



ST NICHOLAS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Road, Hurst, Berkshire RG10 0DR

NEWSLETTER 15 – 31st March 2022



The organic baby food co.

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

www.achurchnearyou.com/stnicholashurst

Sunday 3rd April	11am Holy Communion
Sunday 10th April	11am All-Age Service
Sunday 17th April	11am Easter Sunday Service
Sunday 24th April	11am Messy Church

On behalf of the staff and governors, we would like to wish you all a very happy Easter break



EVENTS CALENDAR

April

Tue 5 th	TS Eliot Cake Sale, from 3pm
Thu 7 th	KS1 Sport Activity Afternoon, Forest Air Dome
Thu 7 th	Y6 Parent Information Evening – RSE lessons
Fri 8 th	Last Day of Spring Term – 1:30pm finish
11th-22nd	Easter Holiday – School Closed
Mon 25th	Start of Summer Term – from 8:35am
Fri 29 th	Year 3 Swimming – First Session

May

Mon 2nd	EARLY MAY Bank Holiday – School Closed
Fri 6 th	PTA Quiz Night – NEW DATE
Mon 9 th	Year 6 SATS Week
Thu 19 th	School Census - Summer Term
Thu 19 th	Tempest Photography – Class/Year Group Photo
Fri 27 th	Year 3 Swimming – Final (double) Session
Fri 27 th	Last Day of Half Term, 3:15pm finish

June

30 th -3 rd Jun	HALF TERM – School Closed, includes:
2 nd - 5 th Jun	Hurst Village celebrates the Queen's Platinum Jubilee www.hurst-jubilee.co.uk
20 th - 22 nd	Year 4 Residential trip – Sayers Croft
Wed 22 nd	Year 5 Activity Day – Waterside Centre
24 th	Book Wagon Book Fair
25 th – 26 th	Hurst Show and Country Fayre

Fundraising Update

Thank you to everyone for their generous donations to our recent charity fundraisers. **We raised just over £315** collectively for Comic Relief and the Ukraine humanitarian appeal.



LAST DAY OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

Friday 8th April

We would like to remind parents that **we finish at 1.30pm on the last day of term** and politely request that arrangements are made to ensure that children are collected promptly.

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Dear Parents and Carers

With the end of the Spring term creeping up, we have had yet another busy couple of weeks in school. Last week we supported both Comic Relief and Day for Ukraine, raising an amazing collective amount of just over £315 for these charities. We are excited that the School Council and children have selected [The Link Visiting Scheme](#) as our nominated charity for the Summer term. The Link is a befriending charity that supports isolated older people in the Wokingham borough. We look forward to finding out more about the charity and how they support the older people in our local community. We will be looking at creative ways in which we can support this charity over the Summer term.

As we prepare for the end of term, the children are busy learning their Easter hymns for the end of term Service at St Nicholas Church on the last morning of school on Friday 8th April. More information on this will be sent home via a parent letter.

You may have noticed that we have been several staff members down this week; sickness bugs and Covid are not just limited to children! We would like to thank all of you for your kindness and consideration while we have been creative with how we have covered classes to ensure quality education continues in school.

Sarah Hilling, Acting Headteacher

Allotment Visit

Each term, Foundation Stage pupils visit the village allotments to map the changes across the seasons and learn more about growth and decay. This term they were looking for the early signs of Spring with a scavenger hunt for various fruits and vegetables. They also planted a variety of beans and helped Mr Paul Martin to dig up some of his parsnips and were very excited to find some toads, ladybirds and even a few butterflies.



Perform Drama Workshop

Our KS1 pupils were very pleased to receive a visit from [Perform](#) on Wednesday 23rd March. The children had a wonderful time exploring the theme of [The Jungle](#) and using drama, dance and singing to help develop their confidence, concentration and social skills. Perform run regular weekly classes in the local area and they are offering a **special introductory discount** to all parents of St Nicholas CE Primary School if they come along for a free trial session before Tuesday 3rd May. To claim your discount, just call Perform on 020 7255 9120 quoting **SNCP030522** or book online at perform.org.uk



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Easter Service, Friday 8th April at St Nicholas Church

Our Easter Service at St Nicholas Church will go ahead as planned on **Friday 8th April at 10:00am**. All children are visiting the church to attend the service. We will leave from the school playground at 9:30am.

In order to ensure a safe walk up to the Church, we would like to invite several parents to accompany the children to and from Church. We will also require two parents to drive their car (one in front and one behind the group) to control traffic flow, for safety reasons. If you are able to accompany the children, please let the school office know. Please also confirm if you are willing to be a driver.

We are also able to invite parents to church for the Easter Service. If you are available and would like to attend, please arrive at church for 10am ensuring that the front section of pews are left free for the children and staff.

We respect that guidelines around face coverings has changed and would like that everyone feels safe and comfortable at the service. If you would prefer to wear a face covering, please feel free to do so.



