



ST NICHOLAS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Road, Hurst, Berkshire RG10 0DR

NEWSLETTER 18 – 12th May 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

www.achurchnearyou.com/stnicholashurst

Sunday 15th May 11am Holy Communion

Sunday 22nd May 11am Messy Church (refreshments at 10.30am)

CATERLINK MENU SWAP SCHOOL CENSUS

**There will be a menu swap on
19th and 20th May**

Our school receives funding based on the number of infant children having a school lunch on Census Day and would encourage as many children in EYFS, Y1 and Y2 to order a school lunch on Thursday.

Thursday 19th May

Option 1 – Fish Fingers and Chips, with beans, peas (M)

Option 2 – Cheese & Tomato Quiche and Chips, beans and peas (V)

Friday 20th May

Option 1 – Chicken Tikka Curry and Rice, with broccoli and carrots (M)

Option 2 – Lentil and Sweet Potato Curry and Rice, with broccoli and carrots (V)

Please ensure orders are made/revised in Tucasi SCOPay by midnight on Wednesday 18th May.

EVENTS CALENDAR

May

Year 6 Post-SATs trip to Dinton Pastures
Mon 16th EYFS Vision Screening - Visit by NHS
Mon 16th Donaldson Village Walk, 1:30pm-3pm
Thu 19th School Census - Summer Term
Thu 19th Tempest Photography – Class/Year Group Photo
Fri 20th Bag2School Collection, by 9am
Fri 20th PTA Ice cream/lolly Sale, from 3:15pm
Tue 24th WW2 Workshop Y3/4/5 (No Gardening session)
Thu 26th Sayers Croft Year 4 Parent Meeting, 5:30pm
Fri 27th Year 3 Swimming – Final Session (double)
Fri 27th Afternoon Jubilee Tea 2:15-3:15pm and Last Day of Half Term (3:15pm finish)

30th-3rd Jun **HALF TERM – School Closed**

June

2nd - 5th Hurst Village celebrates the Queen's Platinum Jubilee www.hurst-jubilee.co.uk
Mon 6th Start of 2nd Half Summer Term, from 8:35am
Wed 8th Cycling commences for Years 3/4/5/6
Wed 8th New EYFS Parent Information Evening, 5:30pm
Thu 16th PTA Pyjama Day and Tombola Donations
Thu 16th Year 6 Activity Day – Waterside Centre
Fri 17th PTA Fun Run and Obstacle Course (afternoon)
20th - 22nd Year 4 Residential trip – Sayers Croft
Wed 22nd Year 5 Activity Day – Waterside Centre
Fri 24th Whole School Transition (am), incl. new EYFS intake Taster morning. *Year 6 will have activities based around Sports and Y6-Y7 Transition*
Fri 24th Book Wagon Book Fair

Hurst Village Platinum Jubilee Celebrations Thursday 2nd- Sunday 5th June

www.hurst-jubilee.co.uk

Hurst Parish Council are organising many events over the extended bank holiday from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June 2022. **Pupils in Y3/4/5 are invited to perform country dances on stage on Saturday 4th June at 3pm supported by Mrs Thomas. *Please let the office know if your child wishes to be involved.***



This week's Growth Mindset thought...

"It always seems impossible until it's done."

Nelson Mandela

Our School Values: Respect, Thoughtfulness, Perseverance, Friendship

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a great pleasure to have been able to spend time with Year 6 this week as they worked hard on their end of year SATs tests. It was a rather emotional and proud moment being with them this week, celebrating what they have been working so hard towards since starting at St Nicholas, whether joining in foundation or later along the way. As we started on Monday, I reminded the children that SATs are only a snapshot of their journey of life so far: SATs do not measure their kindness, friendship, creativity, sportsmanship or how they follow our Christian values. Confidence, friendship, positivity and love will be the tools which the children need to help them start their next chapter, and it is in the teaching of this that I truly believe we do so well here at St Nicholas.

It is these values which were reflected in our school council when the children chose The Link as our supported charity. We have invited some local members of this charity to join us at the Jubilee afternoon tea on Friday 27th May. We also invite you to join us; more information on this will follow.

This week I was able to meet with our PTA team who are working hard to recruit new members and plan exciting opportunities for our children. It is also through this that the PTA are able to help fund resources for the school that we would otherwise be unable to purchase. I look forward to building our partnership with the PTA in supporting upcoming events. Please take a moment to look through the events coming up and help out where you can.

Sarah Hilling, Acting Headteacher

Adventure Playground

Please can we remind parents and carers that, for the safety of all our children and their siblings, the Adventure playground is not to be used before or after school. This includes times when the school is closed and the gates are locked during weekends and school holidays. The Adventure playground is for the use of the children during the school day when appropriate supervision is in place. Thank you in your support in helping us keep our equipment for the use of the children in school.

Vision Screening for EYFS pupils, Monday 16th May

A reminder that NHS nurses will be visiting our EYFS pupils in school on Monday for their vision screening. They do not need to test children who are already wearing glasses or attending a hospital eye clinic. If parents wish to opt out of this programme, please inform the school office as soon as possible.



