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## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

This half term has been a very busy one and has flown by. I would like to say a personal thank you to all of you for coming to the parents' consultation evenings. We have had great feedback regarding the new on-line booking system which has been a success. Also, a big thank you to all of you that came today to join us in our Harvest Festival celebrations.

### **Morning Break Snacks**

Just a reminder that children in KS2 may bring in a healthy snack for morning break which can be an item of fresh fruit/vegetable. Children in Reception and KS1 have this provided for them by Hertfordshire County council.

### **Parents' Forum**

I would like to thank all of the parents who took time in the last academic year to be the class representatives and who came along to the parent forum meetings held throughout the year. Each class has two representatives. The meetings are held once every half term usually on a Tuesday afternoon at 2pm.

If you would like to be a class representative and would be able to make the meetings please can you contact Mrs Cosgrave in the school office.

Every parent can email their class representative and ask them to put items forward for discussion. The next meeting is being held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm. Email addresses are:

RECEPTION - LILAC	<a href="mailto:lilac@samlucas.herts.sch.uk">lilac@samlucas.herts.sch.uk</a>
RECEPTION - WILLOW	<a href="mailto:willow@samlucas.herts.sch.uk">willow@samlucas.herts.sch.uk</a>
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YEAR 1 - HAZEL	<a href="mailto:hazel@samlucas.herts.sch.uk">hazel@samlucas.herts.sch.uk</a>
YEAR 2 - HAWTHORN	<a href="mailto:hawthorn@samlucas.herts.sch.uk">hawthorn@samlucas.herts.sch.uk</a>
YEAR 2 - OAK	<a href="mailto:oak@samlucas.herts.sch.uk">oak@samlucas.herts.sch.uk</a>
YEAR 3 - ASH	<a href="mailto:ash@samlucas.herts.sch.uk">ash@samlucas.herts.sch.uk</a>
YEAR 3 - ELM	<a href="mailto:elm@samlucas.herts.sch.uk">elm@samlucas.herts.sch.uk</a>
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YEAR 4 - PINE	<a href="mailto:pine@samlucas.herts.sch.uk">pine@samlucas.herts.sch.uk</a>
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### **Cycle Shelter Parking**

Please could children 'park' their bicycles and scooters considerately. If scooters could be parked together inside on the left hand side of each shelter and bicycles together on right hand side to make access easier for everyone.

## Hitchin Partnership Christmas Community Team Hampers – Selection Box collection

Please see the message below. We would like to collect 200 children's chocolate selection boxes during the month of November to send in to the Christmas Community Team for their hampers. These cost just approximately £1 each to buy and we would every family in the school to donate one selection box for this appeal. **A collection box for the selection boxes will be placed within the school office porch area during November. Thank you.**



The Christmas Community Team 2017 supports individuals and families at Christmas with a food hamper. Last year we delivered over 100 hampers filled with everything needed for a Christmas Meal; turkey, sausages, potatoes, vegetables and extras to help make meals over the holiday period (pasta and sauces, rice, beans and soup). Due to the generosity of schools, the local community and general public there were lots of extra treats such as mince pies, chocolate logs, biscuits and selection boxes.

## Samuel Lucas School are collecting: Children's Chocolate Selection Boxes



# THANK YOU

## On behalf of the 2017 Christmas Community Team

Hitchin Partnership CIO (Family Support Service for all Hitchin Schools)  
Hitchin Christian Centre \* Hitchin Volunteer Army  
Rotary Club of Hitchin Tilehouse \* Hitchin Round Table  
The Salvation Army \* The Foodbank Hitchin \* Hitchin Youth Trust

## Sports and House Teams

This academic year we are raising health and wellbeing awareness throughout school with the children, in particular through sports and encouraging every child to be more active. We will be running throughout the school day intra school competitions, with one taking place every term, this will give everyone an opportunity to participate. Yesterday Year 4, 5, and 6 took part in a tag rugby tournament participating in their new house teams. Year 3 will take part in their intra tag rugby tournament after half term.

