



ST NICHOLAS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Road, Hurst, Berkshire RG10 0DR

NEWSLETTER 04 – 21st October 2021



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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.



INSET DAYS: FRIDAY 22nd OCTOBER & MONDAY 1st NOVEMBER

Please note that School is closed tomorrow and we wish all pupils and families a restful half term break. School reopens on Tuesday 2nd November from 8.35am.



CLOCKS GO BACK on SUNDAY 31st OCTOBER

The end of British Summer Time is upon us, and the clocks go back one hour on Sunday 31st at 2.00am.

CHURCH SERVICE www.thru-christ.org.uk

St Nicholas Church, Hurst

Sunday 24th Oct 11am Holy Communion (live stream)
Sunday 31st Oct 11am Holy Communion
Sunday 21st Nov 11am Messy Church (St Nicholas Chu)

SCHOOL CALENDAR

October

Fri 22nd **INSET DAY – School Closed**
25-29th **HALF TERM – School Closed**
Sun 31st Treasures & Treats Pirate Adventure 5-6:30pm, St Nicholas Church. Ages 3-11 years. Book your free tickets [here](#)

November

Mon 1st **INSET DAY – School Closed**
Wed 3rd Bag2School Collection, 9:00am
Tue 9th Tempest individual / sibling photos (PM) for those pupils who were absent on 27th Sept
Wed 10th Entry deadline for Jubilee Design competition
10th / 11th Parents Evenings
Sun 14th Remembrance Sunday
Tue 16th TS Eliot Trip – Reading Museum
Thu 18th Open Morning (EYFS starters Sept 22)
Thu 18th PTA Meeting (online); 7:00pm
Fri 26th Non-Uniform Day in exchange for donations of chocolate for tombola at Christmas Fayre

December

Wed 1st Open Morning (EYFS starters Sept 22)
Thu 2nd Flu Vaccination (nasal spray) – all pupils
Fri 3rd Milne Class festive cake sale (new date)
Sat 4th Christmas Fayre, Hurst Village Hall
Thu 9th KS1 Nativity (dress rehearsal on 8th Dec)
Fri 10th Christmas Party/Disco KS1 4:30pm/KS2 5:45pm

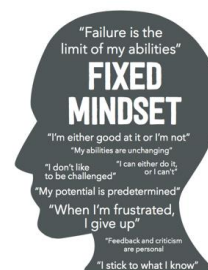
GOLD AWARDS



Congratulations to

Lucy
in Blake Class

who achieved a Gold Award



This week's Growth Mindset thought...

"Somewhere inside all of us is the power to change the world."

'Matilda' by Roald Dahl

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TKAT Annual Service of Celebration

Phoebe, Lucas, Gemma, Lewis, Lola and Louis were invited to St Mary's Church in Twyford on 14th October to take part in the annual service of celebration for The Keys Academy Trust called 'Be the Change', an initiative to tackle climate change and ways we can all make a difference. When it was our turn to speak, we talked about 'promoting wildlife around our school', 'reducing, reusing and recycling' and 'environment day'. I think we did a really good speech and we are proud that we represented our St Nicholas School.

Written by Gemma W



Staffing Update – Interim Deputy Headteacher

As you know, Mrs Amy Holland is currently on maternity leave following the birth of her daughter, Daisy. I am pleased to inform you that the interim role of Deputy Headteacher will be filled by Mrs Sarah Hilling on a part-time fixed-term basis. During her time at St Nicholas school, first as a Year 1 teacher and now as Special Needs co-ordinator, Mrs Hilling has demonstrated strong commitment to supporting the ethos and values of the school. She has built excellent relationships with the pupils, parents and families and developed outstanding working relationships with all staff. I am delighted she is able to work with me, the staff and governors to continue with our mission – to build a firm foundation for all pupils.

In addition, Mrs Gia Middleton and Mr Andy Butler-Willis have been appointed to the role of KS1 and KS2 Co-ordinator respectively. The senior leadership team comprising of Miss McGrail, Mrs Hilling, Mrs Middleton and Mr Butler-Willis will be focussed on continued curriculum development and raising standards of reading, writing and maths across the school.

