



ST NICHOLAS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Road, Hurst, Berkshire RG10 0DR

NEWSLETTER 23 – 20th July 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 24th July 11am Messy Church



On behalf of all Staff and Governors, we wish you all a restful and relaxing summer break and we look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Tuesday 6th September from 8:35am.

EVENTS CALENDAR

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

Fri 9th New Parents Coffee Morning

Thu 15th EYFS Little Wandle Phonics Meeting, 5.30pm

19th – 23rd PGL Residential Trip – Year 6

October

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

November

Fri 11th Individual & Sibling Portrait Photos

School Lunch Order Process from September 2022

Caterlink Ltd will continue as our school caterer from the new academic year. The cost of a meal for a pupil in Years 3-6 will remain at £2.15 (unless eligible for FSM).

From September, parents will no longer be required to pre-order school lunches for their child/ren. All children will place their lunch order daily with their class teacher at morning Registration and as such, the school dinner calendar functionality in Tucasi SCOPAY will be disabled on the last day of term.

We hope that this will alleviate the burden on parents to remember to place orders the previous day. Please can we request that parents of Junior children please check their lunch payment accounts regularly to ensure there are enough funds to cover school lunches.

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Dear Parents and Carers

It only seems like yesterday that we were welcoming pupils back to school looking forward to another academic year ahead. This year certainly had its bumps, twists and turns and ended quite differently than I could ever have imagined.

A year filled with mixed emotions; we have said some sad farewells and welcomed new members to the team. We are excited about the new links and opportunities within the Keys Academy Trust which we have developed in order to help to continue our drive for school improvement. In addition to your continued feedback and support, we are confident that we will go from strength to strength, building on the firm foundations we have in place already.

We have been delighted to be able to welcome families back into school over the past term though a multitude of events over the Spring and Summer terms. A huge thank you must go to the staff and parents who make these events happen through their continued commitment, dedication and hard work. We look forward to continuing and building upon these next year.

A final farewell at St Nicholas Church

After two years we were, once again, able to return to Church for our final service for our Year 6 leavers. With some thought-provoking readings and reflections on their time at St Nicholas, it was clear that there are many fond memories being taken with them on their journey to Year 7. The children echoed how St Nicholas offers so many opportunities and extra-curricular activities that they have enjoyed. SATs were clearly something they remember fondly.... as well as the cake! Of course, the children are not the only ones we are saying goodbye to at the end of this term. As you know, Mrs Holland, Mrs Middleton, Miss Schmidt, Mrs Baker, Mrs Allen, Mrs Crooks, Ele Buckley and Rev. Anna are also moving on to new and exciting adventures of their own. I am sure you will join me in thanking each and every one of them for their contribution to the school during their time with us.

Squashed Orange Book Case

We would like to thank Mrs Warren and the Year 6 families for organising and donating our "squashed orange bookcase". The year 6 children have also donated a favourite book which can be found on the bookcase containing their personal message to the next reader. We will be inviting children and staff to donate their favourite book to the bookshelf in order to reinforce our message of reading for enjoyment and reigniting our love of reading. We look forward to officially opening this new reading library enabling children to choose a book from to enjoy at home.



Sarah Hilling, Acting Headteacher

Cooling off with an ice cream

The staff and children would like to thank Mrs Middleton and Miss McGrail for their end of year ice-cream treats. These were very much appreciated especially during the weather we have been having this week. Here are some photos of the children enjoying their end of year Mr Whippy!



Miss McGrail's Collection

Thank you for all the kind messages and donations to the community collection for Miss McGrail. We have collected £400 which will be given in person during the holidays along with the personal messages.



Combating Social Isolation in
the Wokingham Borough

Holiday Challenge 'Send a postcard to a friend at The Link Visiting Scheme'

As you know, this is our children's chosen charity. We have been discussing how supporting a charity is not always about raising money. As friends of The Link, we are able to offer time, kindness and friendship. The children have expressed that they would like to send a postcard during the Summer Holidays to our Friends at The Link Visiting Scheme. Please encourage your children to participate in bringing a little joy to those who will receive the children's letters and post cards.

