



ST NICHOLAS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Road, Hurst, Berkshire RG10 0DR

NEWSLETTER 05 – 4th November 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.

ST NICHOLAS HURST CHURCH SERVICE

www.thru-christ.org.uk

Sunday 7th Nov No service at St Nicholas

Sunday 14th Nov 10:45am Holy Communion with Royal British Legion and Uniformed groups



Poppy Appeal - Royal British Legion

From tomorrow, Friday 4th

November, Year 6 children will be selling poppies and a range of other merchandise at the start and end of school, to raise money for the Royal British Legion.

Please bring spare cash with you to support this worthy cause.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

November

- Tue 9th Tempest individual & sibling photos (PM) *only for those pupils who were absent on 27th Sept*
- Wed 10th Entry deadline for Jubilee Design competition
- 10th / 11th Parents Evenings (*appointments can be made via Tucasi SCOPay account*)
- 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 19th **Non-Uniform Day** in exchange for donations of chocolate for tombola at Christmas Fayre
- Sun 21st Messy Church, 11am St Nicholas Church

December

- Wed 1st Open Morning (EYFS starters Sept 22)
- Thu 2nd Flu Vaccination (nasal spray) – all pupils
Consent must be made online 48 hours prior
- Fri 3rd Milne Class festive cake sale (new date)
- Sat 4th Christmas Fayre, Hurst Village Hall
- Sun 5th St Nicholas Night, 5pm School Rd Recreation Grd
Switching on tree lights, carol singing
- Wed 8th KS1 Nativity – Dress Rehearsal 10:45am
- Thu 9th KS1 Nativity 10:45am and 2:15pm (*parent audience subject to government guidance*)
- Fri 10th Christmas Party/Disco KS1 4:30pm/KS2 5:45pm
- Fri 17th Last Day of Term & Christmas Jumper Day

Don't forget
Parents'
Evening!

Wednesday 10th & Thursday 11th November

A reminder for parents to make a 10-minute appointment with your child/ren's class teacher via Tucasi SCOPay. Pupils are not required to attend the parent meetings but are welcome to do so if they wish.

We are unable to offer a crèche for pupils due to space constraints.



This week's Growth Mindset thought...

"Praising what is lost makes the remembrance dear."

William Shakespeare

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Tempest Photography, Tuesday 9th November

Children who were absent on the original date (27th September) can have their portrait and sibling photo taken on Tuesday. Each class teacher has been supplied a list of children who were absent on the original date to ensure they are given this opportunity. Proofs will be distributed when available.

Reminder: The Queen's Platinum Jubilee - Design Competition Deadline, Wednesday 10th November

Hurst Parish Council invited 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. 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. **Please hand in your entries to the School Office by 3.15pm on Wednesday 10th November. Remember to write your name on the back of your entry. We look forward to seeing some great designs!**



Flu Vaccination Session, Thursday 2nd December

A reminder to complete the online consent/non-consent form for your child to receive the flu vaccine (via nasal spray). We have had a 40% response so far. Consent **MUST** be made online via www.berkshireimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu Enter Unique Code: BK147377



Berkshire Healthcare
Children, Young People and
Families services

We would be grateful if you could complete the form even if you do NOT wish for your child to be vaccinated as a non-consent, so that all children are accounted for. If you need assistance to complete the form, please come to the school office.

Netball Update



On Tuesday, St Nicholas played St Paul's Primary School in a friendly netball match. Mrs Rudd split us into two teams, Red and Blue. The Red Team consisted of Lola, Lewis, Phoebe, Louis, Tayla, Ollie and Lucy. We played 4 quarters of 7 minutes. We dominated the match from the first whistle. The final score was 9-0 to St Nicholas. Everyone played really well and were great sportspeople. We cannot wait for our next game. *Written by Lewis and Phoebe*

On Tuesday, we went to St Paul's for our first friendly netball match of the season. We started off well, but St Paul's came back winning the first quarter 4-1. The second quarter we pulled back to 4-3. The third quarter, holding most of the possession, we took the lead, and were leading 4-6 going into the final quarter. The last quarter was close and the match could have gone either way. But we finally won the match 6-8. *Written by Elliot and Gemma*

Note from Mrs Rudd: I was really impressed with all of the children, as this was their first game especially as we have not been able to play netball for such a long time and only had a couple of Monday lunchtime practices. They played both games in a very sporting way and listened well to what the umpires told them. I am really looking forward to taking them to future matches. Well done to you all.



TS Eliot Class dominate the certificates this week with great work from **Felix** who is now a Rockstar, **Frankie** who has become a Gigger and **Ted** who has reached Support Act status. **Felix** also had the greatest improvement in correct answers and **Frankie** improved her speed the most. Well done also to **Theo** who has improved his accuracy this week. Finally, **Lily** (Longfellow) was the top coin earner. Congratulations all!

