



St Nicholas School Bulletin



The organic baby food co.

12th May 2023

Upcoming Dates

May 2023

Mon 15th Year 6 Educational visit
Fri 19th Year 3 Swimming
Fri 19th Tempest Year 6 Photos
Fri 26th Year 3 Swimming
Mon 29th to Wed 31st HALF TERM

June 2023

Thu 1st to Fri 2nd HALF TERM
Tue 6th PTA meeting at 5.15pm (Yr2 classroom)
Fri 9th Optional non-uniform day – PTA bring a bottle donation for Hurst Show
Wed 14th New Parent Information Evening
Sat 24th Hurst Show
Sun 25th Hurst Show
Wed 28th Transition Day – children to visit new classes

July 2023

Tue 4th District Sports Event
Wed 5th to Fri 7th Year 4 at Sayers Croft
Tue 11th Sports Day
Wed 12th Year 6 Production
Thu 13th Reports to Parents
Thu 13th KS1 at Addington The Big Sing!
Fri 14th Family end of year BBQ
Tue 18th Whole School Trip
Fri 21st Leavers service at church
Fri 21st END OF TERM – finish at 1.30pm

September 2023

Mon 4th INSET DAY
Tue 5th Children back to school



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Coronation Events

A fabulous afternoon of Coronation events took place in school last Friday. A huge thank you to the PTA for all the organisation and for the children and families for making it a memorable afternoon. More details in the PTA section later in the newsletter.

Thank you to the Hurst Village Society for the mugs given to the children to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. Andrew and Annie came into school to present the mugs to the children and were able to talk about how the village society supports local events. Well done to Bruno and Adam who won their quiz, taking home a voucher for Archery sessions at the Hurst Show. We also would like to thank Chocoholics for their kind donation of paper crowns enabling all children to participate in the parade.

The Children performed "Defender of us all" along with the other schools within our Trust family of schools. We hope to share the finished version of this soon with you.

We hope you all had an enjoyable long weekend celebration the Coronation of the new King.



Below are a few photos from the event...



Thank you!



Thank you to the families of our 2021 Year 6 leavers for the new school gazebo!

It has been a while coming, a series of unfortunate events delayed the grand opening, but we were delighted to have been able to use this to keep out both the rain and sun during the afternoon!

Blake Class – SATs – It was all about the cake!

Well done to all the children in Year 6 who have completed their SATs this week. Positive attitudes and smiles is the way they have approached this week. A credit to the school and their families. A huge thank you and well done for all the hard work and dedication shown in the preparation. We were beyond proud seeing the children take the challenge in their stride. There was much media attention over some of the papers, however, the children of St Nicholas showed great courage and determination with good spirit along the way.

We constantly remind the children that SATs do not measure all the important milestones that we see the children reach, their kindness, their respect, sportsmanship, artistic flair, and love. SATs are just a tiny snapshot of how amazing they are. And besides, this week, there was more excitement about the cakes!

A big thank you also to those who have supplied cakes. They were very well received 😊





Museum Trip

On Tuesday 2nd May, TS Eliot and Longfellow went on an interesting trip to The Museum of English Rural Life (MERL).

We learnt about the experience of life in the countryside thanks to the help of Barbara Wood, who was evacuated during World War II with her sister, Betty. She was evacuated from Bristol when a bomb exploded in their shed and the family decided it wasn't safe there anymore. I was fascinated to learn about rationing, although my favourite part was in MERL's garden where we made brass rubbings. I can't wait to go back again.

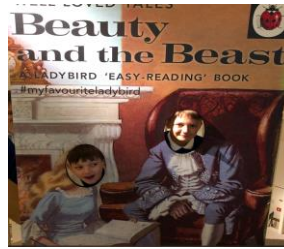
Poppy, Year 3

We learnt from a 92-year-old, who was an evacuee from WWII, that some children were excited to be evacuated but some children weren't. We learnt that you could get a vegetarian ration book which was a surprise to me. In the afternoon, we explored the museum. We also go to handle some WWII objects such as shoes, water jugs and clothes.

Primrose, Year 4

We saw olden day things and new day things. It was amazing! We saw wagons and cook books and there were even little mice poking up everywhere! The lady we met talked about where she lived and where she was evacuated to. She travelled by train with her sister to the countryside from Bristol. There were lots of activities and it was so exciting.