Parents' Evening, 10th and 11th November

The booking window is now live on Tucasi SCOPay for parents to make their 10-minute appointment with your child/ren's class teacher. Pupils are not required to attend the parent meetings but are welcome to do so if they wish. The booking window will close on 10th November at 9:30am. We are unable to offer a crèche for pupils due to space constraints. Visit our website for a [Parent Guide to booking appointments](#)



Online Safety - Urgent Parent Update

We know a lot of our children are lucky enough to have access to online programme channels such as Netflix or Amazon. Sadly, this week, we have heard a few children talking about the new Netflix series 'Squid Game', which is a **certificate 15 programme and totally unsuitable for primary age children**. Please read the [National Online Safety's guide](#) to the risks for children with regards to Squid Game.

If your child has access to online TV and YouTube, we strongly advise you to add parental controls. We have attached an info sheet on how you set up parental controls on Netflix accounts. Also please be mindful if older siblings have devices and how they might be sharing these. We advise all devices are kept in family, shared rooms, so you can monitor how long they are on the devices and what they are watching. We are aware that versions of Squid Game are available in games such as Roblox, Minecraft and Fortnite, so even if children haven't seen the programme, they are being exposed to the same themes via these games.

Tape Lane – Restricted Access

The number of vehicles using Tape Lane has increased at school drop-off and pick-up times which is creating an unsafe situation, potentially putting pupil safety at risk. Tape Lane has restricted access and is a designated 'Safer Walking Route to School' as pedestrians and cyclists are encouraged to use the lane. Please can parents refrain from driving into Tape Lane for the purpose of dropping children close to school. Our children's safety is of utmost importance. The situation is being monitored and Police will be carrying out enforcement checks that could lead to drivers receiving fines and/or penalty points as a consequence for infringing the restriction in place in Tape Lane.

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The Queen's Platinum Jubilee - Design Competition



Hurst Parish Council are pleased to invite St Nicholas School children and their families to design a logo for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in Hurst village over the weekend of 2nd-5th June 2022. This is a wonderful opportunity for children and parents to create something spectacular to reflect this momentous occasion; the winning design will be featured on the Jubilee magazine and other publicity items! The design can either be circular, square or rectangular in shape (like these examples). **Please hand in your entries to the School Office by 3.15pm on Wednesday 10th November. Please remember to write your name on the back of your entry. We look forward to seeing some great designs!**



St Nicholas Church Christmas Fayre, Saturday 4th December

The St Nicholas Church Christmas Fayre takes place this year on Saturday 4th December at the Hurst Village Halls. As part of the fundraising for this event we are running a raffle. The prizes for the raffle are a number of fantastic hampers. **Tickets are £1 each.** Every family has been given a book of 5 raffle tickets (more books available in school office if required). If you are able to support the event

by buying some tickets or selling them to family or friends it would be greatly appreciated. The draw will take place at the end of the Fayre on the 4th December. Please return any sold ticket stubs, payment or any unsold tickets to the school office by Friday 26th November so we can make sure all tickets are collected and entered into the draw. Payment can be made by cash or a cheque made payable to 'St Nicholas Church, Hurst'.

Post-Match Report – St Nicholas vs Nine Mile Ride. Result 3:0

Year 6 Team: Louis, Lucas, Lola, Lewis, Elliot, Max, Jake, Ollie and Harrison

On Monday 11th October, the School football team went up against Nine Mile Ride in a thrilling match. In the first half we played amazing football and we were 3:0 up. Goals from Lola with her two long range rockets and a great header by Jake. Ollie's throws were lethal against Nine Mile Ride. Lucas was like a sponge absorbing the ball. In the second half, Nine Mile Ride scored the only goal and the match ended 3:1 to St Nicholas.

Written by Lucas G, Year 6



Post-Match Report – St Nicholas vs Charvil Piggott. Result 1:1

Year 6 Team: Will, Louis, Lucas, Lola, Lewis, Elliot, Max, Jake, Ollie and Harrison

On Thursday 15th October we played Charvil Piggott. The match started evenly; both teams had good chances to score. The deadlock was broken by Ollie after a good set up by Lola. During the second half, we were awarded a penalty after a handball in the box, which Jake converted. However, Charvil hit back with an equaliser when they found a space. Both teams had chances to win it but a draw was a fair result.

Written by Will R, Year 6

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Well done to **Frankie** (TS Eliot) who has reached Garage Rocker status and to **Zoe** (Longfellow) who has become Support Act! **Amelia D** (TS Eliot) is now a Rockstar and **Isaam** (TS Eliot) has also become an Unsigned Artist. Fantastic work!

For the last two weeks, **William SS** (TS Eliot) has had the greatest improvement in correct answers. Last week **Bruno** (TS Eliot) improved his speed the most and **Azriel** (Longfellow) was the most accurate player. This week, **Zoe** gained the certificate for the best improved speed and **Iman** (Donaldson) was the most accurate player. Great work all!

