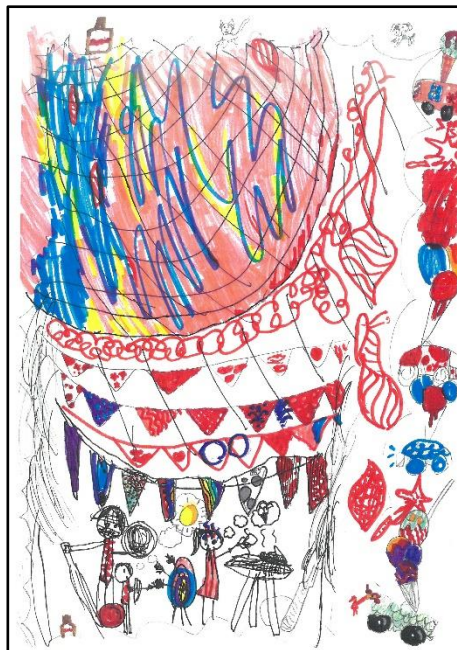
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### Hurst Village Society Cricket Match & BBQ Poster Competition Winners

Congratulations to **Zara** in Donaldson for winning the Hurst Cricket and BBQ Poster Competition. Highly Commended were awarded to **Clementine** in De La Mare and **Sunni** in Blake. Here are their wonderful designs.



Winner – Zara, Year 1



Highly Commended –  
Clementine, Year 2



Highly Commended –  
Sunni, Year 6



BA SPORTS

### BA Sports Out of School Care and Sports Activity Clubs – from September 2021

Information was sent to parents via email on Tuesday to explain the Before and After School provision from September. Children can enjoy a healthy breakfast at the Breakfast Club from 7:45am and a range of multi-sport activities and quieter activities from 3:15-6:00pm

The BA Sports information flyer and information on how to book can be viewed on the [Out of School clubs](#) page of our website.

### Sports Clubs – No Clubs Next Week

A reminder that there are no Sports activity clubs next week. Tomorrow (Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July) is the final Multi-Sports session. We will communicate the Club schedule for the Autumn term before the end of term.



Well done to **Jake** who has worked hard to become a Rock Legend and to **Max** (both Longfellow) who has reached Rockstar status. **Max** also had the greatest improvement in speed. **William** (De La Mare) had the best improvement in correct answers whilst **Clementine** (De La Mare) was the most accurate player. **Charlie** (Longfellow) earned the most coins. Congratulations to all.

In Numbots, **Winnie** (Donaldson) has had a superb week. Not only has she achieved Steel status but she also had the biggest increase in correct answers and in coins. Well done also to **Georgia** (Donaldson) who has earned her Iron stage certificate and to **Lacey** (De La Mare) who has completed Glass stage. Finally, **Sienna** (Milne) had the highest improvement in accuracy this week.



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### **PGL Liddington June 2021**

Last week all of the Year 6 pupils ventured to PGL – the highly anticipated residential. We participated in a range of activities and everyone had lots of fun. The rooms were nicely appointed and spacious. We stayed in rooms of 5 or 6 in 'The Stables' which was a renovated stable block.

One of the best activities was the zip wire. It was just like your normal zipline except it was 30 metres high and you had to have a harness. The idea was to jump off the edge and then fly along the wire. At the end you threw a rope to the ground to lower yourself. Another great activity was the giant climbing wall. You had to have help from the other pupils who would belay the ropes so you were secure. There was a bell at the top of the wall and the goal was to ring it and majority of the class did.

### **Birthday Boy**

On Wednesday it was Jacob's birthday and what a great time to have a birthday whilst at PGL! He received presents and cards and we all got a slice of cake! Jacob enjoyed great activities including canoeing and also got the chance to go first on everything and was first in the meal queue!



### **Instructors**

Our team leader was called Sophie and she was really nice. She was there to tell us what we were doing on the day and tell us when we needed to be ready. We also had a range of instructors for different activities.

A very good activity was canoeing where an instructor taught us how to turn right and left whilst in the boat. At the end we all got to jump in the water even though it was freezing it was great fun!

PGL was great fun and I wish we could've stayed longer! Thank you to Mrs Prince, Mrs Shave and Miss McGrail for supporting and encouraging us to take risks.

**By Sammy J**





## Chattabox Church Day Out

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August

King George V's Field, Twyford.

For our second year of reimagining holiday club, the church team are keeping the spirit of Chattabox alive by holding an afternoon of music, bible stories, activities and the usual Chattabox fun all outside on the field! We'll be planning our content for 5-11 year olds, but younger children are welcome too. All children will remain the responsibility of their parents/carers throughout the event. We'd love as many families as possible to register for activity packs in advance to help us plan our resources. However, we are also hoping to invite passers-by to join in with the Chattabox fun spontaneously! If you sign up now, you'll receive an event update email in the week before with top-tips on what to bring/what to wear and any Covid-related guidance that we might need to share with you to keep everybody safe. We can't wait to start our jungle adventure and discover together why Jesus is the best possible guide. Visit [www.thru-christ.org.uk](http://www.thru-christ.org.uk) to book or find out more.