They can either address it to "Our Friends at the Link" or leave it blank and the team will fill in the name. Please remind the children to sign it with their first name and their year group, as often they like to write back! All postcards can be sent to the head office address and will be delivered on by hand. Thank you for continuing the kindness.

The Link Visiting Scheme

The Charity and Community Hub

Waterford House

Erstadt Court

Wokingham, Berkshire RG40 2YF

District Sports, Friday 1st July

After a few years away, District Sports made its return to the summer calendar. The weather clearly thought it had some catching up to do, so decided to through everything it could at the brave athletes. The speedy competitors had to run through not just sun but also torrential rain! It was character building at best and at worst pretty miserable! The rain however could not detract from some amazing performances. Special mention to **Lola, Gemma, Will and Harry** who took on the long distance events and to **Ollie** who initially won the 80m final, only to be told he had to rerun the event after an admin error. After a sandwich, packet of crisps and other assorted snacks, and an extra race, he almost repeated the feat and was pipped in a photo finish second time round. In our eyes you were the worthy winner! Thank you to all the children and supporters who ran and cheered their hearts out, Mrs Rudd and I were so proud to be part of team St Nicholas!



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Summer Family BBQ, 15th July

Thank you to the 250 of you who joined us for our family BBQ at the end of term. This was a huge turnout and we were fortunate enough to be joined by both past and new families. It was lovely to see families relaxing while children enjoyed the circus workshop and shows, hair braiding and face paints, dancing and a few games and activities on offer from our new wrap-around provider, Get Active.

A particular thank you to Mr and Mrs Hardy who provided the BBQ from "The Vintage Hog Roast" and for their donation back to the school following the event. It was a pleasure to be able to support a local business as well as welcoming their family back to school for the afternoon event. Another thank you must also go to Tony and George of "BOXSET" who kindly joined us to provide live music entertainment, free of charge. This is an event we would like to see on our summer calendar every year and would appreciate your feedback. If you can spare a couple of minutes, please do so <https://forms.office.com/r/ecRMZvQizK>



Sports Cup and House Cup

We finally got to complete the running part of our Sports Day last Friday morning, thanks to a very unusual summer heatwave! The children all performed brilliantly, with some fantastic sprinting resulting in points won for their respective houses. Following this, the children competed in timed relay races in houses and pushed themselves despite the increasing heat. Pupils in KS1 showed us all how fantastic they are at balancing and throwing and scored many points to keep Mr Butler Willis very busy counting up. With the added element of hurdles, KS2 children then displayed further sprinting abilities. Their smiles as they crossed the line demonstrated just how much fun they'd had! The totals were very tight, but I am pleased to announce that the overall winner of the **Sports Cup** was **Team Willow !**

I would like to also take this opportunity to thank all parents for their support provided to me and the pupils during this year while all the sporting events were gradually re-introduced to our calendar this year. All the best for a fantastic Summer! *Mrs Rudd*

And the winner of the **House Cup** is... **Team Oak !**



Well done to **Eva** (Donaldson) who reached Gigger status. **Theo** (TS Eliot) and **Winnie** (Donaldson) have had the greatest improvement in correct answers whilst **Rourke** (TS Eliot) and **Maddie** (Longfellow) improved their speed. Congratulations to **Theo** and to **Hallie** (Donaldson) who have demonstrated improved accuracy. **Sammy** (Longfellow) and **Winnie** were top coin earners.

In Numbots, there has been wonderful work from the following children who have completed their next stages: **Lexi** (Donaldson) – Rust; **Sean** (Donaldson) – Bronze and **Taylor** (Milne) – Iron.

Finally, well done to **Chloe** (Milne) and to **Lexi** who have had the greatest improvements in correct answers and coins earned and to **Archie** (Donaldson) and **Lexi** who have improved their accuracy. Super effort!



Judo Club – from 12th September 2022 For pupils in Year 2-Year 6 from September

If you would like to book your child onto the Judo Club commencing on Monday mornings from 8am-8:45am. The first session starts Monday 12th September and spaces are limited. **The club is open to pupils in Year 2-6 from September.** Cost is £81 for a term (12 sessions).

