



# ST NICHOLAS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Road, Hurst, Berkshire RG10 0DR

**NEWSLETTER 14 – 17th 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 SERVICES

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

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

<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March</b>	11am Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	11am Messy Church
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	11am Holy Communion

## Red Nose Day / Comic Relief Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March



Tomorrow is **Red Nose Day** and we are inviting children to come to school wearing red clothing and/or accessories, in exchange for a voluntary donation (suggested £1). This could include official Comic Relief merchandise such as a T-shirt/sweater, red nose 100% plastic free), headband, socks etc. Alternatively, get creative and wear your own creation!

All proceeds will go to the projects working to tackle some of the biggest challenges that society faces today; to help people live free from poverty, violence and discrimination. This includes funding organisations that are supporting people right now in Ukraine and those attempting to cross the border to safety. We all have the power to change lives. **Collection buckets will be available at the gate at the start and end of the school day; thank you for making a difference.**

## EVENTS CALENDAR

### March

Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	Red Nose Day/Comic Relief
Tue 22 <sup>nd</sup>	EYFS Allotment Walk
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Day for Ukraine - fundraiser
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Visit by 'Perform' – KS1 Drama Workshop
Tue 29 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Gardening Sessions begin
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>	<b>Last Day of Spring Term - 1.30pm finish</b>
11 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Easter Holiday – School Closed</b>
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Sunday Service, 11am St Nicholas Church
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Summer Term – from 8:35am
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Swimming – First Session
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Quiz Night

### May

Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	EARLY MAY Bank Holiday – School Closed
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 SATS Week
Thu 19 <sup>th</sup>	School Census - Summer Term
Thu 19 <sup>th</sup>	Tempest Photography – Class/Year Group Photo
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Swimming – Final (double) Session
30 <sup>th</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> Jun	<b>HALF TERM – School Closed, includes:</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> Jun	<b>Hurst Village celebrates the Queen's Platinum Jubilee</b> <a href="http://www.hurst-jubilee.co.uk">www.hurst-jubilee.co.uk</a>

Thank you to everyone's generosity following Mrs Massarella's appeal for donations for the Ukrainian refugee crisis last week. She is overwhelmed at the amount collected at such short notice.



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

**"The important thing in life is to stop saying 'I wish' and start saying 'I will'."**  
*Charles Dickens 'David Copperfield'*

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## *Dear Parents and Carers*

They say that time flies when you're having fun; we are already reaching the end of the third week back since half term. We have seen some exciting sporting events with hockey, multi sports and football tournaments; more on this within this newsletter edition. EYFS and KS1 children are looking forward to their multi-skills afternoon at the Forest School Air Dome and 'Perform' drama workshops. Blake Class spent a day with Alex Baker, leader of 'Igniting Writing', a creative writing club for 11-18 year olds held at Wokingham Library. Alex shared his enthusiasm for writing and writing technique. We look forward to the children sharing their own imaginative story writing skills following this event.

A polite reminder about School PE kit; please ensure that children have a school branded polo shirt, plain blue or black tracksuit bottoms or shorts and a school branded jumper. We are also seeing an increase in the number of unnamed items of uniform, please check all uniform is clearly named. We have quite a pile of lost property which will be displayed on tables in the playground tomorrow after school.

With Spring officially in full swing, we are delighted that Milne will be heading over to the allotment next Tuesday for a Spring treasure hunt. In addition to that, Rachel Jarvis will return to run gardening sessions for Year 3 pupils starting 29<sup>th</sup> March, in order to prepare the raised beds ready to begin planting after Easter.

Following a discussion with staff there will no longer be a requirement for KS2 children to hold a "licence" for a blue handwriting pen. Instead, children will be rewarded for care and effort over their work, improved presentation and handwriting, by their class teacher. Children in TS Eliot class will be allocated a blue handwriting pen (named) that children will be expected to respect and look after. Subsequent replacement pens will continue to be provided for a 25p donation.

