



# ST NICHOLAS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Road, Hurst, Berkshire RG10 0DR

**NEWSLETTER 10 – 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022**



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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](http://www.thru-christ.org.uk)

[www.achurchnearyou.com/stnicholashurst](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/stnicholashurst)

<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	11am Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	11am Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	11am Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	11am Messy Church

## Volunteers Required

**Are you available between 2:00pm and 3:00pm on a regular basis?**

If so, would you like to help individual children progress in their phonics and reading?

Due to the pandemic, many of our regular volunteer readers have decided not to continue and we are particular short of readers for the infants.

If you can spare an hour to listen to the children read, please email the school office [admin@st-nicholas.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-nicholas.wokingham.sch.uk)



## EVENTS CALENDAR

### February

Tue 1 <sup>st</sup>	Lunar New Year Festival – year of the Tiger
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>INSET DAY – School Closed</b>
21 <sup>st</sup> - 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>HALF TERM – School Closed</b>
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>	School re-opens from 8:35am

### March

Thu 3 <sup>rd</sup>	World Book Day
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day Character day dress-up
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Bikeability Level 3 (group 1)
Tue 8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Bikeability Level 3 (group 2)
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Consultations 3:30-6:30pm
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Consultations 3:30-6:30pm
Tue 15 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS pupils – National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) Visit by School Nurse team

## GOLD AWARDS

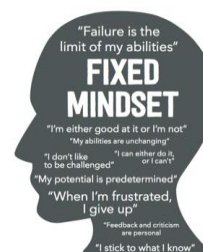


**Congratulations to**

**Jack in Year 1**

**Aidan in Year 6**

**who achieved a Gold Award**



*This week's Growth Mindset thought...*

**"The journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step."**

*Chinese Proverb*

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### Yee-Haa at the Hurst Panto!

In Hurst last weekend, we took part in a pantomime called *A LAD IN THE WILD WEST*. We really enjoyed it. Lola, Amelia, Evie and I [Zoe] from Longfellow class were all in it. Evie and I were townsfolk, Amelia and Lola were 'critters' for Big Bad John. There were also some older children who were past pupils of St Nicholas School in the show too. We were all friends together like a big family.

We did lots of rehearsals on Friday and Sunday nights. Evie and I had to wear skirts and cowgirl hats and makeup to look like we had a suntan! We performed it four times on Thursday, Friday, Saturday daytime & evening. We were very nervous at first but when we heard the audience clapping we were very proud. I hope your children would like to take part in it in 2023/4, to do the next one. It would be nice to see you there with me. If you came to the show, we hope you enjoyed it!

*Written by Zoe H (Year 4)*



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### Crisp Packet Blankets - Using waste to help those in need

A couple of weeks ago, I watched Newsround in class and saw a story about a crisp packet collection to make blankets for homeless people. Homeless people are very cold in the winter and could get really ill. It inspired me to help people. When we were about to go home, Mrs Rudd said we could take it to the school council but, I wanted to act faster. The next day, I brought in a box from home and started collecting empty crisp packets from the children at lunch time. Each day, I collect around 30-35 crisp packets at school. Then, I take them home to cut and wash them. Mrs Rudd is going to help me iron them and make the blankets – it takes 150 crisp packets to make one blanket. I would like people to save their crisp packets and bring them into school to put the box in Longfellow class please.

To see the Newsround story, visit

[www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/59696349](http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/59696349)

*Written by Adam C (Year 5)*



### Celebrating Lunar New Year – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February



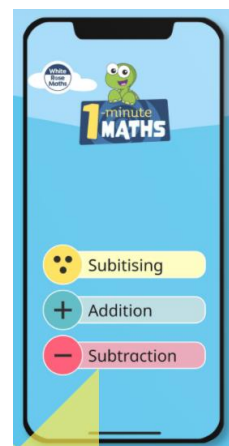
Lunar New Year falls this year on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February, starting a year of the Tiger. It marks the beginning of the Spring Festival holiday which is the biggest holiday in the Chinese calendar. Hong Kong's New Year festival is world-famous and in Hong Kong, people mark the occasion with a unique fusion of modern fun and ancient customs. The three days public holiday from 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> February includes a night parade and spectacular fireworks. Information about the celebration of Lunar New Year in Hong Kong, their traditions, art and music can be found [here](#). Celebrations traditionally last for 16 days, starting from Chinese/Lunar New Year's Eve (31<sup>st</sup> January 2022) to the Lantern Festival (on the 15<sup>th</sup>

