



# ST NICHOLAS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Road, Hurst, Berkshire RG10 0DR

**NEWSLETTER 36 – 15<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 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)

## CAKE SALE



### Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July

We are delighted to be able to hold a whole school Cake Sale on Monday after school. If there are cakes left, a second sale will be held on Tuesday.

Parents are asked to provide homemade or store bought cakes which **must be nut free**. There will also be a **free from** section of gluten and dairy free cakes. Parents are encouraged to arrive early and buy cakes for their children from 2.45pm. The sale will take place on the top playground.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

### July

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> PTA Cake Sale 2.30pm on top playground  
 Tues 20<sup>th</sup> KS2 Sports Day *Pupils to wear house coloured T Shirt*  
 Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Caterlink menu change (Fish & Chips)  
 Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Year6 Leavers Service, 10am-12pm school field  
 Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Last Day of Academic Year:  
*Infants 1:10pm / Inf & Jnr Siblings 1:15pm / Juniors 1:20pm*

### August

Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Hurst Horticultural Show, Hurst Village Hall  
 Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Chattabox Church Day Out, 12-4pm, King George V Field, Twyford [www.thru-christ.org.uk](http://www.thru-christ.org.uk)

### 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  
 Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Coffee Morning for all parents, 9:00am in Hall  
 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Residential trip, PGL Liddington  
 Thu 16<sup>th</sup> Year 4 Swimming Sessions commence  
 Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Hurst Village Society BBQ and Cricket Match  
 Thu 23<sup>rd</sup> PTA AGM, 7pm at The Castle Pub  
 Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Tempest Individual & Sibling Photographs  
 Tue 28<sup>th</sup> Years 1 & 2 Trip - Marwell Zoo

## GOLD AWARDS



Congratulations to

**Felix**  
in De la Mare

who achieved a Gold Award



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

**"We always have to believe in what is possible in life and not be hindered by history or expectations."**  
*Gareth Southgate*

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### Infant Sports Day

Last Thursday, we held the infant Sports Day on a bright sunny morning, and the children were in their house colours ready to compete.

The children were divided into groups to compete in the standing long jump, standing high jump or throwing the howler. All of the children participated in all events and managed very well. I have discovered we have some very promising field athletes, with some really good distances in the long jump and height in the high jump.

All of the children did really well with the 'howler' especially as we did not have much practice during our PE lessons.



The children were really looking forward to the track events, and I discovered that we have some Usain Bolts in the making! I introduced the children to the hurdles this term and they all attempted them; I was very impressed with their determination and courage as some of the hurdles were quite high!

I would like to thank all of the children for their effort on my first Sports Day here at St Nicholas; I was really proud of them all. And a massive thank you to all of the staff that supported and helped make the morning such a success.

**Mrs Rudd**

### Dexie in training for Sports Day



### Singing Picnic

It's been a long time coming... being able to sing together has been sorely missed over the past 18 months, so it was such a pleasure to share songs in the sunshine on our Singing Picnic. Milne, Donaldson and De La Mare entertained and challenged Blake class with a variety of action songs and in turn Blake were eaten bit by bit by a boa constrictor! Lots of enthusiastic singing was followed by a picnic on the field. Well done to all the children (and adults!) for learning the songs and actions and the only thing left to say is 'Bananas of the World Unite'!

*\*(No children were actually eaten or harmed by a boa constrictor)*



**Mrs Clacy**

### Lost Property

We have a large amount of un-named uniform in Reception. Parents are welcome to claim any missing items. All remaining items will be given to the PTA to be re-sold as second hand uniform.

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It is fantastic to award so many certificates this week. Well done to the following children who have reached the next stage in their rock hero journey: **Aidan** (Longfellow) – Support Act; **Amelia D** (De La Mare) – Unsigned Artist; **Lacey** (De La Mare) – Rock Legend; **Leo** (De La Mare) – Gigger; **Otto** (De La Mare) – Busker; **Theo** (De La Mare) – Rock Legend and **William R** (Longfellow) – Rock Legend.

This week **Charlie** (Longfellow) had the greatest improvement in correct answers and in coins earned. Congratulations also to **Otto** who improved his speed and to **Amelia D** who had a big improvement in accuracy.

In Numbots, there was super work from **Amelia C** (De La Mare) who reached Iron Stage; **Archie** (Donaldson) who completed Tin level and **Winnie** (Donaldson) who conquered Chrome. **Amelia C** had the biggest improvement in coins earned and **Eva** (Donaldson) the greatest improvement in correct answers. **Bruno** (De La Mare) also earned a certificate for improved accuracy. Well done all!



### Milne Church Virtual Tour

Last week, Milne class experienced a virtual tour of St Nicholas Church recorded especially for us. This term we have been learning about churches and all the different features.

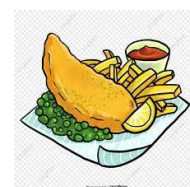
Rev. Anna, Ele and Jenny talked us through the different areas, and we even had a special guest appearance from Grace's daddy, Simon, ringing the church bells for us. Thank you to all those involved to make this happen for the children.

*Mrs Macleod*

### Caterlink Menu Change, Last Day of term

There will be a change to the menu on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July which is Fish and Chips (instead of Roast Chicken). Please ensure lunch orders are made/revised by midnight on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July.

