



ST NICHOLAS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Road, Hurst, Berkshire RG10 0DR

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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

St Nicholas Church, Hurst

Sunday 12th September 11am Holy Communion

Sunday 19th September 11am Messy Church

www.thru-christ.org.uk

BA Sports Out of School Club



Breakfast Club 07:45-08:45 £6.50

Short Stay After School 15:15-16:30 £7.50

Long Stay After School 15:15-18:00 £12.50

Multi-sports activities will run on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. **Football club** on Tuesdays. There will be a range of other activities on offer to children who would like to stay at after school but do not wish to participate in multi-sports or football, so all are truly welcome and will have a wonderful time!

Bookings via www.basportstar.co.uk



SCHOOL CALENDAR

September

Fri 10th Coffee Morning 9:00am in Hall
 Mon 13th Lacrosse Taster Session for Year 5
 13th-17th Year 6 Residential trip, PGL Liddington
 Sat 18th Hurst Village Society BBQ and Cricket Match
 Thu 23rd PTA AGM, 7pm at The Castle Pub
 Mon 27th Tempest Individual & Sibling Photographs
 Tue 28th Years 1 & 2 Trip - Marwell Zoo

October

Wed 6th Zoolab Visit – Milne Class (on school site)
 Thu 7th School Census – Autumn Term
 Fri 8th Harvest Festival Service, 10am at St Nicholas Church
 21st / 22nd Year 6 Bikeability Level 1 & 2 (half the class on each day)
 Fri 22nd **INSET DAY** – School Closed
 25-29th **HALF TERM** – School Closed

November

Mon 1st **INSET DAY** – School Closed
 Wed 3rd Bag2School Collection, 9:00am
 Tue 16th TS Eliot Trip – Reading Museum

Parents Coffee Morning

Friday 10th September at 9.00am

Parents and Carers of St Nicholas School are warmly invited to an informal coffee morning after morning drop off in the school hall. The PTA will provide refreshments and members of the Governing body will be attendance. Pre-School aged siblings are welcome too.



This week's Growth Mindset thought...

"One day you'll look back and realise how hard it was, and just how well you did."

Charlie Mackesy

Our School Values: Respect, Thoughtfulness, Perseverance, Friendship

Welcome Back

A warm welcome to all our children and their families for a new academic year. Mrs Jerome has returned after adoption leave; it is lovely to see her back supporting EYFS pupils. We also welcomed Dexie the school dog back yesterday; she is thoroughly enjoying her walks around the grounds and all the attention from the children. It is business as usual with all classrooms proving to be vibrant areas of learning. There are many trips planned including the Year 6 residential to PGL next week. We are looking forward to a wonderful Autumn term.

From today, our newsletter will be moving to a fortnightly publication with a short weekly bulletin every Friday afternoon with information on the week ahead.

PE Day Schedule Autumn Term

A reminder of the new PE Schedule. Pupils may come to school wearing their PE kit on their PE days.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Longfellow Blake	Milne Donaldson TS Eliot	TS Eliot Longfellow	Milne Donaldson	Blake

Primary School Flu Vaccination Programme - Update

We have been notified by the NHS School Immunisation Team that the flu vaccination programme for all primary school-aged children has been delayed until after the October half term. Therefore vaccinations will not take place on 20th October as planned; the new date will be communicated to parents as soon as possible.



Reading Cycle Festival, Sunday 12th September, Christchurch Meadows 11:00am – 4.00pm

This family event is supported by Reading Borough Council to promote the enjoyment and benefits of cycling and is aimed at non-cyclists as well as experienced riders. There will be more than 20 activities, shows and information stalls celebrating cycling including stunt displays, opportunities to try out different cycles, an obstacle course and free bike checks.

The impressive line-up is listed here www.readingcyclefestival.co.uk

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

Rehearsals for our tenth pantomime, "A Lad in the Wild West", a twist on the classic Aladdin, start later this month.

We would LOVE to have a good mixture of familiar and new faces, both on and off the stage! 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!



Auditions for adults and youths in school Year 9+ take place on Friday 10th September at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. Children's auditions (school Year 4-8) will be on Sunday 12th September from 1pm.

Performances at Hurst Village Hall are scheduled on 20th, 21st and 22nd January 2022. Tickets on sale soon!

Any questions, please call Claire on 07974 650871 or visit www.hurstpanto.org.uk

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It is a new school year for TT Rockstars and Numbots and we already have some great news! Well done to **Amrita** and to **Charlie** in Blake who have reached 'top of the pops' to become **Rock Heroes**. A fantastic effort from both!

