



ST NICHOLAS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Road, Hurst, Berkshire RG10 0DR

NEWSLETTER 22 – 07th July 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 10th July 11am All-age Service (10:30 refreshments)
Sunday 17th July No service at St Nicholas
Sunday 24th July 11am Messy Church



Menu Changes

As we approach the final week and half of term, Caterlink have made some menu changes:

Monday 11th July

Option 2 (V) - Vegetarian Pasta (*instead of Hotpot and rice*)

Friday 15th July

Option 1 - Fish Fingers & Chips (*instead of battered fish*)

Wednesday 20th July (last day term)

Option 1 (M) - Fish Fingers and Chips
Option 2 (V) - Cheese Frittata

Please update your lunch order accordingly in Tucasi SCOPay.

EVENTS CALENDAR

July

Fri 8th Year 1 and 2 'The Big Sing', Addington School
Fri 8th End of Academic Year Reports issued (including Assessment results)
Mon 11th EYFS Allotment Walk
Tue 12th Sports Day (*parents may attend from 1.15pm*)
Fri 15th Summer Family BBQ, 4-6pm
[CLICK HERE](#) to purchase tickets
Mon 18th Wellington Country Park (whole school trip).
Please give consent and make payment.
Tues 19th Singing Picnic Lunch (whole school) **Parents not invited to this event. All pupils need a packed lunch.**
Wed 20th Year 6 Leavers Service 10am St Nicholas Church
Menu Change – Fish fingers and chips
Last Day of Term, 1:30pm finish (no after school club)

August

Sat 20th Hurst Horticultural Show, 12:30pm Village Halls

September

Fri 2nd INSET DAY – School Closed
Mon 5th INSET DAY – School Closed
Tues 6th Start of Autumn Term, from 8:35am

October

Thu 20th Flu Vaccination (nasal spray) - All pupils



Tuesday 12th July



Your child is invited to wear a T-Shirt in their school House colour (no football shirts):

Sycamore – Red / Oak – Green / Willow – Yellow / Chestnut - Blue

We invite you to watch your child participating; you are welcome to join us from 1:15pm to observe the afternoon events. Pre-school siblings must stay within the permitted watching areas with parents/carers for the safety of themselves and the primary children. We politely remind you that dogs are not permitted on school grounds.
If you are unsure of your child's House colour, please check with the class teacher/office.

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Dear Parents and Carers

I am keeping my part short as we have a bumper edition of the newsletter this week! Please ensure that you read the newsletters in full as these give you all the communications and updates you need. A couple of reminders:

Parent Survey: thank you to those who have taken the time to complete; if you have not already done so please do so here: [CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE SURVEY](#)

Summer BBQ: We are almost at capacity. This is a ticketed event, if you would like to join us for some end of term relaxation please [CLICK HERE TO BUY TICKETS](#)

Miss McGrail Collection: On Sunday, the community collection will close. If you have not already, and would like to contribute, you can use this link to go to the collection: [CLICK HERE TO CONTRIBUTE](#)

The Year 6 & KS2 Panto Pandemonium was a huge success! Thank you to all who came and supported the children. It was a complete sell out and I am confident that everyone enjoyed it as much as we did. I would like to thank Mr Butler-Willis, Mr Godden, Mrs Prince, the teaching team and the parents who worked so hard to help put it all together. I felt incredibly proud of the outstanding performance by the children.

Next academic year's term dates (Sept 2022-July 2023) are attached with this newsletter. Term dates for the following year (Sept 2023-July 2024) have also been published on our website.

Sarah Hilling, Acting Headteacher



Maypole Dancing at the Hurst Show

On Saturday, we were honoured to open the Hurst Show in the traditional manner: with three maypole dances. Accompanied by Mrs Prince on the violin (and the younger of the Miss Hollands helping Mum keep the beat on her tambourine!) 14 of the Year 6 pupils wowed us with their 'Barber's Pole', 'Cobweb' and 'Plait'. We were very pleased to be able to dance and undo the braids smoothly, and that the time spent on practicing the routines during a very busy part of term paid off. Thank you to all of the children and parents who supported us in this great start to *the* annual event for our community.