I have been overwhelmed with the lovely feedback regarding the various activities which are underway; a credit to our amazing, hardworking and dedicated staff team. We look forward to planning more exciting whole school events coming up during the remainder of this academic year. Best wishes,

*Sarah Hilling, Acting Headteacher*



**On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, we will hold a 'Day for Ukraine' fundraiser.** It is an initiative organised by [First News](#) in partnership with the [Disasters Emergency Committee \(DEC\)](#) to raise funds for their global humanitarian appeal. Pupils can come to school wearing blue and yellow (non-uniform)

and donate £1, if they can. More details are available on the [First News Education](#) website. We are mindful that we are fundraising for Red Nose Day tomorrow, so families can decide whether to support either or both charities.

**Milne class (and the rest of KS1) say a great big thank you!** The money raised from our cake sale has gone towards expanding the infant friendly selection of books in the library. We will create an 'infant' section with all of the books purchased and a few others too. The [St Nicholas Amazon Wish List](#) also has a selection of titles that we would like to add, if anyone would like to donate.



### **Berkshire Football Semi-Final, 9<sup>th</sup> March**

Ten Year 6 pupils went to Henwick Worthy Sports Ground for the National Primary Competition Semi Final. We all played our best. Unfortunately we lost our first game but we kept our heads up and stayed positive and we drew our second game 1:1 with a great goal by Jake.

*By Louis and Lola*



### **Year 6 Hockey Tournament**

Ten Year 6 children were able to attend a mini Hockey tournament at The Holt School on 8<sup>th</sup> March. The children played 6-a-side against five other schools, and they all did very well despite not having done much hockey over the past couple of years. We didn't manage to win a game but we drew two games and lost three, but none of the games were big losses. The player of the tournament was **Tayla**, who grew in confidence and belief the more she played. I was very proud of all of them and a big thank you to the parents for transporting the children to the Holt.

### **Year 1 and 2 Multi Skills**

It was the first time that the Year 1 and 2 pupils visited another school to represent St Nicholas, and they all did brilliantly at Alder Grove on 10<sup>th</sup> March. The children took part in many different stations with activities ranging from taking penalties, throwing and catching, running races and many other activities. All of the children came away with many stars that were awarded for participating in each event, with more awarded if they did particularly well.

All of the children had a lovely time and I was very proud of them all. Huge thanks to all of the parents who came along and supported their children.



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Well done to the following children who have reached the next level of TT Rockstars over the past two weeks: **Eva** (Donaldson) – Wannabe; **Jayden** (Longfellow) – Rockstar; **Rourke** (TS Eliot) – Rock Legend; **Winnie** (Donaldson) – Wannabe and **Zoe** (Longfellow) – Rock Legend.

**Rourke** has had a great week, achieving certificates for the greatest increase in correct answers, improved speed and coins earned. Great work! **Eva** has had the most improved accuracy for the last two weeks whilst **Amelia D** (TS Eliot) had the greatest improvement in correct answers last week. Congratulations also to **Leo** (TS Eliot) for his improved speed and to **Sammy** (Longfellow) for the biggest improvement in coins earned.

In Numbots, the following children have worked hard to complete a stage: **Elliot D** (Milne) – Brass and **Jack** (Milne) – Tungsten. **Jack**, together with **Henry W** (Donaldson), have also had the greatest improvement in correct answers and in coins earned whereas **Megan B** (TS Eliot) has been the most accurate player for the last two weeks. Great work all!



#### Amazon Wish List

Our teachers have carefully selected wishlist items that will inspire and support the children's learning – including books, classroom resources, art and craft supplies and gardening resources. Staff will continue to add items over the school year. If you would like to purchase something for our school, please visit our [AMAZON WISH LIST](#). The link is also available on our website under the 'Parents/PTA' tab):



#### **Lost Property and Book Sale – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March, from 3:00pm**

All unnamed lost property we have collected this year will be laid out on tables in the playground after school on Friday. If you have lost any school uniform including coats, sport branded hoodies, hats, gloves, lunch boxes and even glasses, please take a look and collect your property. **All remaining items will be disposed of or given to charity/the PTA to resell.**

There will also be a book sale (any donations welcome); unsold books will be taken to a charity bookshop.



#### **Wokingham United Charities – Essential Items Grant**

Please see attached information from Wokingham United Charities who have partnered with Citizens Advice Wokingham to provide essential grants for families in need.



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# EASTER HOLIDAY CAMP!

11TH-22ND APRIL 2022

Kids activity camps, keeping kids active and  
having fun during the Easter holidays!