Class and Year Group Photos, Thursday 19th May

Tempest Photography will be in school on Thursday next week to take class and year group photos. Please ensure all children wear their school uniform as there will be no PE lesson for any class on this day.

YEAR 6 pupils only: *This session will include the special Year 6 Leavers commemorative group and portrait shot presented in a double photo folder; Year 6's can wear their Leavers hoody for the informal group souvenir photo.*

Year 4 Sayers Croft Residential Parent Information Meeting, Thursday 26th May

Mr Butler-Willis will be holding an information meeting for parents and children regarding the Year 4 residential visit to Sayers Croft on Thursday 26th May at 5:30pm in Blake classroom. The meeting should last approximately 30-45 minutes. For those who are unable to attend this meeting, the information will be sent out.

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Caterlink Menu Amendment (Week 2)

On Week 2 Wednesdays, please note that the roast meat option has been permanently changed to Roast Turkey (was Pork). This will take effect from the next cycle on Wednesday 25th May.



School Uniform Change

Moving forward, we are phasing out white collared shirts in favour of plain white polo shirts for all pupils across the school. Please don't feel the need to buy them straight away if their shirts still fit, but as your child outgrows their existing collared shirts, please replace them with plain white polo shirts. Our revised uniform list is available from the [School Uniform](#) page of our website.

Request for Cereal Boxes for TS Eliot and Longfellow

Pupils in Longfellow and TS Eliot classes are making gas mask boxes next week for their history topic on WW2. The card from cereal boxes is ideal. If parents have any empty cereals boxes in their recycling containers, please can they be brought to the office or to TS Eliot or Longfellow class (preferably opened out flat). Thank you!



Year 3 Gardening – no session 24th May

There will be no gardening session on Tuesday 24th May due to the planned WW2 Workshop for pupils in TS Eliot and Longfellow.

Half Term Activity Camps

Please check our website for various [holiday activity camps](#) over the May Half term. Information is published as we receive it. The Wokingham-run 'Power Up Kids Activity Camp' (formerly 'Wokingham Active Kids') flyer is also attached with this newsletter.



Well done to **Ian** (Donaldson) who has not only reached Rock Legend status but has achieved the greatest improvement in correct answers and coins over the last two weeks. **Amelia L** (Longfellow) has also become a Headliner and improved her speed whilst **Luna** (Donaldson) has reached Wannabe level and has had the greatest improvement in accuracy. Congratulations also to

William R (Longfellow) and to **Margot** (Donaldson) who have improved their speed and accuracy.

In Numbots, there has been great work from the following children who have all completed a stage: **Annabelle** (Donaldson) – Brass; **Chloe** (Milne) – Copper and **Henry** (Donaldson) – Glass, Well done also to **Xander** (Milne) and to **Sean** (Donaldson) who have received certificates for the greatest improvement in correct answers and coins earned and to **Ivy** and **Winnie** (both Donaldson) who have had the biggest increase in accuracy.



Bag2School Clothing and Textile Collection, Friday 20th May by 9:00am

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FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS
In partnership with your school or organisation


www.bag2school.com

St Nicholas C E Primary School



Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.



By using this paper leaflet we are helping to reduce unnecessary extra plastic. Please use your own bag or bags (there is no limit). The leaflet is FSC accredited, please recycle it.

We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:
Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.
(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)

The more we weigh the more we pay!
Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit

Please return your Bag2School on:


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Friday 20 May 2022 by 9am

 01609 780 222  www.bag2school.com  helpdesk@bag2school.com

This is a scheme to help raise funds for the school and it's a great way of clearing out your unwanted clothes and other items. The school receives money for the total weight of the goods received. **You can use your own bags/plastic sacks at home. A large supply of plastic sacks is available from a box in the School Office so please help yourself** (all bags will be recycled by Bag2School).

They will take good quality items for re-use: adult/children clothing, shoes (tied together), handbags, hats, belts, scarves, soft toys, towels or bed linen. Fill as many bags as you can! Drop them off to the shelter area by the school hall on **Friday 20th May by 9am**. You can also drop off bags to the school office on the afternoon of **Thursday 19th May by 3.30pm**.

They do not accept duvets, blankets, pillows, cushions, rugs/mats, soiled/ripped clothing, school uniform with logos, or uniform/branded corporate clothing.

For a full list of what is/is not accepted, please see <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

Elements Dance and Theatre Schools

We offer classes on Tuesday afternoons in Modern and Tap and on Wednesday afternoon in Ballet at the Hurst Village Hall.

Email us at office@elements-dance.com to book in a trial lesson and 10% discount for all new pupils.


Elements
Dance and Theatre Schools



Elements Dance and Theatre Schools hold fun and vibrant dance classes offering a variety of disciplines; ballet, tap, modern and lyrical, with dance classes from 2 1/2 years upwards to adult.

- Classes held throughout the school term in the Hurst, Crowthorne and Wokingham areas.
- We offer several performance opportunities such as exams, shows and festivals.
- We employ highly qualified and registered teaching team with many years of experience.

Contact the office for class info, timetables and for a free trial.