In other related news, the attempt to break the Guinness World Record for the

largest Hobby Horse parade even made it to BBC News <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-berkshire-61929922>



Well done to **Colette** (TS Eliot) who has reached Rockstar status and to **Eva** (Donaldson) who is now a Gigger. **Colette** and **Sammy** (Longfellow) have had the greatest improvement in correct answers whilst **Eva** and **Mena** (TS Eliot) have increased their speed. **Frankie** and **Ted** (both TS Eliot) have been the most accurate players and **Sammy** continues to be top coin earner. Well done all!

In Numbots, **Annabelle** (Donaldson) has completed Copper stage. Great work! **Xander** (Milne) and **Luna** (Donaldson) have had the biggest increases in correct answers and coins earned. Finally, **Mena** and **Annabelle** have shown the greatest improvement in accuracy. Super work!



Last week of term reminders:

Wellington Country Park, Monday 18th July

Please make payment and give consent via your Tucasi SCOPay account.

Singing Picnic, Tuesday 19th July

Pupils and staff will enjoy a whole school 'Singing Picnic' on the school field. Parents are not invited to this event. Please ensure your child brings a packed lunch, snacks and plenty of water - **there will be no hot dinners served in the Hall.**

Year 6 Leavers Service, Wednesday 20th July 10:00am, St Nicholas Church

All parents welcome to attend. The whole school will walk to Church. Following the service, Year 6 pupils/parents will remain at church for refreshments. Pupils in Reception-Year 5 will walk back to school. **We will require some volunteers to assist with walking to and from Church and two volunteers to drive in front and behind the walking group.**

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Summer Family BBQ

*We warmly invite you and your family to join us for a
summer BBQ on the school field to celebrate the end of the academic year
Friday 15th July 2022 from 4:00—6:00pm*

St Nicholas CE Primary School

There will be a circus workshop and children's entertainment.

Food & drink will be available to purchase from the Vintage Hog Roast (cash and card payments accepted)

We politely request that no dogs or alcohol to be brought on to school premises.

Please book your tickets via this link. Nominal £1 entry fee per ticket

[CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS](#)



KS1 Mexico Project

Over the last few weeks all our KS1 pupils have been exploring the country of Mexico and comparing it to our local area. As part of this learning, we found out about different celebrations in Mexico, particularly The Day of the Dead and in our Design and Technology lessons created our versions using paper-mache. The children focused in on the idea of The Day of the Dead as a celebration of life and created colourful and intricate patterns on their masks. We loved being able to show these in celebration assembly and thoroughly enjoyed the reactions we got when we wore them home!



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Year 5 Activity Days Here are some photos from our action packed Activity Days to Woodley Airfield, Dinton Pastures and teambuilding activities at Wokingham Waterside Centre.



Author Visit – Alison Simpson



On 28th June, Milne and Donaldson were visited by author Alison Simpson. She read us her book 'Bodhi the Pirate Dog' which is based on her real dog who was rescued from the streets of Romania. Children enjoyed listening to the story and finding out about it is like being an author.

"My favourite part of the book was when it was the end because Bodhi saved them" - Henry

"I liked the shark and the whales" - Jack

"The cheese boat was the best bit" - Sienna

Year 2 Aqua Splash Event.

Several children were invited to Bulmershe Leisure Centre this week to take part in an hour of AquaSplash, to enjoy some fun games and build water confidence. The children played on a variety of equipment including frog floats, flying saucers, balls, dive rings and sinking toys. I was very proud of them all as they gave everything a go and had a really great time! Well done all of you.



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Sayers Croft Year 4 Residential

In late June, Year 4 pupils went on a three-day residential trip to Sayers Croft activity centre in Surrey. Everyone was beyond excited – no wonder the outward coach journey on Monday morning was so loud.