For 5-12 year olds

Camps running at:

St Crispins Leisure Centre

Loddon Valley Leisure Centre



To book, scan the QR code or head to  
<https://wokinghamboroughcouncil.magicbooking.co.uk>

For more information:

Email: [wakbookings@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:wakbookings@wokingham.gov.uk)

Phone: 0118 974 3728

\*Discount valid until 31st March 2022



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## Easter Holiday Camps!

Dependable childcare in a safe environment



**Open across Berkshire Monday 4th - Friday 22nd April**  
(Closed Friday 15th and Monday 18th)

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



- Fun-packed sports and Easter themed activities
- Ofsted registered
- Ages 4-15 (from 3 at selected locations)
- HAF funded places available for eligible families



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Wokingham  
NETBALL CLUB

## JUNIOR EASTER CAMP 2022

**During the school Easter holidays we are running a 4-day netball camp!**

The camp will run from **9.30am** to **3.30pm** on all four days

- **£140** for all four days, or
- **£40** for each separate day

The link for the registration form is included in our email and should be completed and submitted **online**.

**11th, 12th, 13th & 14th April**

For current year 5, 6, 7 and 8 players  
At **Luckley House School**, Wokingham

- The camp will be run by qualified coaches
- Camps will cover skills and drills, fun fitness, mini games and tournaments that will develop your skills and coordination
- Players of all abilities welcome - no matter your level of experience
- Please bring plenty of drinks and a packed lunch each day
- Please wear clothing and footwear appropriate for playing netball

Payment should be made to

**Account: Wokingham Netball Club**

**Sort Code: 30-91-11 Account No: 02677537**

Any questions, please email Vicky:

[juniorecamp@wokinghamnetball.org.uk](mailto:juniorecamp@wokinghamnetball.org.uk)

Wokingham Netball Club reserves the right to cancel the course if they consider it necessary & the cost of the course will be refunded. No refunds will be given for non-attendance unless a doctor's certificate is produced as proof of illness. By signing and returning the booking form, in the event of an emergency you authorize the Coaches to take appropriate necessary medical action for your child, including sending them to hospital.

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# PTA UPDATE



## PTA Quiz Night – Friday 29th April

Since the last newsletter we have begun to confirm arrangements for this event. Tickets will cost £16 each, to include a Mexican style meal. The main dishes will be gluten and dairy free and efforts will be made to cater for any other dietary requirements. We will have a bar which will be selling cocktails created by the school's own qualified mixologist along with beer and wine. Tickets will go on sale very soon, get your teams together to avoid disappointment!

We are also going to need a team of people to help make this event happen. We need volunteers to help behind the bar, sell tickets, sort out a raffle and also set up and put away afterwards. Can you spare a little time to help us out?

## Fundraising Requests

You hear us bang on about wanting to raise money, but must wonder where it all goes.

Rachel Jarvis, our green fingered gardening volunteer is resuming gardening sessions on the raised beds with Year 3 pupils on Tuesday afternoons, starting on 29<sup>th</sup> March until the end of the academic year. The PTA has agreed a budget of £100 for seeds, equipment and other materials that are needed for the children.

With the new investment in the Accelerated Reader books and with the upcoming new Phonics Scheme in line with Government approved schemes, there is a need to improve upon the currently limited library storage options. The plan is to organise a library area for reading books for the whole school which is more accessible for all. The PTA has agreed to fund £500 for the project.

## PTA Future

At the moment there are five people who form the PTA committee, and to be honest we are struggling to do a good job because we all work full time and several of us have other voluntary roles too. We have advertised for help with the role of secretary and nobody has come forward.

The money we raise goes to the benefit of all our children, be it in the form of paying for a science teacher, buying new books or IT equipment, or money towards the maintenance of the school grounds in which our children play. I realise that everyone is busy these days but if you would be able to give a small amount of time, maybe just an hour a week to help write a newsletter or a few hours each term to minute the PTA meetings, or be part of the discussion around what we do, it would make a huge difference. We are very open to any suggestions and new ideas, please help lighten the load. We desperately need your help.

## Davis Tate

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



## Dates for your Diary

- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April – PTA Quiz Night
- Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Queen's Jubilee Celebrations, Hurst's Got Talent
- Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Hurst Show and Country Fayre

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## Your School Lottery

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](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.



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