To book: <https://judo-school.class4kids.co.uk/info/44>

Wellington Whole School Trip, Monday 18th July

Monday saw the return of our annual whole school trip to Wellington Country Park. As per the theme of the early part of this week, we adapted our plans slightly to accommodate the heatwave. All children enjoyed an (shady) forest trail, exploring the enchanted wood and encountering some dinosaurs along the way. Keeping cool was our key priority and this was aided by the delicious ice lollies kindly funded by the PTA and our lovely air conditioned ride to and from the Park. It was lovely to venture out as a whole school again.



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Wokingham Libraries - Summer Reading Challenge 2022

Gadgets is the Summer Reading Challenge theme for 2022 at all libraries in Wokingham.

To join just pop into your local library and choose your books, then come back to collect stickers and a poster.

Once you have read all six library books you can collect your medal and a certificate when you complete the challenge.

Starts July 9th until August 27th 2022. <https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/libraries/reading-schemes-for-children-and-adults/reading-mini-challenge-for-children/>
<https://wp.me/p5mHbU-7UV>

Summer Reading Challenge 2022

GADGETEERS

Presented by The Reading Agency.
Delivered in partnership with libraries.

To join just go into your local Wokingham Borough Library and make sure you have your library card!

Choose and read six library books and collect a Gadgets Folder and stickers, when you return your first set of books (make sure you bring your library card).

Get a medal and a certificate when you complete the challenge of reading six library books. Enjoy Gadgets events at libraries this summer.

Join the challenge, it runs from Saturday 9 July 2022 to Saturday 27 August 2022.

Open to all primary school aged library members. It is free to get a library card, you just need to complete a membership form at the library.



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Woodley Library

Gadgets Volunteer Activity Sessions - Talk about your Summer Reading Challenge books, craft and other fun activities with our Summer Reading Challenge Volunteers. Just drop in!

Every Wednesday July 27 August 3, 10, 17, 24 10.30am to 12noon

Sand Art Just drop in and create a sand art picture with Kids Bee Happy with Maddi. £4 per picture, must be paid on the day to Kids Bee happy with Maddi directly.

For children aged 3 to 10 years old.

Tuesday August 9 10am to 12noon

Thursday August 18 10am to 12noon

Science Workshop - Magnetic Putty Join the Nutty Scientist for this workshop and enjoy making magnetic putty while learning all about magnets and their metal properties. Places must be booked. For children aged 4 to 9 years old. £3 charge

Tuesday August 9 1pm to 2pm

Explore Learning Superhero Shapes Workshop - for children aged 4 to 6 years old. Places must be booked.

Tuesday August 30 10am to 10.45am

Explore Learning and Telling the time workshop for children aged 5 to 7 years old. Places must be booked.

Tuesday August 30 11am to 11.45am

Once upon a Big Idea with James Carter - Come on down for one zany, zappy, action-packed hour full of madcap music, science and spacey poems, a lively reading of James's brand new book ONCE UPON A BIG IDEA - the story of inventions plus a chance to write and take away your very own robot poem.

Places must be booked. For children aged 4 to 10 years old. £3 charge.

Tuesday August 30 1pm to 2pm

All activities are bookable, unless otherwise stated, Please visit our website to book <https://wokingham.spydus.co.uk> and click on events.

For chargeable events, cash only must be paid on the day. No card payments available.



Help us make walking and cycling easier

Wokingham Borough Council are launching a consultation into their latest Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP). Increasing cycling and walking can help us tackle some of the most challenging issues we face as a society – improving air quality, combatting climate change, improving health and wellbeing, addressing inequalities and tackling congestion on our roads. With the increasing cost of fuel, walking and cycling are likely to become more attractive options for local journeys. We want to enable this by providing facilities that are safe, comfortable and inclusive for all.

Why are we doing this?

Nearly 60 per cent of car journeys are less than 5 miles. If we had good safe cycling and walking facilities across the borough, many of those car journeys could be done on foot or by bicycle instead.

To have you say please on the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) please visit:

<https://wokinghamboroughlwcip.commonplace.is> Please note the consultation closes on 19 August.

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GET ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

To book places from 6th September please visit

<https://getactivesportsuk.coordinate.cloud/project/30962>

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

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PTA UPDATE

Dear Parents/Carers

A great big thank you...Fundraising Ninjas!