Our first activity was orienteering – like a treasure hunt. Next, we did shelter building, using only logs to keep it stable and tarpaulin to make it waterproof. Everyone had a great time even though no one stayed entirely dry. The campfire that night was very exciting, especially toasting marshmallows. Aside from eating s'mores we played some fun games and – led by DJ BW - sang songs. A perfect end to our day!

After a cooked breakfast, we were split into groups for woodland ropes and caving. The woodland ropes included a climbing wall, a rope bridge, a zip line and many more obstacles! In the caves, it was very dark and slightly scary. It had twists, turns and vertical drops, and everyone was very brave, including Mrs Mitchell!

That evening, we did a blindfold trail and a maze challenge. The maze was very hard due to the fact that you had to crack a code using letters on the way. On the blindfold trail you had no idea what you were standing on, which gave me, in particular, a very strange sensation.

We also did a stream walk. The water was quite cold and brown, coloured by the clay banks. I, and a few others, put on clay war paint! The final morning, we did a wooden compass trail, where you had to collect clues and do a loop through the woods. Our final activity on the trip was pond-dipping. The things people caught included small fish, tadpoles, dragonfly nymphs, water snails and pond-skaters.



Everyone had such an amazing time and an experience we will never forget, creating memories that will last a lifetime.

By Lola M, Year 4



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End of Year KS2 Performance 'Panto Pandemonium'

On Tuesday evening, KS2 pupils performed an amazing play called 'Panto Pandemonium'. Even though we only had three weeks to rehearse, we managed to pull off an incredible play with lighting, scenery and a great bunch of actors! The play was about four school children going on a school trip to the theatre, but they come across a little problem with the pantomime and that's where the adventure begins! Even with the challenges they face, the school children still manage to get the three magic objects back to the good fairy before the witch could ruin the pantomime. We had an audience of over 130 people and everyone enjoyed it so much as there was lots of laughter. Everyone had a great time and wished we that we could do it again!

By Lola N, Year 6



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AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

SEPTEMBER 2022- JULY 2023

You don't have to require childcare to send your child for an abundance of fun at Get Active Clubs! Come and join us to learn new skills, make friends and take part in a wide range of activities this term!

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- ARTS AND CRAFTS
- FOOTBALL
- DODGEBALL
- ATHLETICS
- PING PONG
- FOOT GOLF
- TEAM GAMES
- TAG RUGBY
- TALENT SHOWS
- MAD SCIENCE
- COOKIE DECORATION
- DISCO PARTY
- BOARD GAMES
- MINI OLYMPICS
- FREE PLAY
- MUSIC

TIMES & PRICES

After School Club

Short: 3:15pm - 4:30pm

£6.00 per day includes a snack

Medium: 4:30PM-6:00PM

£8.00 PER DAY INCLUDES A SNACK

Long: 3:15PM-6:00PM

£12.00 Per day includes a snack and a cold meal

FUN FRIDAYS!

Join us on Friday for our special events! these can include Milkshake making, cupcake icing, and much more! make sure you sign up to hear about our weekly events!



How to book:

Simply head over to our website www.getactivesports.com and select your child's school. Find this under parents tab. Select the activity you require and then click "Book now". To book over the phone call one of our lovely team on 01344 860868

PTA UPDATE

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been an extremely busy month for school fundraising – a sponsored fun run, numerous ice cream sales and the great success at the Hurst show with our Circus PTA tent!

A very big **THANK YOU** to you **ALL** for helping make our presence at this year's Hurst Show a really great one. Whether it was volunteering your time to run these events, contributing prizes/toys/sweet jars/bottles or by turning up with your 50ps to take part in the games on offer. We saw so many families come along to give their support from across all year groups which was brilliant and an all-round great school effort. Particular thanks and appreciation go to...

Linny Rankin and her dad, John for the amazing neon coloured balloon arch which shone across the field!

