



ST NICHOLAS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Road, Hurst, Berkshire RG10 0DR

NEWSLETTER 07 – 2nd December 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 5th Dec 11am The Feast of St Nicholas

Sunday 12th Dec 11am Parish Communion

Caterlink Christmas Lunch

Thursday 16th December

Please place orders in Tucasi SCOPAY by the end of today



Christmas Menu

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teaching the integration

**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



EVENTS CALENDAR

December

- 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 & Christmas Bauble Hunt
- Tue 14th Christmas Craft Day (whole school)
- Wed 15th School Festive Sing-a-long – Infants from 3pm
- Thu 16th School Festive Sing-a-long – Juniors from 3pm
- Thu 16th Caterlink Christmas Lunch *pre-orders via Tucasi SCOPay by 2nd December*
- Fri 17th Christmas Jumper Day/non-uniform (*cash donations to Save the Children*)
- Fri 17th Last Day of Term, 1:30pm finish
- Sun 19th Messy Christingle, 11am St Nicholas Church
- Mon 20th Christmas Crafternoon 2-3.30pm (£3 per child) at St Nicholas Church
- Fri 24th Crib Service 4pm St Nicholas Church

January

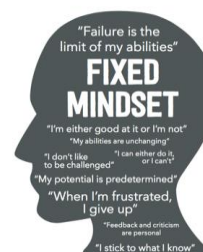
- Tue 4th **INSET DAY – School Closed**
- Wed 5th School Re-opens from 8:35am
- Thu 20th School Census – Spring Term

GOLD AWARDS



**Congratulations to
Aidan, Amrita, Freddie, Gemma,
Max, Sienna and Will
in Year 6**

who all achieved a Gold Award



This week's Growth Mindset thought...

"Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before! What if Christmas doesn't come from a store? What if Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more."

Dr Seuss

Our School Values: Respect, Thoughtfulness, Perseverance, Friendship

Lunch Orders for Caterlink Christmas Lunch, Thursday 16th December

Please place pre-orders in Tucasi SCOPAY by the end of today if you have not already done so (M or V). Jacket potatoes will not be available on this date. The list will be downloaded and final numbers confirmed to Caterlink tomorrow morning (Friday). It may not be possible to accommodate late orders. Your child is free to bring their own festive packed lunch if they prefer. The Christmas lunch is free for infants under the Universal Free School Meal scheme and for any pupils who qualify for benefits-related Free School Meals. For juniors, the cost is the same as usual at £2.15.



Caterlink Revised Menu Dates: Please note revised options on the following dates

Monday 6th Dec: Macaroni Beef Pasta Bake or Cauliflower Curry with Rice

Tuesday 7th Dec: Cheese & Tomato Pizza or Vegetable Tagine with Couscous

Wednesday 15th Dec: Chicken and Broccoli Pasta Bake or Vegetable Enchiladas.

Caterlink Menu – Spring Term 2022

Please note that the [Spring Term menu](#) has now been published on our website. Allergy menus will follow in due course. Paper copies are available from the carousel in the office.

Reminder: Christmas Craft Day, Tuesday 14th December

A reminder that Christmas Craft Day will be held on Tuesday 14th December where children will have the opportunity to create a variety of creative Christmas themed crafts. We have asked parents for a voluntary contribution of £3 to cover materials which can be paid via your Tucasi SCOPay account alternatively, we can accept cash to the school office. Thank you!

Year 5/6 Netball

Due to the unpredictable winter weather, there will be no further lunchtime netball sessions with Mrs Rudd this term. We will advise parents when we plan to re-start netball during the spring term.



Save the Children
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Make the world better with a sweater!

Christmas Jumper Day, Friday 17th December (Last Day of Term – 1:30pm finish)

On the last day of term, pupils are very welcome to come to school wearing their most festive jumper to raise money for Save the Children! Pupils can wear non-uniform along with their Christmas jumpers. Voluntary cash donations are very welcome please.

Well done to Gemma in Blake class who played her flute at the Wokingham Winter Carnival at the weekend. She is part of the Berkshire Training Band and they played in Peach Place on Sunday afternoon.



Lost Property

We have a large amount of lost property in the office including 20 jumpers/ cardigans, 2 water bottles, a pair of tracksuit bottoms and a reflective band. All of these items are unnamed and so we cannot reunite them with their owners.

If you are missing uniform, please feel free to check if any of these items are familiar.

We would like to re-iterate the importance of labelling all items of clothing with your child's name so that items can be easily returned to when they are found.

At the end of term, items will either be disposed of or given to the PTA to be sold as second-hand uniform.

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Signs of Advent

Donaldson class had a very special visit on 25th November from our Church Family Support worker, Ele, who came in to talk to us about the signs of advent for our Christianity topic exploring why Christmas is important to Christians. We looked at the different signs in church that tell us Christmas is near, advent calendars and how we might be feeling leading up to the big day. Ele talked about the importance of

sharing and preparing with loved ones and not rushing around and stressing. Thank you Ele for coming in to our lesson to help with our learning!



What an impressive effort this week! In TT Rockstars, the following children have achieved a new status: **Addison** (Longfellow) – Breakthrough Artist; **Arabella** (Longfellow) – Rockstar; **Evie** (Longfellow) – Headliner; **Mena** (TS Eliot) – Busker and **Noah W** (TS Eliot) – Breakthrough Artist. Great work all!

Theo (TS Eliot) has been working hard for the last fortnight, earning certificates for greatest improvement of correct answers and for coins earned. **Addison** and **Evie** have achieved the awards for improved speed whilst **Gianne** (TS Eliot) and **Rourke** (TS Eliot) have the most improved accuracy. Well done!