Sports Update On a warm and sunny afternoon on 21st March, our Girls Football team lined up against Long Lane School for the quarter final match. It was definitely a game of two halves with attack vs defence. We were on the front foot in the first half and scored two goals from Lola and then Gemma. We could have scored more but just couldn't find that final touch. Throughout the second half we moved some players around and we were much more on the back foot; but we managed to hang on for the victory! As special mention to Tayla who played in goal, as well as Amrita in the centre of our defence who both stepped up for the team despite not being in their preferred positions. We await to see who we have in the next round. Girls, you have made myself and Mr Butler-Willis proud. Congratulations!



Well done to **Jayden** (Longfellow) who has become a Rock Legend and to **Caleb** (TS Eliot) who has had the greatest improvement in accuracy. **Bruno** and **Rourke** (both TS Eliot) have had the greatest increase in correct answers whilst **Frankie** and **Colette** (both TS Eliot) have shown the biggest improvement in speed. **Sammy** (Longfellow) and **Caleb** were the top coin earners. Great work, all!

In Numbots, well done to the following children who have completed their next stage:

Grace (Milne) – Copper; **Ivy** (Donaldson) – Glass; **Megan B** (TS Eliot) – Tin; **Jack** (Milne) – Aluminium and Kevlar; **Ronnie** (Milne) - Iron and **Sean** (Donaldson) – Kevlar.

Jack and **Archie** (Donaldson) have had the greatest increase in correct answers and

coins earned whereas **Oskar** (Milne) and **Lucy L** (Milne) were the most accurate players. Fantastic 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.



FREE EVENT

Saturday 9th April 13.00- 14.30pm
Sarvanga Studio, Holme Grange Craft Village

Drop in anytime from 13.00 – 14.30pm for:

- More info about children's yoga
 - Fun activities
 - Play games
 - Meet the team

NB –
parents to
stay with
children

Bumps & Babies session 11.45, Teens session 3pm: Same day and venue!

Register using the QR code or contact Claire@littleyogatree.co.uk



Children's yoga classes start SUMMER TERM at Sarvanga Studio!

Wednesday after school

Contact Claire@littleyogatree.co.uk to find out more

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PTA UPDATE



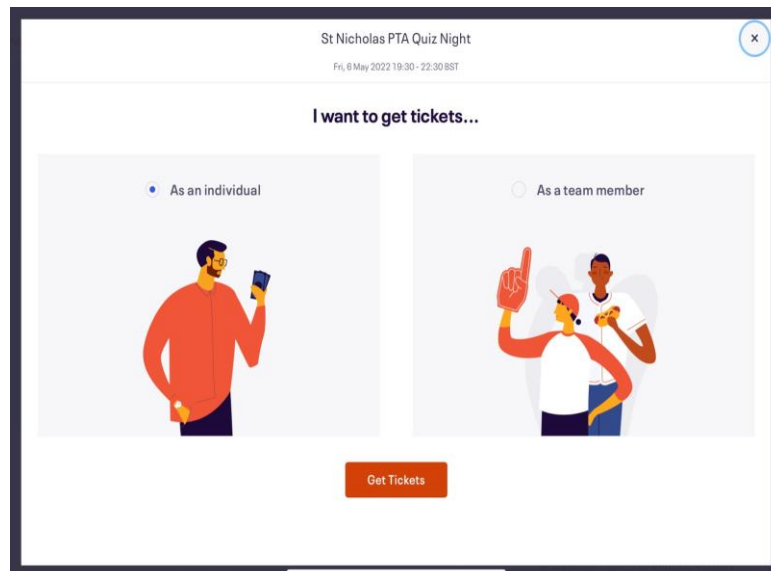
PTA Quiz Night – Date Change - Friday 6th May

Since the last newsletter we have realised that the previous date clashed with the bank holiday weekend, so we have moved this to be a week later on Friday 6th May. Apologies for any inconvenience caused!

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 are now available for sale through Eventbrite, you can enter as a team (max 8 people per team) or buy your tickets individually and form a team on the night. Buy your tickets now to avoid disappointment! Please see the attachment for more information!

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/st-nicholas-pta-quiz-night-tickets-310034019097>

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?



TS Eliot Class Cake Sale - Tuesday 5th April

Next Tuesday, TS Eliot class have got the chance to raise some funds for themselves. As usual cakes will be sold after school on the top playground, please bring your best sweet teeth and appetites! A reminder that any cakes (homemade or shop bought) **must be nut free**.

Easter Activities

To keep everyone entertained this Easter holiday interesting things will be popping up in and around Hurst. Look out next week for Activity packs for sale at £2 to join in the fun including entry to a competition.

Davis Tate

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



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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.

Dates for your Diary

- **Tuesday 5th April – TS Eliot Class Cake Sale**
- **Friday 6th May – PTA Quiz Night**
- **Saturday 4th June – Queen's Jubilee Celebrations, Hurst's Got Talent**
- **Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th June – Hurst Show and Country Fayre**

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 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.



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