



ST NICHOLAS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Road, Hurst, Berkshire RG10 0DR

NEWSLETTER 13 – 3rd March 2022



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St Nicholas School Vision Statement

Delivering a firm foundation for our children's future success by celebrating individual and community achievement, built on Christian values.

ST NICHOLAS HURST CHURCH SERVICE

www.thru-christ.org.uk

www.achurchnearyou.com/stnicholashurst

Sunday 6th March 11am Holy Communion
Sunday 13th March 11am All Age Service
Sunday 20th March 11am Holy Communion



Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th March 3:30pm - 6:00pm

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.

Please contact the school office if you need assistance in booking an appointment.

The online booking window closes on Tuesday 8th March at 9:30am

EVENTS CALENDAR

March

Fri 4th 'Celebrating our Individuality' Day
Mon 7th Year 6 Bikeability Level 3 (Group A)
Tue 8th Year 6 Bikeability Level 3 (Group B)
Tues 8th Parent Consultations YR-Y5 3:30-6:00pm
Wed 9th Parent Consultations YR-Y5 3:30-6:00pm
Mon 14th Year 6 Parent Consultations 3:30-6:00pm
Tue 15th Year 6 Parent Consultations 3:30-6:00pm
Tue 15th EYFS pupils – National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) Visit by School Nurse team
Fri 18th Red Nose Day/Comic Relief
Wed 23rd Visit by 'Perform' – KS1 Drama Workshop
Sun 27th Mothering Sunday
Sun 27th Messy Church, 11am St Nicholas Church

April

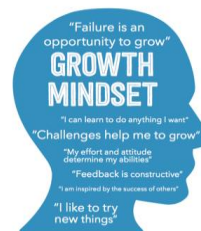
Thu 7th KS1 Sport Activity Afternoon, Forest Air Dome
Thu 7th Y6 Parent Information Evening – RSE lessons
Fri 8th **Last Day of Spring Term - 1.30pm finish**
11th-22nd Easter Holiday – School Closed
Mon 25th Start of Summer Term – from 8:35am
Fri 29th PTA Quiz Night

Reminder: School Lunch Orders

A reminder to parents to ensure that lunch orders have been placed for next week.

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

Download the SCOPAY App via the App Store or Google Play



This week's Growth Mindset thought...

"This storm is real, and our fear is real," said the horse. "But our love is also real, and in the end, love wins."

Charlie Mackesy

Our School Values: Respect, Thoughtfulness, Perseverance, Friendship

Dear Parents and Carers

Following my letter earlier in the week, please see within this newsletter the current agreed guidance for Schools within Wokingham and The Keys Academy Trust. While there are government legislation changes planned from 31st March, this updated guidance will remain in place for the whole term in schools.

You may have noticed that we are no longer using the large double carpark access gates for drop off and collection. Please use the side gate to come on to the playground. We politely ask that parents and children keep the gateway clear for ease of access.

We welcome a new member of staff next week; Mrs Nicola Weakford will be in school from 9th March as our Operations Manager in school.

We look forward to seeing the children expressing who they are tomorrow for our interpretation of World Book Day; children can come to school tomorrow wearing what best represents their personality or interests, i.e. football kit, Brownies/Scouts uniform, or a favourite character from a film, cartoon or book (if you already have something at home). This is entirely optional, and if they wish to just wear their own clothes that represents their personality, or their school uniform, that is fine.

Well done to all the children who have been able to bring in a spoon character. I have really enjoyed seeing these across the classes, such creativity and inspirational ideas shown. The spoon characters will be showcased in school on Friday within the school hall. Parents are invited to come into the school hall at 3:15pm at collection to have a look at the characters on display. Following this, the children are welcome to take them home.


We look forward to seeing you next week for the parent consultations, please ensure that you have booked these online if you haven't already done so. Year 6 meetings have been rescheduled to 14th and 15th March. Best wishes,

Sarah Hilling, Acting Headteacher


Covid-19 - School Procedures

In place until the end of the term


Symptomatic Pupils



If your child **has symptoms** of Covid-19 please book them in for a PCR Test
The school may call you to take your child for a test if they are showing potential symptoms during the school day.