February this year). Children will be learning more about Lunar New Year in class next week and we will publish some photos of their activities in next week's newsletter. **'Gong Hei Fat Choy!'**

### '1-Minute Maths' App

White Rose, an educational maths provider, have launched an app called 1-Minute Maths, to develop children's number confidence and fluency, particularly in Key Stage One. It is designed to be used for targeted practice in subtraction, addition and subitising (saying how many of something there is without counting individually) in **one-minute** chunks.

It is free to download via the App store, Google Play and even available on Amazon Kindle, so why not give it a try?



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**Funtastic  
Kids**

# February Half Term Holiday Camps!



Dependable childcare in a safe environment

9:30am - 3:30pm: £21.50 Sibling: £17 8am - 6pm\*: £30 Sibling: £23.50  
(\* Full day price includes a nutritional breakfast and afternoon tea)

Additional hour options £3 per child per hour:

8:30am - 9:30am and 3:30pm - 4:30pm

- Ofsted registered
- Ages 4-15 (from 3 at selected locations)
- Fun packed sports and themed activity timetables on offer

Open Monday 14th - Friday 18th February  
Hatch Ride - King's Academy Oakwood

Open Monday 21st - Friday 25th February  
Alder Grove - Burghfield St Mary's - Earley St Peter's  
Emmbrook Infants - Gorse Ride - Hawkedon - Hawthorns  
Highwood - Loddon - Sonning CofE - Springfield



[www.funtastickids.co.uk](http://www.funtastickids.co.uk)

- [bookings@funtastickids.co.uk](mailto:bookings@funtastickids.co.uk)

- 07715643412

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## PTA UPDATE

It seems like a long time since I last wrote a newsletter. There are a couple of mitigating factors, Covid and the much needed Christmas break. There is also the less forgivable reason of the PTA Chair completely forgetting to produce one two weeks ago!

On a positive note we had some successes just before Christmas. Milne class raised £117 (plus one Euro!) with their festive cake sale. The Chocolate Tombola at the church Christmas Fayre raised £406, significant thanks are due to our wonderful Vice Chair Rob Dowding who covered the whole event due to my quarantine.

I can't sign off without giving a special mention to Emma Henderson and her team who organised the Dare to be Different day, the Christmas bauble hunt and the Festive sing-a-long, not to mention the special Christmas events flier. The PTA is very much a team effort and we are incredibly grateful for all of the help given.

### PTA Secretary

One of our greatly valued secretary team, Sarah Sollesse, is standing down from the role after contributing a great deal for what seems like forever. Thank you for all you have done Sarah, you will be greatly missed. We need to recruit someone to fill this role. Successful applicants will enjoy taking notes at PTA meetings and producing minutes.

### Informal PTA meeting – Thursday 27th January online (Zoom) 7pm

This is going to be a short and informal affair aimed at coming up with a plan of action for the immediate future and deciding on a date for the next proper meeting. Use the following link to join the Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87530286823?pwd=VU8yVnZ6Q1ZFYkhxbUhKODBYU2thZz09>

Meeting ID: 875 3028 6823

Passcode: 4T6kgm



### PTA Cricket

As the New Year begins and days begin to get longer, thoughts naturally turn to our national pastime of humiliating losses to the Australians/Indians/West Indies/Kiwis etc. Many of you enjoyed the inaugural Hurst Ashes of 2021 and the exciting match between Hurst PTA and Hurst Village Society. I'm very pleased to report an additional fixture for this year, a match against Sonning CE Primary School PTA. Occasional practices will begin after Easter and anyone who has experience of the game at school or club level will be welcome to join our squad of "elite athletes".

### Davis Tate

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



### Date for your diary:

- **Thursday 27th January 7:00pm - Informal PTA meeting (online)**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87530286823?pwd=VU8yVnZ6Q1ZFYkhxbUhKODBYU2thZz09>  
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### Your School Lottery

Congratulations to Mike Rand and the anonymous PTA member who both generously donated their winnings to the school.

Good luck! Guaranteed winner from our community each week. 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](#)



## 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](https://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/](https://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.