**Wokingham Rocks** is The Ultimate Guide and destination for local families to find inspiration for days out, family events, children's classes & clubs, parks & walks, crafts, kid's party suppliers and so much more. Visit their website [www.wokinghamrocks.co.uk](http://www.wokinghamrocks.co.uk) and social media [Wokingham Rocks | Facebook](#) and [www.instagram.com/wokinghamrocks](https://www.instagram.com/wokinghamrocks) and Facebook which is used daily by 100s of Wokingham families.

### Wokingham Borough Libraries – July Virtual Events

- **Virtual Storytime Friday 30 July**, 10am Join us for some fun tales and stories. This session is suitable for families with children aged 7 and under.
- **We're Going on a Rainforest Story Hunt! Wednesday 28 July**, 10am. Join storyteller John Kirk on a story hunt through the jungle to explore the wonders of life in the rainforest. This session is a virtual session and is suitable for children aged 3 to 8.
- **Superhero Shapes Thursday 29 July**, 1pm. Take part in this interactive workshop with Explore Learning. This session is suitable for children aged 5 to 7.
- **Teen Writing Group with Author Kathryn Evans Saturday 10 July** at 10.30am to 12noon. Suitable for young people aged 11 to 18 years old

All online sessions will be on Microsoft Teams, To sign up just email [libraries@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto: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.



### School Nursing Newsletter

Please see attached the latest newsletter from the School Nursing team.

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# PTA NEWS UPDATE

Remember the pre-pandemic days of public transport when you waited ages for one bus and several came together? Within a few days of Rob Dowding becoming PTA Vice Chair, Clare "Mum of Henry" Waymark has taken on the job of treasurer. I would like to give lots of thanks to outgoing treasurer Dee Morley for all she has done, in particular helping me in the early days of being part of the PTA.

## Vacant Position - PTA Quality Assurance Officer

Job description:

- Verify the results of future Grand Prize Draws.
- Correct the Chairs' terrible smelling and grammar in the newsletter.
- Check the PTA meeting minutes for regressions.
- Taste test all cake sale items.
- This is very clearly a joke but with the serious aim of encouraging people to read this newsletter and expand participation in the PTA.

One of the biggest difficulties with the PTA is recruiting people to take on the named roles. Maybe this is because of the large amounts of time these jobs are perceived to involve? By having a larger number of smaller, well defined jobs, we hope to remove one of the barriers to recruitment. To this end we are holding an informal PTA meeting on Thursday evening in order to discuss the future direction. Please come and find us in the beer garden at the Castle Inn on Thursday evening from 8pm. This is very much separate from the business of the formal PTA meeting earlier that evening in which everyone is strongly encouraged to participate.

## PTA Meeting - Thursday 8th July 5pm

Please join this meeting if you can, all are welcome. The agenda is attached. You can join the Microsoft Teams meeting using a computer or your mobile device. [CLICK HERE TO JOIN THE MEETING](#)

[Minutes of the previous PTA Meetings](#) are available on the school website:

## Hurst Village Society Cricket Match, BBQ and Games Day – Saturday 18th September

Be a part of history by witnessing the titanic struggle to be the first winners of the Hurst Ashes

[www.pta-events.co.uk/stnickurstpta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=37998#.YNMaIWhKiUn](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/stnickurstpta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=37998#.YNMaIWhKiUn)



## School Uniforms

We have the following school uniform items available from the PTA.

If you would like any of these items please contact Sarah Sollesse (07878791486) with your requests and child's name and we will arrange that these are sent home from school with your children.

We would be grateful if you were able to make a donation to the PTA for the school uniform items either using the Paypal [www.paypal.com/gb/fundraiser/charity/3242825](https://www.paypal.com/gb/fundraiser/charity/3242825) or in cash to the school office addressed to the PTA.

A	E	F	I	J	K	L	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T
	age 4-5	age 5	age 6-7	age 7	age 7-8	age 8	age 9	age 9-10	age 10	age 10-11	age 11	age 11-12	age 13
Blue school cardigans					4			2					1
blue school jumpers					2			4				1	
grey dresses					1						1		
grey skirts	1				1	1	1		5			5	
boys trousers		1	1		2	3		2	2			2	
girls trousers				4			1			1		5	
grey shorts					3			1	1	1	1		
girls summer dresses							1	3	1	3			2
White shirts													7

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### Dates for your Diary:

- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 5:00pm – PTA Meeting (MS Teams)
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 8:00pm – PTA Chat and Social, The Castle Inn Beer Garden
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Bag2School Collection
- Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September - Village BBQ and Cricket match

### WIN Fruit & Veg Box Home Delivery... For a Year! It's The PEARfect Prize!

*Lettuce* tell you about the next special prize draw! Whether you're a fresh food fanatic or a fast-food fiend, you'll love this special prize. On 17th July, one lucky winner will receive 12 monthly fruit and veg boxes, delivered straight to their door. That's *shallot* of fruit and veg! Get your tickets now - it's easy *peasy*!

Support your school lottery before Saturday 17th July for your chance to win.

Tickets cost just £1 a week, and all profits go towards school funds.

Good luck! Guaranteed winner each week



### 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.

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](#)



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. It's quick and easy to do!

[smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1002238-0](https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1002238-0)

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



[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stnicholasprimaryhurst/](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.