The children were all involved with the selection of new house teams. Every child has been placed in a house team, with siblings in the same team. The six new house teams are:

**PENDLETON**



**MACARTHUR**



**MURRAY**



**FARAH**



**BROWNLEE**



**SIMMONDS**



We will be selecting sports representatives, two from each of these year groups - Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. They will be asked to write a letter of application and if selected will have a say in playground and break time activities as well as other responsibilities.

There is now a sports blog on our school website <http://sam lucas.herts.sch.uk/our-learning/our-class-blogs/>

### **Cross Country**

Well done to the selected Year 5 & 6 children who took part in the cross country competition held at Knights Templar School on Tuesday this week. They ran against 16 schools in the area. Overall the Year 5 girls and Year 6 boys managed to come an amazing 3<sup>rd</sup> place in their categories, over a half mile and a mile long course. Well done to everyone who took part.



## Year 6 Parents – Secondary School Applications

### **REMINDER: Secondary & Upper School Admissions 2018**

Please be aware that the deadline for applications to secondary and upper schools is fast approaching. Parents will need to make an application online or on paper by the closing date of **Tuesday 31st October 2017**.

Parents should apply online at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions) or alternatively if they cannot access the internet, they can request a printed version of the website information and application form from the Hertfordshire County Council Customer Service Centre by calling 0300 123 4043.

### **Message from the SLPA**

#### **Bags 2 School**

You should by now have received a donation bag for our next Bags 2 School collection which is on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November**. Perhaps have a clear out over half term and bring your donations to school between **8am-9am**. Please only donate items which are listed on the Bags 2 School website (we have also confirmed this information via Parentmail) as they are strict with regards to what they accept.

#### **Christmas Cards**

The Christmas cards that your children have designed will be sent home this week with all the details of how to place your orders online.

#### **Film Night**

The children in Years 1 -6 have now voted for their favourite movie for Film Night on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November**. They overwhelmingly voted for "The Boss Baby" in all classes! A letter with details on times, request for volunteers and how to obtain tickets will be sent out with your eldest child after half term.

#### **Xmas Fayre**

Preparations for "The Samuel Lucas Winter Olympic Fayre" which takes place on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** are underway. More information will follow after half term.

#### **Website**

Our SLPA page on the school website is now updated with blogs regarding our events so please do have a look and read what we have been up to <http://samuelucas.herts.sch.uk/our-community/slpa-blog/>

#### **Meetings**

On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October we held our AGM, it was lovely to see some new faces, and our committee members were voted in for this forthcoming year. Our next meeting is on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 8pm** (venue to be confirmed). If you would like to know more about us or want to join us please come along, we always welcome new members.

If you do have any feedback for us or want to know any information about us you can contact us on the following email address [enquiries.slpa@gmail.com](mailto:enquiries.slpa@gmail.com)

## Diary Dates – Autumn Term

Date	Class	Event	Time
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Rec – Yr 4	Flu Vaccination	School day
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Hazel / Hawthorn	Christmas Play	2.00pm
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Birch / Oak	Christmas Play	2.00pm
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception	Christmas Concert	9.30am
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Yr3 – 6	Carol Concert – Christ Church	2.00pm

I hope you all have a restful half term break and we look forward to seeing all of the children back in school on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

Yours sincerely



Tracy Thomas  
Headteacher



## **HITCHIN LAVENDER- MAIN BARN**

**(EXTERNAL EVENT - NOT SCHOOL RELATED)**

**WED 25<sup>TH</sup> & THURS 26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

**A Halloween themed dance and drama workshop at Hitchin Lavender with lots of fun, stories and games!**

**10-11am / 11am-12 – Toddler Tales & Move –**

Dancing, storytelling & treasure hunting for 0-5 year olds with parents / carers.

**12:30-2:30pm – Ages 5- 7 (Reception- Year 2)**

**3:00-5:00pm – Ages 7- 11 (Year 3-6+)**

Halloween dressing up is welcomed, but not compulsory! A limited number of spaces are available.

**£10 per child for 2 hour session / £5/£2.50 per child/sibling for Toddler Tales & Move**

**BOOK NOW: [billetto.co.uk/users/toddler-ales-move](https://www.billetto.co.uk/users/toddler-ales-move)**