On behalf of the PTA, we would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents and helpers who have supported our fundraising efforts this year for the school.

It has not been without its bumps in the road...during the first half of the school year it was tricky to get any activity off the ground due to ongoing Covid restrictions. But the Spring & Summer terms and a change in direction in how we plan/execute events have really helped turn things around, and we have managed to offer a range of activities for the children to get involved in, which judging by the smiley kids' faces, have been well received. We have enjoyed Christmas bauble hunt, Easter trails, numerous cake & ice cream sales, non-uniform days, and a well-supported PTA circus tent at the recent Hurst show.

None of these events would have been a success without your help; whether in volunteering your time to help or by donating prizes, baking cakes, or coming along and spending your hard earned cash on these events!

There has been a noticeable increase in support from parents over the last few months, for which we are very grateful...and our fundraising totals are looking very healthy as a result.

We will be back in the Autumn term with a new sparkly calendar of events* for both the children and yourselves to support (don't groan!), along with an update on amounts raised (there is all sorts of fund matching and gift aiding to do first!). Above all we will also communicate a firm plan of where the money will be spent. We will be working with Mrs Hilling and the school staff to update you on that soon.

* If you do have any ideas/suggestions of activities you would like to see happen next year please don't be shy and get in touch with anyone from the PTA or email us at PTACore3@st-nicholas.wokingham.sch.uk. No idea is a bad one.

In the meantime, we wish you all a relaxing summer break with your family...without any cake sales, bucket jingling or reminder of £1 donations in sight! 😊

Thanks again for your ongoing support

Your St Nicholas School PTA Committee

Read on for information on:

- **Twyford Village Fete, 20th August**
- **Bikeability Summer Courses**
- **Berkshire Maestros – Musical instrument tuition in September 2022**
- **Laurel Park Football Club – Coaching opportunities for Years 2 and 3**



2022 Summer Holiday Bikeability Courses for Years 5 to 9.

Avanti Cycling are running a complete programme of Bikeability holiday courses: Level 1, 2 and 3 at an affordable cost of £20 a course. Courses are being run at:

- Jocks Lane, Bracknell
- Finchampstead Baptist Centre
- Woodford Park, Woodley

Course calendar and booking is on www.avanticycling.co.uk/holiday-courses List of courses is also attached but booking must take place through the website.

Bikeability is a great course that teaches your child essential road confidence skills. If you wish to increase your child's knowledge of cycling, these holiday courses are for you.

For further info email: summreen@avanticycling.co.uk

Learn to play an instrument with Berkshire Maestros

Please see letter from the Woodwind teacher from Berkshire Maestros attached with this newsletter for details of in-school tuition on various instruments.



Football for children in Year 2 and Year 3

Laurel Park Football Club is looking for new players to complete their great squad. It is fun and friendly and open to Boys and Girls. No experience needed. Training will be held on Tuesday evening in Lower Earley. Matches on Saturday in the EBFA league.

The coaching team have 10 years' experience in Grassroots Children's football with FA qualified Coaches with First Aid and Safeguarding qualifications.

If your Child is in Year 2 or Year 3 and wants to join a fantastic club, make new friends and have fun please get in touch wayne.cannon070879@yahoo.com

Laurel Park have served the local community for over 20 years and are a highly respected Football Club with over 30 teams for 6 – 18 year olds and have won numerous awards from the FA and local Leagues

20
AUGUST
2022

FREE
ADMISSION

Twyford Village Fete

FOOD AND LICENSED BAR • LIVE MUSIC

STEVE COLLEY MOTORCYCLE STUNT SHOW

**DOG SHOW • CLASSIC CAR SHOW • CHILDREN'S RACES • TUG OF WAR
CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT AND INFLATABLES**



STANLAKE MEADOW, TWYFORD
1-5PM

PARKING AVAILABLE – £3

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CHILDREN'S RACES
HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE WITH FARM ANIMALS
TUG OF WAR
COMMUNITY STALLS
AND MANY OTHER SIDE STALLS

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND STALL HOLDER APPLICATION VISIT
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