



ST NICHOLAS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Road, Hurst, Berkshire RG10 0DR

NEWSLETTER 06 – 18th November 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.

ST NICHOLAS HURST CHURCH SERVICE

www.thru-christ.org.uk

Sunday 21st Nov 11am Messy Church

Sunday 28th Nov 11am Holy Communion with Baptism
6pm Service of Advent Readings & Hymns

Caterlink Christmas Lunch

Thursday 16th December

Please place orders in Tucasi SCOPAY by 2nd December



Christmas Menu

Roast Turkey with Pork Chipolata Sausage,
Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy



Parsnip and Sweet Potato Loaf
With Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy



Garden Peas & Carrots



Gingerbread Festive Biscuit

Or

Fresh Fruit Selection



SCHOOL CALENDAR

November

Thu 18th PTA Meeting (online); 7:00pm

Fri 19th **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
Consent must be made online by 9am 30th Nov

Fri 3rd Milne Class festive cake sale

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 Covid19 risk assessment*)

Fri 10th Dare to be Different Day

Tue 14th Christmas Craft Day

Thu 16th Caterlink Christmas Lunch pre-orders via Tucasi SCOPay by 2nd December

Fri 17th Christmas Jumper Day (*donations to Save the Children*)

Fri 17th Last Day of Term, 1:30pm finish

Sun 19th Messy Church Christingle, 11am St Nicholas Ch

Mon 20th Messy Church Christmas Crafternoon 2-3.30pm
£3 per child (see attached flyer) St Nicholas Ch

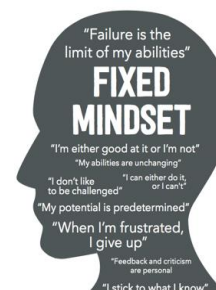
GOLD AWARDS



Congratulations to

Ronnie
in Year 1

who achieved a Gold Award



This week's Growth Mindset thought...

"It always seems impossible until it is done."

Nelson Mandela

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REMINDER: Non-Uniform Day, Friday 19th November A reminder to all parents that tomorrow is non-uniform day **in exchange for donations of chocolate for the PTA tombola** stall at the Christmas Fayre. Chocolate donations can be for either adults or children. Thank you for your support in advance.

Flu Vaccination, 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 an 85% response rate at the time of writing.

IMPORTANT: The booking system will close at 9am on Tuesday 30th November. Nurses will not accept verbal consent on the day.

1. Visit www.berkshireimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu
2. Enter Unique Code: BK147377
3. Fill in the various sections and submit

Please 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.



Berkshire Healthcare
Children, Young People and
Families services



Remembrance Day – Year 6 pupils led the assembly on 11th November when the school community came together to honour all those who gave their lives for our country.

As part of a local history project, the children in Longfellow used the Hurst War Memorial webpage to find out about the people named on the memorial. We discovered lots of information including the schools that the fallen had attended. We discovered many had attended the infant school which is the building we use today. The children then chose someone that they wanted to honour. In small groups, they created their own poppy tribute and included information about their chosen person. It made these young men “real” people and we thought about how we are walking in their footsteps.



Congratulations to Clementine in TS Eliot who won the drawing competition (in her age group) at the Twyford Bonfire & Fireworks Night event, sponsored by Grapevine Estate Agents. Well done Clementine!



There has been a real concerted effort recently with the following children earning certificates for completion of a level: **Frankie** (TS Eliot) – Gigger; **Isaam** (TS Eliot) – Rockstar; **Joe** (Donaldson) – Support Act; **Mena** (TS Eliot) – Busker; **Ted** (TS Eliot) – Headliner and **Zara** (Donaldson) – Support Act. Well done also to **Joe** and **Theo** (TS Eliot) who had the greatest improvement in correct answers for the last two weeks.

Theo was also top earner as was **Sammy** (Longfellow) and certificates for improvement in speed go to **Lola M** (Longfellow) and **Mena** (TS Eliot). In addition, both **Miriam** (TS Eliot) and **Lara** (Longfellow) have improved their accuracy. Well done all!

In Numbots, certificates for completion of the next stage go to: **Charlotte B** (Donaldson) – Iron; **Eva B** (Donaldson) – Glass; **Jack C** (Milne) – Copper; **Luna** (Donaldson) – Tin; **Poppy** (Donaldson) – Copper; **Xander** (Milne) – Rust and **Zara** (Donaldson) – Tin. A fantastic effort! Congratulations also go to **Jack** and **Poppy** who had the biggest improvement in correct answers and in coins earned. Finally, **Teddington** (Milne) and **Margot** (Donaldson) have had the greatest improvement in accuracy for the last two weeks.



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St Nicholas Church Christmas Fayre – Raffle Tickets

Before half term we sent some raffle tickets home for the Christmas Fayre that takes place this year on Saturday 4th December at the Hurst Village Halls. The prizes for the raffle are a number of fantastic hampers. Please could you return and sold ticket stubs and payment to the school office and if you are unable to sell them we would really appreciate the unsold books back so we can try to sell them on the day of the Fayre. **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 on Saturday 4th December. Payment can be made by cash or cheque made payable to 'St Nicholas Church, Hurst'. More tickets are available from the school office until 26th November if you need more. Many thanks for your support!