If your child tests **negative** they can come back to school. The school may ask to see the negative result.
This can be emailed to admin@st-nicholas.wokingham.sch.uk.



If your child tests **positive** they will be required to stay at home until they test negative with a LFD test (see below).
LFD tests are still free until 31st March 2022. Home learning can be accessed via Teams if you child is well enough.

How to safely return to your normal routine before 10 days

Day	How to safely return to your normal routine before 10 days
0*	Stay at home
1-4	Stay at home
5	Take an LFD test If LFD is negative , stay at home If LFD is positive , stay at home
6	Take an LFD test If LFD is negative , return to normal routine** If LFD is negative , stay at home
7	Take an LFD test If LFD is negative , return to normal routine**

*Day your symptoms started or your test was taken if you do not have symptoms
**You can return to your normal routine if you do not have a high temperature

Government Guidance

If your day 5 LFD test result is positive, continue taking LFD tests until you receive 2 consecutive negative test results or have self-isolated for 10 days. Children and young people with COVID-19 should not attend their education setting while they are infectious. They should take an LFD test from 5 days after their symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) followed by another one the next day. If both these tests results are negative, they should return to their educational setting if they normally attend one, as long as they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature.
They should follow the guidance for their educational setting.

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Other Guidance



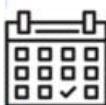
Asymptomatic Testing - unless the school is advised due to high levels of Covid-19 in the setting there is **no requirement** for children to test regularly using LFD tests.



We will continue to ask parents/carers and visitors to wear facemasks when they come into the building unless in a well ventilated area.



If a member of the household tests positive or your child is a close contact, they are still welcome to attend school as normal. Daily LFD testing can be done at home to look after our community, however, this is down to your discretion.



The government are set to announce further guidance when statutory laws change on the 1st April 2022. We will inform you of updated school guidance once the school has put in place its updated plans.



Well done to following children who have improved their status in TT Rockstars recently: **Clementine** (TS Eliot) – Unsigned Artist; **Colette** (TS Eliot) – Headliner; **Gianne** (TS Eliot) – Rockstar; **Giovanna** (TS Eliot) – Breakthrough Artist; **Isaam** (TS Eliot) – Rock Legend; **Mena** (TS Eliot) – Gigger; **Otto** (TS Eliot) – Rockstar and **Violet** (TS Eliot) – Rock Legend. Great work all!

For the last two weeks, **William SS** and **Amelia D** (both TS Eliot) have had the greatest improvement in correct answers. Last week **Clementine** (TS Eliot) improved her speed the most and **Alanson** (Longfellow) was the most accurate player. This week, **Mena** gained the certificate for the greatest improved speed and **William R** (Blake) was the most accurate player. **Colette** and **Bruno** (TS Eliot) have been the most improved coin collectors. Great work all!

In Numbots, several children have completed their next stage: **Elliot D** (Year 1) – Tin; **Sean** (Year 1) – Aluminium; **Theo** (TS Eliot) – Carbon Fibre and **Xander** (EYFS) – Steel and Chrome. What a super effort!



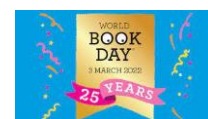
Last week, **Xander** achieved the greatest increase in correct answers and coins and **Mollie** (Year 1) had the highest improvement in accuracy. This week, **Elliot D** improved his number of correct answers and the number of coins earned. **Bruno** was the most accurate player. Well done everybody!

Reading for Pleasure Newsletter

Attached is the first edition of an occasional Reading Newsletter with a wide range of reading suggestions from both children and staff as well as details of the Word Book Day £1 books.

A limited supply of Book Tokens are available from the office (while stocks last!)