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PTA UPDATE

Dear Parents & Carers

Over the last few weeks, we have been having a 're-think' on how PTA activities are run across the school; focusing on opportunities where primarily the children can get involved, and where we can maximise fundraising. Thank you to those of you who have suggested new ideas and the new faces at the recent PTA meeting; it's great to have a good selection of year groups represented. Your support is greatly appreciated.



Going forward we will have a **timeline of activities** for the term ahead so you can clearly see plans, have the stash of £1 coins at the ready and your helpful hands too! We hope the increased transparency helps you (as busy parents & carers) plan and also get involved where you can. Any offer, big or small, of support would be welcome. See our new snazzy plan below for the rest of our Summer term.

Where does the money go?

Having previously supported the purchase of the Accelerated Reader resources for KS2 earlier in the year, we are now also supporting the 'Little Wandle' phonics scheme rollout for EYFS & KS1. This will ensure there are enough hard copy books and resources for every child to take home as they learn to read well. Going forward there are plans to support further development of the playground and field areas with additional play equipment, garden spaces and wooden benches etc. making playtimes exciting for every child. Watch this space!

This support the PTA gives is only made possible by people participating in events, taking part in fundraising initiatives such as Your School Lottery, or by making regular donations. Please do help where you can. Thank you for your continued support.

Your St Nicholas PTA Committee

What's on	When & Where	How to get involved
Ongoing Activities		
<div>Your School Lottery</div> <div></div>	<div>Your School Lottery - Support a school & maybe even win big! - Your School Lottery</div> <div>Search for 'St Nicholas Hurst'</div>	<div>Play the lottery each week for £1, you could win a £25,000 prize. There are currently additional prizes of B&Q vouchers.</div> <div>One winner from our school will be chosen each week with the prize money determined by the amount of participants. The school also receive funding.</div>
<div>Smile @ Amazon</div> <div></div>	<div>https://smile.amazon.co.uk/</div>	<div>Sign up to support the school. We receive 0.5% of all your eligible purchases – you just need to shop through the Smile.amazon.co.uk site rather than the standard Amazon site.</div>
Regular donations	Anytime!	<div>Pay directly into the PTA account. We will claim Gift Aid if you're eligible to and make your money go further. Will your company match your donations or even a whole event? Please ask!</div>
May		
Bag2School Collection	Friday 20 th May 8-9am donations to the Shelter	<div>Bring your bags of good quality clothing etc. to the Shelter on the playground to earn funds for school. For information on what items can be donated – follow the link Bags 2 School</div>

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Ice Cream/Lolly Sale	Friday 20 th May 3:15pm @ the Shelter Longfellow are raising money for their class.	The weather is set to be warm next week so come along after school for a refreshing ice cream/lolly to start the weekend! Bring cash or can pay on card.
Jubilee Afternoon Tea	Friday 27 th May for the children and their guests from their chosen charity 'The Link Visiting Scheme'.	Parents needed to help with serving afternoon tea & scones as part of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations.

June

New EYFS Parent Information Evening	Wednesday 8 th June 5:30pm – School Hall	Serving tea and coffee to our new cohort of parents joining in Sept or assisting with pre-loved uniform sales.
Non-Uniform (Pyjama!) Day & Tombola donations – Bring a bottle!	Thursday 16 th June - collection buckets and boxes for bottles will be on the front gate.	Monetary donations via collection buckets for the children to wear their favourite nightwear for the day! Donations of alcohol or non-alcoholic bottles will be used for tombola prizes at the Hurst show (see below).
Sponsored Fun Run & Obstacle Course	Friday 17 th June during school (afternoon) in school field	Your children can be sponsored to run a number of laps around the school field with an obstacle thrown in for added fun! Please ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to get involved in sponsoring the children. Come along on the day and cheer them on. Refreshments and cakes will be available to buy. Help needed to marshal the course and sell drinks. Ice lollies will be given out to each child at the end.
Hurst Show & Country Fayre Hurst Show - 25th and 26th June 2022	Saturday 25 th & Saturday 26 th June – Events and attractions organised across Martineau Green, St Nicholas Primary School and Hurst Village Halls and Scout Hut.	Sign up to man one of the PTA stalls (with/without your child!) for a 30 minute slot at our funfair themed tent. Stalls to include tombola, hook-a-duck, spin-to-win, lucky dip, penalty shootout plus more! Come along and enjoy a great family day out. There will be plenty of games and refreshments to get involved in. Stall proceeds go directly to the PTA. Show proceeds are spread between a few charities including our school!
Wokingham Bikeathon	Sunday 26 th June – The riders are having the opportunity to stop for a comfort break.	Parents are running a cake stall at school. Sign up to run the stall for 30mins and help the tired cyclists refuel!

July

Summer Family BBQ	Friday 15 th July School playground & field 4-6pm	Please put the date in your diary for the last Friday of the school term. School is organising a summer family BBQ for the children and their families. Mrs Hilling will announce the details of the event over the coming weeks, but we will have a PTA presence there selling drinks and snacks. We'll be needing people to man the stand on a rota so we can all enjoy the event with our families
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