Archie J (Milne) has clearly worked hard in Numbots and has been rewarded with three certificates. Not only has he completed Iron Stage, but he also has the greatest increase in correct answers and coins earned! Well done also to **Sienna S** (Donaldson) who improved her accuracy.



Wokingham Libraries – November Virtual Events

Thursday 11 November 4pm to 4.45pm

Children's Creative Writing Group Online session for children aged 8 to 10 year olds.

Saturday 13 November at 10.30am to 12noon.

Teen Writing Group with Author Victoria Gemmell
Suitable for young people aged 11 to 18 years old.

Virtual Story time We will be sharing some fun stories.
Suitable for families with children aged 7 and under.

- Tuesday 16 November at 11am - 11.30am
- Tuesday 23 November at 11am - 11.30am

To sign up email 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.

November Events

FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Code Club online
for young people aged 9 to 12 years old.
Saturday 6 November Scratch session 10am to 10.45am
Saturday 6 November Python session 11am to 11.45am

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Alexander Devine 5km Santa Dash, Sunday 28th November, Windsor

Please see attached the poster for the festive fundraiser, to help the charity to continue to bring specialist care, support and laughter to the seriously ill local children and their families. It's a great way to get children and their families active in the 'run up' to Christmas. The 5km novelty fun run is held through the centre of Windsor and is accessible to all. Entry includes a free Santa suit or reindeer antlers, a souvenir medal, and refreshments. **For more information about the Santa Dash, please visit www.alexanderdevine.org/events**

Adult Yoga Classes in St Nicholas CE School Hall

Group yoga classes have resumed on Mondays from 7:00 – 8:00pm in St Nicholas School Hall. All levels welcome and classes are open to both ladies and gentlemen. £10.00 per session.

To book, please contact Katy Meads on 07761 591605, or find Katy on Instagram @katymeadsbeauty



Congratulations to Annabelle in Milne class, and her family, who welcomed a little boy James into their family on 29th October. Annabelle has been a very helpful big sister since her baby brother arrived.

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PTA NEWS UPDATE

A couple of successful events; Blake class raised £106 selling lots of what I am reliably informed were delicious cakes, and Bag2School raised £132.30 this week. Well done to everyone involved.

Upcoming Events

Thursday 18th November brings the utterly unmissable online PTA meeting. Make sure you log in to the Zoom meeting well in advance because the high numbers last time meant that those at the back didn't have the best of views.



Non-uniform day, Friday 19th November (revised date)

In return for significant chocolate donations (for both adults and children) towards the legendary chocolate tombola (at the church Christmas Fayre on 4th December), children have the opportunity to put their parents to shame with their superior sartorial elegance.

Dare To Be **Different!**

Celebrate being **YOU!** on **Friday 10th December...**

Will you wear to school...

- *a Santa hat or festive hairband?*
- *a temporary tattoo or glitter tattoo?*
- *your hair in a crazy style?*
- *funny shoes or socks?*
- *Tinsel or something shiny?*

Choose to wear one of these, or indeed all five, to school on Friday 10th December. Donate 50p per item or wear all five for £2. Collection buckets will be available at the school gate.



Later that very same day is the **Christmas Party and Disco** in the School Hall. The amazing **John Johnny** has been booked for what will be a great fun event. Two separate parties will take place, one for the infants at 4:30-5:30pm (EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2) and one for the juniors at 5:45-6:45pm (Year 3 - Year 6).



Davis Tate

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

St Nicholas Church Christmas Fayre, Saturday 4th December, Hurst Village Hall.

Parents should have by now received a book of 5 raffle tickets for the St Nicholas Church Christmas Fayre. Tickets are £1 each (£5 for a book). The prizes are a number of fantastic hampers.

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 Saturday 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'.



More raffle tickets are available from the school office if required.

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Your School Lottery

They say lightning never strikes in the same place twice. Mr Anonymous would like to dispute this assertion, winning the prize both times in the last two weeks. Thankfully he kindly donated his winnings to the school, thus avoiding any accusations of sleaze.

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

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

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Dates for your Diary:

- Thursday 18th November at 7:00pm – PTA Meeting (online)
- Friday 19th November – Non-uniform Day (in exchange for donations of chocolate items, for adults or children, for tombola)
- Friday 3rd December (from 3pm) – Milne Class festive cake sale
- Saturday 4th December – St Nicholas Church Christmas Fayre, Hurst Village Hall
- Friday 10th December – Dare to be Different Day
- 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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