**Fish Fingers (M) or Wholemeal Cheese & Tomato Quiche (V)**  
served with **Chips, Beans and Peas**  
**Vanilla Cookie**



### Get Involved with Hurst Panto 2022 - "A Lad in the Wild West"!

Hurst Village Pantomime Group are BACK and rehearsals for our tenth pantomime, "A Lad in the Wild West", a twist on the classic Aladdin, start in September.

Join us for an introductory meeting on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm** at **Hurst Scout Hut**, with auditions planned for the following weekend. We would LOVE to have a good mixture of familiar and new faces, both on and off the stage so please come along to find out more!

Every production brings together a large team of people from the village and surrounds. There are a host of different roles for which we need help, from lighting, sound, costumes, props, hair and makeup to front of house, chaperoning, marketing, ticket sales, directing and production. It's a great opportunity to get involved, meet new people, and experience the fantastic camaraderie associated with putting on a highly-regarded show!

Please see the attached poster for key dates and audition/rehearsal information. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer please email [info@hurstpanto.org.uk](mailto:info@hurstpanto.org.uk)

Performances at Hurst Village Hall are scheduled for the following dates. Tickets will go on sale in the Autumn!

- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022 – 7.30pm
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022 – 7.30pm
- Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2022 – 2pm and 7.30pm

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## **FUN FOOTBALL TRAINING SESSIONS**

Hurst FC is a small friendly club running free football training sessions in September on a Saturday or Sunday (tbc)

at Stow Bridge, Hinton Road, Hurst

Sessions will be casual and fun and open to boys and girls who will be starting Year 1 or 2 in September

Older age groups are looking for new players too

To register your interest please email

[hurstfc2@gmail.com](mailto:hurstfc2@gmail.com)

Further details will follow!



### **Twyford Together Charity 5K and Fun Run**

Be sure to save the date for this year's *Twyford Together Charity 5K and Fun Run*. It's taking place on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October** at **The Piggott School**. There are races for all ages including a chip-timed 5K for those aged 11+. Plus, if you and your family enlist enough neighbours, you might be able to topple 2019's

'Fastest Street'. To find out more and enter, visit the Twyford Together website at [www.twyfordtogether.org](http://www.twyfordtogether.org)

## PTA NEWS UPDATE

So it's all over. What do we do now? We wait for a few weeks until it all starts again. What will we do until the football season/autumn term (delete as appropriate) brings meaning back to our lives? It must have been interesting for the teachers on Monday morning, seeing which children were rather tired having stayed up to watch the Euros final!

Vice Chair Rob reminds me that a couple of events, The Olympic Games and The Paralympics, are imminent. He's proving his value already!

After 15 months of not a great deal happening on the PTA side, I'm really pleased to tell you that we will be holding a cake sale on Monday 19th July. Let's all get our baking hats on to provide cakes, and our appetites ready to sample some delicious products! Please check the events section at the end of this newsletter. We are having a PTA chat and social on Thursday 15th July in The Castle Inn beer garden from 8pm.

### Vacant Position - PTA Master Chef

Job description:

- Village baking guru.
- A hero to Nadiya Hussain and Mr Kipling.
- All recipes totally nut free.
- Fount of knowledge about good taste.
- It's a shame this can't be said about the PTA Chair!



### Cake Sale Monday 19th July from 2.30pm

Calling all bakers and cake shoppers: Please could you bring cakes into school on Monday morning at drop-off time. A member of the PTA will be collecting at each gate. All cakes MUST be nut free to comply with school rules. If you are an experienced free-from baker, please could you make cakes to be both gluten and dairy free and label them as such. Please label your cake boxes with child and class name to make sure they get home.

Cake buyers and eaters: We are staggering the cake sale with pick up times to give everyone space. Starting early at 2:30pm for parents of infant pupils. We will make sure that plenty of choice remains for those further up the school. Cakes will be priced from 50p upwards. There will be some larger cakes available too.

Helpers: We need people to come and help serve. If you can come and help from 2pm please let us know. We will be asking those helping to take a Lateral Flow Test if possible to help keep everyone safe.

### Bags2School

Thank you for everyone who donated bags of unwanted clothing. We raised a respectable sum in the region of £170.

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

I'm going to keep reminding you all about this. Please do buy a ticket and come along for what promises to be a really fun day. A bouncy castle and plenty of fun games have been hired to keep the children entertained. As well as the fantastic BBQ there will also be picnic hampers for sale and a licensed bar. We really hope that the cricket match will become an annual event. This is going to be a wonderful chance to bring the village together after a pretty dreadful last 15 months, please do support us!

[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.

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	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

### Dates for your Diary:

- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July 8:00pm PTA Chat and Social, The Castle Inn beer garden.
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2:45pm Cake Sale!!!!
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September - New parents event
- Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September - Village BBQ and cricket match
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September - PTA AGM, The Castle Inn.

### Your School Lottery

Congratulations to Vicki Randles who was a cash prize winner this week. Please buy some tickets if you haven't already done so.

### 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.

## Easy ways to support Fundraising for St Nicholas School

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.



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