Eva, Year 3



Twitter

Some parents have already noticed, but for those who haven't and are on Twitter, the school now has a twitter feed! We have been playing a little bit but please follow us for news and photos! @HurstStNicholas

BESPOKE ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Day	What's On?	For more info/ booking
Monday	<p>8.00am Morning Judo with Ollie Fricker</p> <p>Lunchtime Football Coaching</p> <p>12.00pm recorder club</p> <p>1.00pm Guitar Tuition with Tony Lyons</p> <p>7.00pm Adult Yoga with Katy Meads</p> <p>Drum Club</p>	<p>https://judo-school.class4kids.co.uk/term/33</p> <p>Core Coaching – Free</p> <p>admin@st-nicholas.wokingham.sch.uk</p> <p>tonytonylions@gmail.com</p> <p>Call 07761591605</p> <p>tonytonylions@gmail.com</p>
Tuesday	<p>1.00pm Berkshire Maestros Music Tuition</p> <p>Lunchtime Football Coaching</p>	<p>www.berkshiremaestros.org.uk</p> <p>Core Coaching – Free</p>
Wednesday	<p>8.00am Morning Fencing Club Little Musketeers</p> <p>Lunchtime Books and Board games club</p> <p>Choir</p>	<p>https://musketeerseducation.com/</p> <p>Mrs Hatrick</p> <p>Mrs Clacy and Mrs Prince</p>
Thursday	<p>Lunchtime Dance Starz for all!</p> <p>Forest Fun After School Club</p>	<p>No sign up! Just step up!</p> <p>https://bookwhen.com/wildnessandwonder</p>
Friday	<p>8.00am Morning Yoga with Little Yoga Tree</p> <p>Piano Tuition (Group and Individual)</p> <p>Lunchtime Book Club</p> <p>Spanish Adventures After School Club – KS1 only</p>	<p>Mrs Goff – claire@littleyogatree.co.uk</p> <p>admin@wekey.co.uk</p> <p>Mrs Hatrick KS2 only</p> <p>Mrs Ramos – thebilingualapproach@gmail.com</p>
Everyday	<p>Get Active After School Club</p>	<p>https://getactivesportsuk.coordinate.cloud/project/30962</p>

NEWS FROM THE PTA

A right royal (PTA) event, fit for a King!

A massive thank you to everyone who came along to the **Coronation celebration Stay & Play picnic** last Friday. Despite a few showers of rain and gusts of wind, the sun eventually came out for us and it was great to see so many families join us for cream teas and games on the school field.

We saw some fantastic entries to the coronation headwear and Junior Bake off competitions...thank you to the parents for supporting their child(ren) with their creations – it was very hard for Mrs Hilling & Mrs Hattrick to pick winners but after much deliberation, the following children took away the prizes:

Coronation Headwear competition winner: Charlie (year 2)

Coronation Headwear runners-up: Ada (year 1) and Chloe (year 4)

Junior Bake off winner: Primrose Juniors and Megan Infants

Junior bake off runners-up: Lola Y5 and Amelia Y5

...We look forward to seeing Charlie taking over from Mrs Hilling for the day in the near future!



Events like this take a lot of organisation and coordination for many weeks behind the scenes and those involved were really keen to mark this unique 'Coronation' occasion, and for the children to have memories to remember into their adulthood. From organising scones, signage, finding bunting, buying strawberries, making sweet cones, sourcing coronation art supplies, calculating costs, writing comms...then turning up to set up and support on the day too... we say a special thank you to these very dedicated parents/carers for volunteering their time and for the efforts they went to in making this event a success:

Event Team: Emma Henderson, Sam Love, Kate Brownie, Abby Joby, Ania Pawlak, Clare Austin, Tracey Piggins, Sarah Sollesse, Shanae Eastland, Tanya Robinson and Emily Quinn.

Thank you also for on-the-day help from Laura Sears and Laura Parnell who glittered and temporary tattooed all afternoon! A special thank you to Angela Jackson for baking many, many scones for the cream tea boxes and to Kirsty Dowding & Clare Waymark for helping with the production line of putting the boxes together. Thank you to the staff who helped set up and clear away and supported the children for class picnics in the afternoon.

AND Thank **YOU** once again for joining – we hope you had a lovely time.

23 in 23!

ST NICHOLAS C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

£23 For 2023

Read 23 books
Collect 23 Bags of Litter.
Cycle 23 Miles

Raise £23 any way you want!

Runs until the 31st August 2023



We have been really impressed with the stories from the children who have been sharing in class and in celebration assembly! Many children have already completed their £23 in 23 challenge and some photos have already started coming in. The classes are having a competition to see what year groups can get the most friends and family involved to raise as much as possible! We hear that there are grandmas and neighbours joining in raising their own £23!



Ava has kicked off 23 for 23 today with helping putting away the food shopping and then helping daddy clear the weeds from our driveway! Well done Ava!

Henry is cycling 23 miles!! Grand job, Henry!



Luna and Zara teamed up and sold cupcakes and together raised £46 (£23 each!) Well done both of you, great team work!

And well done to all the others who have already donated their £23. Please remember to share your photos so we can put together a slideshow at the end of the fundraising period!

UPCOMING EVENTS - HURST SHOW!

Hurst Show - £6,000 was received from last year! This is our biggest event of the year!

Hook a Duck, Splat the Rat, Spin the Wheel and the Bottle Tombola are all back. We've also discussed a calm area where parents and children can have some time out from the show.

Can you help before the event?

Join our Hurst show team! Come to the next PTA meeting on **the 6th of June 5.15pm at school**. Hear the ideas we have, give us yours and discuss how we can make it a success. Can't attend the meeting but have some ideas? Send an email to PTAChair@st-nicholas.wokingham.sch.uk

Have you got any goodies that you don't want or need that would be great in one of the hampers we are making? Drop them into the box at reception.