Mike Rand for his relentless sourcing of raffle prizes from local companies and selling tickets ALL weekend

Sarah Sollesse for making some fantastic hampers for the raffle

Sam Love and **Claire Goff** for patiently wrapping A LOT of lucky dip prizes

Lisa Dewey for designing the new PTA school banner

...and to the **dedicated PTA team** who spent all weekend at the show with their families and have worked hard to prepare for the show in the many weeks leading up to it. If they never see 'Splat the Rat' again it will be a blessing! 😊

We will know by September the fundraising total from the show as the school will receive a significant contribution from the overall takings from the whole event. Based on the visitor numbers and **the PTA stall raising over £2,000** towards the grand total it should be a great fundraising result for the school. We will keep you updated on the contribution the school receive and where the money will be spent in the Autumn term.

In other fundraising updates, your contributions have enabled the PTA to support the **Year 5 Waterside sports trip (donating £400)** and cover the cost of providing the **Key Stage 1 phonics reading scheme 'Little Wandle' books (donating £1,900)**. As a result, every child will be able to now bring home hard copies of the books they are reading in school. The PTA are also donating towards the **Year 6 Leavers Gifts**.

Well done everyone.

Thanks to a local Hurst resident, we have also (in recent days) been donated a freezer (for free!) for school/PTA to keep a stock of ice lollies for impromptu sales and year-round supply of ice cubes!

Please read on for updates on fundraising totals (incl. the recent Fun Run) and our support for the forthcoming end of year BBQ which school are arranging.

If you have any questions about the PTA or would like to be involved in future planning/events for the Autumn term, or simply have an idea (!) - we now have a new email address you can contact us through – it's PTACore3@st-nicholas.wokingham.sch.uk. Also request to join the 'PTA St Nicholas School Hurst' Facebook group for updates if you're not a member already.

Your PTA Team

What's On	When & Where	How to get involved
June		
New Parent Information Evening	Wednesday 8 th June	We met some lovely new people and raised £28 in sales, equally keeping good quality uniform out of landfill!
Non-Uniform (Pyjama!) Day & Tombola donations	Thursday 16 th June	Thank you for the fantastic donation of 131 bottles! These will be prizes in the Tombola at the Hurst Show

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Sponsored Fun Run & Obstacle Course	Friday 17 th June	Thank you for all your sponsorship. We have raised a fantastic £1,355 (excluding gift aid which will be claimed) – and kindly fund matched! A final total will be shared soon!
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.	Thanks for your support. We will update the total raised in the Autumn term. Show proceeds are spread between a few charities including our school, previous years has seen a significant donation being made to the school. Watch this space!
July		
Summer Family BBQ	Friday 15 th July, School playground & field. 4-6pm	<p>You should all have received your email invite by now, please book your nominal £1 tickets online.</p> <p>This is a school-run event, not PTA, however we will have some bags of sweets and doughnuts for sale for the kids to purchase, as well as some extra raffle prizes from the Hurst Show.</p> <p>The teachers will be kindly running this stall to give us PTA folk and parents a chance to enjoy the BBQ.</p> <p>Buy tickets via this link: https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stnickurstpta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=50301#.YsVMSHbMKUm</p>



Read on for information on:

- **Get Active Holiday Club**
- **Chocolate Workshop by Rosie's Chocolate Factory**

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Summer camp

**For
Age 4
& Above**

**Fun & Creative
Outdoor Activities**



- Football • Tennis • Team Games • Hockey
- Rounders • Netball • Nerf Guns
- Water fights • Arts & Crafts
- And lots more !!



**Shinfield St Marys
25th July - 2nd Sept**

**Radstock
15th Aug- 31st Aug**

**Willowbank
8th Aug- 26th Aug**

**Woodley
18th July- 5th Aug**

**Winnersh
26th July - 20th Aug**

**Hillside
18th July - 20th Aug**

**Robert Piggott
To be confirmed**

8am-3:30pm £28.45 OR 8am-6pm £31.45

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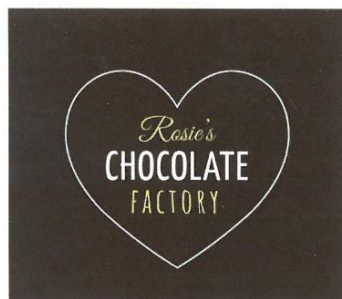
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