In Numbots, several children have completed their next stage: **Chloe** (Year 1) – Tin; **Colette** (TS Eliot) – Rust and Iron; **Courtney** (Year 1) – Copper; **Hallie** (Year 2) – Iron; **Iman** (Year 2) – Rust; **Isaam** (TS Eliot) – Rust; **Ivy** (Year 1) – Chrome; **Jack** (Year 1) – Brass; **Lacey** (TS Eliot) – Kevlar and **Luna** (Year 2) – Iron. Last week, **Colette** achieved the greatest increase in correct answers and coins and **Margot** (Year 2) had the highest improvement in accuracy. This week, **Courtney** improved her number of correct answers and the number of coins earned. **Isaam** was the most accurate player. Well done everybody!



Congratulations to Josie!

Well done to Josie in Longfellow who won trophies in her dance competition over the weekend of 9th October. Keep up the hard work and practice!



Congratulations to Marcus in Milne class, and his family, who welcomed a little boy into their family unit. Here is a photo of Marcus with new brother Carter.

Bonfire Night and Fireworks Display, Saturday 30th October, King George's Field, Twyford

Please see attached the information flyer regarding the Twyford & District Roundtable annual Bonfire night and fireworks display at King George's field in Twyford, which this year has a Harry Potter theme. As in previous years, there will be a colouring competition as a free entry ticket for school children – entry sheets have been distributed to children this week. Spares are available from the office if required and a copy is also attached for printing at home.



October Half Term Holiday Camps

Please visit the [Holiday Activities](#) page of our website for a range of multi-activity camps available to book, which also includes specific sport focused camps such as basketball, netball and football.

PTA NEWS UPDATE

Oscar Wilde wisely said that work is the curse of the drinking classes. In which case self-isolation is definitely the curse of the cake eating classes. Well done Blake class for their cake sale this week, it's a shame that I was unable to sample the delights. Our next cake sale will have a distinctly festive twist thanks to a cunning plan from Milne class...

Upcoming Events

The Milne class cake sale has been moved to Friday 3rd December and will have a Christmas theme.



The St Nicholas Church Christmas Fayre will take place on Saturday 4th December both inside and outside the large village hall. The PTA will be organising a chocolate tombola amongst other things. On Friday 26th November we are holding a non-uniform day in exchange for chocolate items (more info to follow). We have the opportunity for an extra stall if anyone would care to organise something suitable. Please come along and support what is always a most excellent community event.

Staying with the festive theme, we have booked an entertainer to provide a Christmas disco for the children on **Friday 10th December**. This will be 4:30pm-5:30pm for the infants, and 5:45pm-6:45pm for the juniors. I'm sure that the children will enjoy finally meeting John Johnny face-to-face instead of virtually!



Bag2School Clothing & Textile Collection – Wednesday 3rd November

Are your wardrobes and drawers full to bursting? The Bag2School collection is on Wednesday 3rd November. (Please do not bring your bags prior to this date) You can donate adult and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, bags, soft toys and many other items. Please see <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect> for a comprehensive list of what is and isn't accepted.

You should all have had a bag sent home from school, although items are taken in any type of bag. The more we collect, the more we raise.

Davis Tate

Our generous friends at Davis Tate will give the school £250 if you sell through them.



Second hand School Uniforms Items Available

Age	4-5	5	5-6	6	6-7	7	7-8	8	8-9	9	9-10	10	10-11	11	11-12	12	13
Blue school jumpers	1		2		1						2				0		
blue school cardigans	1		6				3								1		1
grey dresses																	
grey skirts		2				1	1	8	1			2			3		
boys trousers		0			1		2	3	3		2	2			2		
girls trousers						2				1	1			1	5		
grey shorts		2					1			4	2	7	1				
girls summer dresses	4			1	2	1				1	1		1	2			2
PE tops			1				3										
PE Shorts		1				2											

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Your School Lottery

Congratulations to Samantha Giles and Mr C who have won cash prizes over the last couple of weeks.

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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- **Thursday 18th November** – PTA Meeting (online); 7:00pm
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- **Friday 3rd December** – Milne Class festive cake sale
- **Saturday 4th December** – St Nicholas Church Christmas Fayre, Hurst Village Hall
- **Friday 10th December** – Christmas Party/Disco (Infants 4:30-5:30pm / Juniors 5:45-6:45pm)
- **Friday 17th December** – Christmas Jumper Day and Last Day of Term

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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