In Numbots, the following children are to be congratulated for completing a stage: **Chloe**

(Milne) – Brass; **Colette** (TS Eliot) – Tin and Brass; **Georgia J** (Donaldson) – Iron; **Grace** (Milne) – Tin; **Iman** (Donaldson) – Tin; **Luna** (Donaldson) – Brass and **Primrose** (TS Eliot) – Copper. A

wonderful effort, everyone! **Chloe** and **Colette** have been busy achieving the biggest increases in answers and coins and **Lauren** (TS Eliot) and **Taylor** (Milne) gained certificates for the best improved accuracy. Congratulations to all!



Beryl's Happy 100th Birthday!

On 19th November, Blake class walked to the home of Beryl Sims in Hurst who was celebrating her 100th Birthday. The Year 6 pupils sang 'Happy Birthday' in her front garden and presented her with a card from the whole school community.

Beryl, a former parent of St Nicholas, and her son Tim would like to thank everyone at St Nicholas School for helping to make Beryl's milestone birthday a very special one. Mr Sims writes, 'We had no idea that so many Year 6 children would be there to sing happy birthday - it was really lovely. The other part of the day that really amazed me, was the truly wondrous birthday card from all the staff and pupils - it really is a wonderful gift, with flowers from all the children. Thank you all ever so much'.



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Year 4 Science

We completed our topic on states of matter with a very practical lesson.

Professor McKendrick from Reading University, kindly donated materials for the children to experiment with slime. We then finished off by looking at the effects of carbon dioxide in Mentos sugary shells on a bottle of coke. It was great fun!



HURST PANTOMIME GROUP PRESENTS



A LAD IN THE WILD WEST

PERFORMANCES & TICKET PRICES

Performance	Standard	Concession
Thursday 20 th January 2022 at 7:30pm	£10	£7 (OAPs and under 16s)
Friday 21 st January 2022 at 7:30pm	£13	£9 (OAPs and under 16s)
Saturday 22 nd January 2022 at 2pm and 7:30pm	£13	£9 (OAPs and under 16s)

HOW TO GET TICKETS

Book your tickets from 20th November through our online booking service via <http://www.hurstpanto.org.uk>

All performances are fundraising events, with the cost of the tickets allowing us to cover the cost of putting on the show

Please call Claire on 07974 650871 or go to www.hurstpanto.org.uk for further details

HURST PANTOMIME TICKETS NOW ON SALE!

"A Lad in the Wild West" is a fun-filled twist on the classic Aladdin pantomime! Swapping the Arabian desert for Texan ranches, our heroes include Jasmine, a plucky cowgirl, and her trusty steed, Flying Carpet.

Featuring St Nicholas pupils past and present, the show promises lots of laughs and sing-a-long tunes for all the family to enjoy.

Online Box Office Now Open

www.hurstpanto.org.uk

Performances:

Thursday 20th January 2022, 7:30pm

Friday 21st January, 7:30pm

Saturday 22nd January, 2pm

Saturday 22nd January, 7:30pm

Ticket Prices:

Standard £10

Concession £7 (Seniors and under 16s)

PTA NEWS UPDATE

My job has been made somewhat easier this week due to one of our team who has done an amazing job of putting together a Christmas activities flyer, included as separate attachments to this newsletter. Many thanks to you Emma! The non-uniform day was unsurprisingly very popular, and we have managed to collect enough chocolate to open our own sweet shop. As tempting a career change as that may be it will, however, form the basis of the PTA chocolate tombola at the **St Nicholas Church Christmas Fayre on Saturday 4th December**, 11.00am to 3.30pm. Please come along and attempt to win back the chocolate you previously donated!

Donations

I'm very pleased to report that we have received two more significant donations. The David Brownlow Charitable Foundation have given us a very generous donation of £1000. Hipp Organic have also agreed to extend their sponsorship of this newsletter for another year, giving us £500.

Upcoming Events

Milne Class Festive Cake Sale, Friday 3rd December 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!

Christmas Bauble Hunt, Friday 10th December

We will be running our very first Bauble Hunt with both infants and juniors. Baubles in house colours will be hidden all over the school playground and field. The first team to find all their house coloured baubles will win house points for their team! All children will receive a chocolate treat* for taking part. **alternatives for dietary requirements will be offered.*

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?

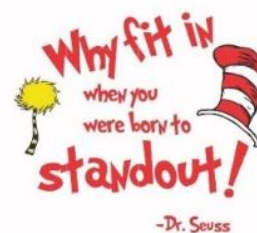
Choose to wear one of these, or indeed all five, to school on Friday 10th December. Donate 50p per item or wear all five for £2. Collection buckets will be placed at the school gates.



Festive Sing-A-Long:

Wednesday 15th (infants) and Thursday 16th December (juniors)

Children will gather at the tinsel clad shelter at 3pm for a festive sing-a-long for all parents/carers to come along and support. Treat yourself to a mince pie and a hot drink to help raise money for our school.



Your School Lottery

I would like to say a big thank you to our two most recent winner, Ms J and Ms G, who both generously donated 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:

[Support St Nicholas CE Primary School when you play Your School Lottery - Your School Lottery](#)



Dates for your Diary:

- 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 Bauble Bauble Hunt (separate infants and juniors)
- Wednesday 15th December (from 3pm) – Infants Festive Sing-a-Long and refreshments
- Thursday 16th December (from 3pm) – Juniors Festive Sing-a-long and refreshments
- Friday 17th December – Christmas Jumper Day /non-uniform (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 to 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.