Help on the day


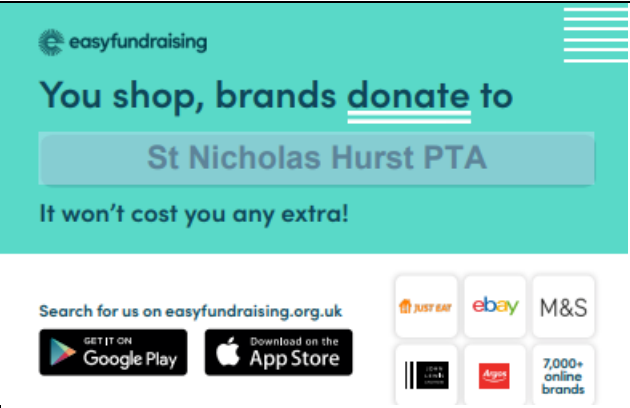

Before half term you will receive a link via your class rep where you can sign up to helping on the stall for one hour slots. Remember we can't do this without your support.

Thank you to those who donated to **Bag2School**. We were able to raise £224.00

Sowing seeds? If you're able to, please can you sow extra? We'd like to run a Bring and Buy Plant Sale. This will help us fund the children's Gardening Club which has annual PTA investment for soil, seeds, and other supplies. Thank you

PTA Committee

Help us raise money with all the following, more detail can be found on our Facebook page or ask any of the Committee.

		
Play the lottery each week, guaranteed winner from our supporters every week. Also national jackpot of £25,000! Support St Nicholas CE Primary School when you play Your School Lottery - Your School Lottery	Online shopping via an EasyFundraising account, triggers payments to the PTA at no cost to you. https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/panel/	For companies that offer to Match Fund your donations, this is often through Benevity. Direct donations can be made to the project below via your employee portal. Adventure Playground - Replacement Equipment Benevity Causes

Date	Event	Raised	What's Needed	Request for help	Main Contact
Fri 9 th Jun	Non-uniform Donate a Bottle Day		Non-uniform optional but please donate a bottle for the Hurst Show Bottle Tombolla	Wine, spirits or soft drinks make for great donations	Clare Waymark
Sat 24 Jun 23	Hurst Show		Donations of wine etc for tombolla; gift items for raffle hampers; toys and games for children's games	We'll need helpers on our stall for the whole weekend, booking in 1 hour long slots	Kirsty Dowding
Sun 25 Jun 23	Hurst Show				
July	Bake / Ice cream Sale (Yr TBD)		£ to buy cakes / ice creams		
October	Auction Night			Donations of prizes or promises; People willing to ask the community for donations	Shanae Eastland

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Jolly Farmer is holding a charity fun dog show on Saturday 20th May. All proceeds will be split between Alzheimer's Research UK and St Nicholas Church, Hurst.

The Jolly Farmer
Davis Street
Hurst
Wokingham
RG10 0TH

**THE
JOLLY
FARMER**

Telephone
0118 934 1881

The Jolly Fun Charity Dog Show

Saturday 20th May - 11am to 3pm
On the day registration - £3 per class
All welcome, with or without dogs

Time	Class
11.00	Loveliest Lady
11.15	Fabulous Fella
11.30	Waggiest Tail
11.45	Best Tricks/Obedience
12.00	Best Senior (7 years and over)
12.45	Best Puppy (4 months - 18 months)
13.00	Young Handler (10-16 years (human!!))
13.15	Young Handler (9 years and under (human!!))
13.45	Best Rescue
14.00	Best In Show





Supporting:



**Alzheimer's
Research**

FOOTBALL ACADEMY

22/23 SEASON
JOIN US.



PLAYERS AGED 5-14 LOOKING TO IMPROVE

FREE TRIALS for all players at our following venues:

FARNBOROUGH

Mondays 5:30pm – 6:30pm
U6 – U13s

Cove Football Club 3G,
7 Squirrel Lane, GU14 8PF

ARBORFIELD

Tuesdays 5:30pm – 6:30pm
U6 - U11s

+ GK Specific Session
Arborfield Green Leisure Centre 3G,
Sheerlands Road, RG2 9GB

BINFIELD

Fridays 6 – 7pm
U6 – U14s

Kings Academy, Wood Lane,
Binfield, RG42 4FS

UEFA & FA Qualified Staff



ADVANCED CENTRE

ARBORFIELD

Tuesdays 5:30pm – 6:30pm
U7, U8, U9 & U10s

Arborfield Green Leisure Centre 3G,
Sheerlands Road, RG2 9GB

- Weekly Sessions
- Success Stories
- Additional Fixtures



TOTS TRAINING SESSIONS

HURST FC AGES 3-YEAR R



HURST FC IS A SMALL FRIENDLY CLUB RUNNING FOOTBALL SESSIONS

LOCATION: STOW BRIDGE, HINTON, HURST

FIRST SESSION FREE £2.50 PAY AS YOU GO THERE AFTER

AGES: 3-YEAR R

IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFO FEEL FREE TO CONTACT COACH ROB B

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