Congratulations also to the following KS2 children who have completed the next stage in their Rockstars journey: **Addison** (Longfellow) – Gigger; **Leo** (TS Eliot) – Breakthrough Artist and **Noah J** (TS Eliot) – Wannabe. **Addison** also had the biggest improvement in speed this week and **Oscar** (TS Eliot) had the biggest increase in correct answers. There has also been great work from **Jeremy** (Longfellow) who had the most improved accuracy.



It is such a pleasure to award so many Numbots certificates this week. These have been achieved by **Courtney** (Donaldson) – Brass; **Emilia B** (Milne) – Rust; **Georgia J** (Donaldson) – Rust; **Lacey** (TS Eliot) – Aluminium; **Konstantin** (Donaldson) – Rust; **Robin** (Milne) – Rust and **Scarlett** (Milne) – Rust. Super work, all!



Finally, **Mena** (TS Eliot) has also worked tremendously hard achieving certificates for the biggest increase in correct answers and coins earned, and the greatest improvement in accuracy.

Teigan's Friendship Bench

Thank you to the Ransby-Craigs family for the kind gift of the wonderful friendship bench which is now in our school grounds for all pupils to enjoy. The bench also has a plaque with a very important message.

We wish Teigan well in her new school and we wish her every success for the future.



PTA NEWS UPDATE

So it's all over (again). The nights are drawing in and the kids are back at school. Autumn is arriving and the summer is nearly finished. Except of course for the last hurrah in the form of the PTA v Hurst Village Society cricket match which I hope you will support.

I often wonder exactly what people make of my random musings in this newsletter. Please do take the chance to meet some of the PTA team and provide feedback, both at the imminent coffee morning on Friday (lots of chocolate biscuits!) and at the AGM on Thursday 23rd September in The Castle Inn (lots of beverages!)

Vacant Position - PTA Cricket Coach

Job description:

- Mentor our squad of elite athletes.
- Teach our bowling unit to swing it like Jimmy Anderson.
- Transform our wicket keeper into another Sarah Taylor.
- Persuade the Chair to put away the ramp shot for good.
- From now on all holidays will be Dreadlock Holidays!

Parent Coffee Morning, Friday 10th September from 9.00am

All parents and carers are warmly invited to an informal coffee morning in the school hall. The PTA will be providing refreshments, an amazing array of biscuit based produce has been procured along with tea and coffee (full caffeine and decaf). Members of the governing body, including Church family worker the amazing Ele Buckley, will be attending. Suitable play equipment for pre-school aged children will be provided.

Please come along to meet other parents in your child/ren's class and ask any questions you may have. We promise faithfully not to try too hard to recruit new members of the PTA.

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

Our elite squad has been practising hard ahead of this high class sporting clash. The PTA team take on the Hurst Village Society in a T20 cricket match. The Hurst ashes are at stake! The match will begin at 11:00am with the BBQ scheduled to be serving food from around 12:30. Games for the children, including a bouncy castle, will be available throughout the day. A live jazz band will follow the cricket and the bar will be open until 6:00pm.



Advance tickets cost £10 and include food from the BBQ. Children's tickets are available for £7. Please do come along and support what should be a really fun event for the whole village.

www.pta-events.co.uk/stnickurstpta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=37998#.YNMaIWhKiUn

PTA AGM Thursday 23rd September, The Castle Inn

The PTA raises funds to help improve the facilities available to your children at school.

This term we plan to hold two class cake sales, have a stall at the church Christmas fayre and at least one social event. Not to mention various roles at the Village fun day and cricket match. Please come along and meet the committee and provide your input into what we can do to help the school.

Dates for your Diary:

- **Friday 10th September - Parent Coffee Morning, 9am in the School Hall**
- **Saturday 18th September - Village BBQ and cricket match**
- **Thursday 23rd September - PTA AGM, The Castle Inn.**

School Uniforms

We have various school uniform items available from the PTA and will be publishing a full list in the next exciting newsletter!

Your School Lottery

Congratulations to Samantha Giles who was a cash prize winner this week and generously donated their winnings to the school.

Please buy some tickets if you haven't already done so. Good luck! Guaranteed winner from our community each week.

If you'd like to take part in our School Lottery, simply follow this link:

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Easy ways to support Fundraising for St Nicholas School

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

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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

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/

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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