



# ST NICHOLAS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Road, Hurst, Berkshire RG10 0DR

**NEWSLETTER 12 – 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022**



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

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

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February** 11am Messy Church

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February** 11am Holy Communion



**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March**  
**3:30pm - 6:00pm**

**The booking window in Tucasi SCOPay is now open to make appointments**

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

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

## EVENTS CALENDAR

### February

Thu 17<sup>th</sup> Last Day of 1<sup>st</sup> Half Spring term, 3:15pm

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> **INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED**

21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> **HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED**

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> School Reopens from 8:35am

### March

Thu 3<sup>rd</sup> World Book Day

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> 'Celebrating our Individuality' Day

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Bikeability Level 3 (Group A)

Tue 8<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Bikeability Level 3 (Group B)

Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Parent Consultations 3:30-6:00pm

Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Parent Consultations 3:30-6:00pm

Tue 15<sup>th</sup> EYFS pupils – National Child Measurement

Programme (NCMP) Visit by School Nurse team

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Red Nose Day/Comic Relief

Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Visit by 'Perform' – KS1 Drama Workshop

Sun 27<sup>th</sup> Mothering Sunday

### April

Thu 7<sup>th</sup> KS1 Sport Activity Afternoon, Forest Air Dome

Thu 7<sup>th</sup> Y6 Parent Information Evening – RSE lessons

Fri 8<sup>th</sup> **Last Day of Spring Term 1.30pm finish**

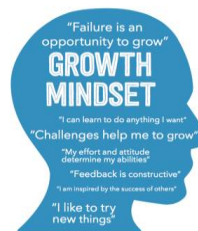
**11<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> Easter Holiday – School Closed**

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Summer term: School re-opens from 8:35am

## GOLD AWARDS



**Congratulations to**  
**Lucy**  
**in Year 6**  
**who achieved a Gold Award**



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

**"An optimist is the human personification of Spring."**

*Susan J. Bissonette*

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## Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of the first half of the Spring Term, I would like to wish you all a very restful break. It has proven to be an eventful start to the year with so much going on both in and out of classes. The Greek Day on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February was a huge success - even the Greek dancing! There are a few photos from Mrs 'Socrates' Thomas in the news below. The School Council have been active in making some ground making decisions and we look forward to seeing their new initiatives in place soon.

We see some staffing changes after the half term break where we will be welcoming Mrs Sarah Esteve out of retirement and back on to the teaching team in TS Eliot on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons. We also welcome Mrs Zara Allen who will be joining Longfellow as a Teaching Assistant, Monday to Friday mornings.

We say a sad farewell to Mrs Helen Wilson who has been with us for 4 years as our Finance and Operations Manager. While very much "behind the scenes" Helen is a key member of the team, and we thank her for her tremendous hard work and commitment to the school during her time with us. Helen will be leaving on 1<sup>st</sup> March, and we wish her well in her new position at The Holt School.

I will be continuing as Acting Headteacher after half term until Miss McGrail's return and we will keep you updated on this. I know you all join us in wishing her well and look forward to her return. Best wishes,

*Sarah Hilling, Acting Headteacher*

### Staffing Structure from 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022

			Mon		Tue		Wed		Thu		Fri	
Class	Year	CT/TA	am	pm	am	pm	am	pm	am	pm	am	pm
Milne	EYFS	CT	Miss Wheeler		Miss Wheeler		Miss Wheeler		Mrs Macleod		Miss Wheeler	
		TA	Mrs Jerome		Mrs Jerome		Mrs Jerome		Mrs Webster		Mrs Webster	
Donaldson	Year 1	CT	Miss Fletcher	to Milne or Donaldson class	Miss Fletcher	to Milne or Donaldson class	Miss Fletcher	to Milne or Donaldson class	Miss Fletcher	to Milne or Donaldson class	Miss Fletcher	to Milne or Donaldson class
		TA	Mrs Macdonald		Mrs Macdonald		Mrs Macdonald		Mrs Macdonald		Mrs Mitchell	
Donaldson	Year 2	CT	Mrs Middleton	Miss Fletcher	Mrs Middleton	Miss Fletcher	Mrs Middleton	Miss Fletcher	Mrs Middleton	Mrs Rudd	Mrs Middleton	Miss Fletcher
		TA	Mrs Baker		Mrs Baker		Mrs Baker		Mrs Baker		Mrs Nelson	Mrs Mitchell
		TA	Mrs Moore		Mrs Moore		Mrs Moore		Mrs Mitchell		Mrs Moore	
TS Eliot	Years 3/4	CT	Mrs Clayton	Mrs Esteve	Mrs Clayton	Mrs Esteve	Mrs Clayton	Mrs Prince/ Mrs Rudd	Mrs Clayton	Mrs Esteve	Mrs Clayton	Mrs Esteve
		TA	Mrs Davis		Mrs Davis		Mrs Davis		Mrs Davis		Mrs Davis	
		TA	Mrs Rudd		Mrs Rudd		Mrs Rudd		Mrs Rudd		Mrs Rudd	
Long-fellow	Years 4/5	CT	Mrs Thomas		Mrs Thomas		Mrs Thomas/Mrs Clacy		Mrs Clacy		Mrs Clacy	
		TA	Mrs Allen		Mrs Allen		Mrs Allen		Mrs Allen		Mrs Allen	
Blake	Year 6	CT	Mr Butler-Willis		Mr Butler-Willis		Mr Butler-Willis		Mr Butler-Willis		Mr Butler-Willis	
		TA	Mrs Prince		Mrs Prince		Mrs Prince		Mrs Prince		Mrs Prince	
Acting Headteacher & SENCO			Mrs Hilling		Mrs Hilling		Mrs Hilling		Mrs Hilling		Mrs Hilling	