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Wokingham Winter Event 2021 at Cantley Park Events Field Synthetic Ice Rink and Christmas Market

Enjoy a magical winter wonderland with the family this festive season at Cantley Park, Wokingham. There will be a synthetic ice rink and an outdoor Christmas market; local businesses will be selling delicious food and festive drinks, plus a variety of seasonal gifts and festive treats. Entry to the Christmas market is free of charge with the option of purchasing tickets for the ice rink (£12 for adults and £7.50 for children or £30 for a 'Family of Four' ticket).



Information on opening dates and times, and how to book the ice rink can be found via the websites below:

[Booking for Ice Rink – November 2021](#)

[Booking for Ice Rink – December 2021](#)

[Booking for Ice Rink – January 2022](#)

Adult Yoga Classes - 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.

For information/bookings: **Katy Meads 07761 591605,**
or find Katy on Instagram @katymeadsbeauty



Hodges HIIT Sessions – at the Park on School Road

This activity is run by an ex-St Nicholas pupil, Joshua Hodgkins – a Qualified Level 3 Personal Trainer and Fitness Instructor. The sessions are designed to help develop your fitness. All ages and abilities welcome, especially beginners! All you need is a mat, water and gym wear.

Fridays at 09:00 - 09:30am in the park on School Road, opposite the pond, RG10 0DR

For information/bookings: **@jhodgkinsfitness (Instagram) or Josh Hodgkins/Hodges HIIT (Facebook)**
Tel: 07934282953 Email: Joshhodgkins8@gmail.com

PTA NEWS UPDATE

The last couple of weeks haven't been the best. There has been a Covid19 outbreak in Year 4, affecting both pupils and staff. The PTA would like to send their warmest wishes to those suffering, and hope they have a quick recovery. In other unfortunate news, rising infection rates mean that we can no longer hold the **Christmas Party and Disco** on Friday 10th December. We are currently hopeful that things will be a lot better by March and that we will be able to hold some events before the end of Spring Term 2022. There are, however, two things to look forward to as the week comes to a close. The next PTA meeting tonight (18th) at 7pm and the non-uniform day on Friday 19th in exchange for donations of chocolate for the tombola at the Christmas Fayre.

Vacant Position - PTA Climate Czar

Job description:

- Encourage "green alternatives" to driving to PTA MS Teams online meetings.
- Phase out coal fired PTA BBQs.
- Install wave-power generation in the village duck pond.
- Total ban on pupils flying to and from school.
- Staff room re-forestation initiative.

Donations to PTA Fund

As you realise, it has been difficult for us to hold our usual fundraising events over the last couple of years, and so we are particularly grateful when companies and individuals make donations to PTA funds. We are very pleased to report that **Dawcul** (Petrochemical expertise & supply since 1977) kindly gave us a donation of £100. An anonymous donation of £2000 has provided an absolutely invaluable boost to school funds and will make a huge difference. If you know of anyone, private or corporate, who might be able to help the PTA with funds, please let us know.

Upcoming Events:

PTA Meeting, Thursday 18th November 7pm

Tonight brings the utterly unmissable online PTA meeting. Please ensure you log in to the Teams meeting well in advance because the high numbers last time meant that those at the back didn't have the best of views.

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN THE MEETING VIA MS TEAMS](#)



Non-uniform day, Friday 19th November

In return for significant chocolate donations towards the legendary chocolate tombola (at the church Christmas Fayre), children have the opportunity to put their parents to shame with their superior sartorial elegance. Please remember to buy plenty of chocolate and bring it along on Friday morning!

Milne Class Festive Cake Sale, Friday 3rd December

The next cake sale promises to be a little different to the usual. Milne class will be selling festive goodies after school on Friday 3rd December.



St Nicholas Church Christmas Fayre, Saturday 4th December

This traditional event is a highlight of the village Christmas events. The PTA will be running the chocolate tombola. Please come along, support this excellent event, and win lots of yummy stocking fillers! **Please return any sold raffle ticket stubs, payment or any unsold raffle tickets to the school office by Friday 26th November.**

Davis Tate

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

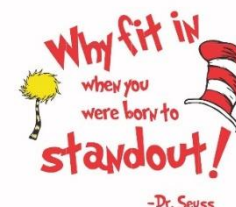


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Dare To Be Different!

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 placed at the school gates.

Your School Lottery

I'm very glad to report that Mr Anonymous has not won the lottery for a third time. I would like to give a very big thank to you to Ms R who won instead, generously donating her winnings to the school.

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
- **CANCELLED** Christmas Party/Disco
- Friday 17th December – Christmas Jumper Day (Monetary donations to Save the Children charity) & Last Day of Term at 1:30pm

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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