The £1 Book Token is valid until 27th 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



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News from St Nicholas Church: * New* All-age service and Messy Church moves to fourth Sunday! As we recover from the pandemic, St Nicholas Church is making a few exciting changes to our services which we wanted to let everyone at school know about! On

Sunday 13th March we are starting a new monthly all-age service. We will serve coffee, juice and pastries from 10.30 before a short, informal service at 11am. We won't be including communion in this service, and it will be designed to appeal to people of all ages. This will be on the second Sunday of the month. Messy church is continuing to meet at the church, but we are moving to the fourth Sunday of the month, so that our services especially aimed at children and families are nicely spaced out! Our first



Messy Church in this new pattern is on **Mothering Sunday, 27th March** at 11am! Come along and make something special for an important lady in your life – and perhaps give Mum a lie-in too. If you have any questions or would like to find out more, please do contact Ele Buckley, Church Children & Families Worker and Foundation Governor: Ele@thru-christ.org.uk

Second Sundays at St Nicholas Church

10.30 - Coffee, juice & pastries
11.00 - All-age service

13 Mar	10 July
10 April	11 Sept
8 May	9 Oct
12 June	11 Dec



Find St Nicholas Church on Facebook
visit thru-christ.org.uk

Free Girls Cricket Sessions – Friday 4th March and Friday 11th March
Contact Greg Smith to register interest (contact details below)

Come and join us!

HURST CRICKET CLUB
FREE GIRLS
CRICKET SESSIONS

Friday 4th March & Friday 11th March
@ King's Academy Binfield, RG42 4FS
Ages 7-11, All abilities welcome!

Hurst C.C. EST. 1875

Contact Greg Smith via hurstccjuniors@gmail.com or 07716402434 to register interest!

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PTA UPDATE

It's been a dismal few rainy days recently, not exactly cheerful stuff, especially when you are desperately keen for all the fun of PTA events. Fortunately we have some good news to announce; we are able to hold events in the school hall once more. Anyone for cocktails?

A very big thank you is due to all those loving people who helped to make the Valentine's Cake Sale happen. £127.30 was raised which will go towards resources for Donaldson Class.



PTA Quiz Night – Friday 29th April

Back by popular demand, we are pleased to confirm that the PTA Quiz Night will take place on Friday 29th April in the school hall. Keep your diaries free for this great fundraising event and join us for a fun evening of trivia! Don't worry, you do not have to be a University Challenge champion to join in, there will be lots of question rounds/topics and something for everyone!

You can once again enter as a team or as an individual/couple and we will make your team for you. Your entry ticket will also include a meal (TBC), open bar with cocktails, and snacks for all teams to enjoy. Details will be confirmed shortly... in the meantime, line up your babysitters and swot up on your general knowledge!



Village Jubilee Celebrations - Hurst's Got Talent

I ended up spending a most interesting evening in the Green Man recently. (What's new about Simon being in the pub, you all ask?) I had been invited along as a representative of the PTA to join in a planning meeting for the village events to mark the Platinum Jubilee celebrations in June. On the afternoon and evening of Saturday 4th June a "Hurst's Got Talent" event is planned. It would be wonderful if we had some entrants from amongst both pupils and parents. If you could possibly be involved in some way be it music, comedy or otherwise, please let me know and I will pass your details on to the organising committee.



PTA Secretary

We desperately need to recruit a PTA Secretary. The essential part of the role involves taking minutes at the PTA meetings along with optional involvement in events. It need not take up very much time at all. Please consider helping out with the important fundraising work we do on behalf of the school as the number of people involved in running events is limited which restricts how much we can do.

Davis Tate

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



Dates for your Diary

- Friday 29th April – PTA Quiz Night
- Saturday 4th June – Queen's Jubilee Celebrations, Hurst's Got Talent

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Your School Lottery

Congratulations to Heather Jones who was a winner this week, kindly donating her winnings to school.

Guaranteed winner from our community each week!

If you'd like to take part in our School Lottery, simply follow this link – Good Luck!

[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. Guaranteed winner from our community each week. If you'd like to take part in our School Lottery, simply follow this link:

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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.