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## Ancient Greek Day

On Monday, TS Eliot and Longfellow classes enjoyed an Ancient Greek Day. First, Longfellow took part in a mini Olympics in the Hall with Mrs Rudd. We learnt how to throw a discus, javelin, shot-put and do long jump too!

With Mrs Clayton, we made wreaths out of paper leaves. There were yellow, green and even some orange crowns!

Mrs Thomas gave us some Greek food to try such as olives, feta cheese, grapes, figs, pomegranate, dates and pitta bread – some of us were very brave! After that we drank some grape juice and wrote a piece about all the food we had tried.

At the end of the day, Longfellow and TS Eliot all came to the Hall and some Golden wreaths were awarded to the Olympic champions. All the pupils (and some of the teachers) finished off with a traditional Greek dance and it was super fun!

*By Lola M, Longfellow Class*







Well done to **Theo** and **William SS** (both TS Eliot) who have persevered to achieve the highest status of Rock Hero in TT Rockstars! Great work!

The rest of this week's TT Rockstars and Numbots achievements will be in the next newsletter on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.



**Congratulations** to Gemma in Blake class who passed her Grade 3 flute exam with Merit. Here is a photo of her warming up before the exam. Well done on your hard work Gemma!



### Create a Spoon Book Character' - Half Term Activity

Children will be bringing home a wooden spoon at the end of today and inviting them to create their favourite book character as a fun half term activity. The children can be as creative as they wish in designing their spoon Book Characters using paint, colour, fabric, wool, googly eyes and any other craft materials you have! Children can bring their finished spoons to school on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February to be displayed in their classrooms.



Children were given a £1 book token to spend at participating retailers. The token is valid from 17 February - 27 March 2022 and entitles you to a FREE World Book Day book from a range of age-related titles or £1 off a book/audiobook costing £2.99 or more. For a full list of participating retailers where you can redeem it, please visit [www.booksaremybag.com](http://www.booksaremybag.com).

**A limited supply of vouchers are available from the office if required (while stocks last!).**

# *The Castle Inn*

**Pancake Day, Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March, 3:30-5:00pm**

Treat the family after school on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March to a delicious stack of American style Buttermilk pancakes with a choice of toppings, and a milkshake at The Castle Inn. **To book, please call 0118 934 0034**



**The Castle Inn's pancake day after school club 1st March 15:30-17:00**

**AMERICAN STYLE BUTTERMILK PANCAKES**

**1X STACK WITH TOPPINGS £3.50**

**3X STACK WITH TOPPINGS £6.50**

**5X STACK WITH TOPPINGS £9.50**

**COME AND TREAT YOUR KIDS TO SOME DELICIOUS  
PANCAKES & MILKSHAKES WHILST YOU EAT, SIP AND**

**CHILL**

**BOOK NOW**

**01189340034**

## **Reminder: School Lunch Orders**

**A reminder to parents to ensure that lunch orders have been placed for after half term - week commencing Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February.**

Lunches can be pre-ordered up to midnight the night before and you can order lunches daily, weekly or termly using your Tucasi SCOPay account via

[www.scopay.com/stnicholas-pri](http://www.scopay.com/stnicholas-pri)

**Download the SCOPAY App via the App Store or Google Play**



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