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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new term and Happy New Year to you all, it is lovely to see the children back in school ready to learn.

Congratulations

Well done to Ella Entwistle for passing her Grade 1 clarinet examination, Imogen Proctor and to Sadie Lait for passing their Grade 1 flute examinations. Also congratulations to Ben Shaw who passed his Grade 1 Tenor Horn exam with distinction.

HCL Catering

The HCL kitchen team had a visit from the local authority Environmental Health Officer and have been awarded top marks, a 5* grading, for food hygiene. Well done to our HCL kitchen team!



Parent Volunteers

If you have an hour or two to spare every week and would like to help out in school on a regular basis please contact Mrs Cosgrave in the school office. We are looking for volunteers, parents or grandparents, to help with reading and class activities. Regular volunteers will need to have a DBS check completed which is organised by the school, as part of our safeguarding processes.

Absences

When telephoning the school office to report that your child will be absent from school, please be specific as to the nature of any illness rather than saying a child is unwell. Can I remind parents that if your child has had sickness or diarrhoea or sickness (vomiting) they are not allowed to return to school until 2 clear days (48 hours) following the last bout. This policy will be strictly adhered to, to prevent other children becoming unwell.

Morning Routine

The door to the KS building and other classroom doors are closed and locked promptly at 8.55am for registration. If you arrive after this time, you must come to the school office to be registered. Please do not send your child to their classroom unattended if you arrive after 8.55am as they will not be able to access the building other than via the school office. For parents who take part in shared in reading in KS1 on a Tuesday and Friday morning, if you have siblings in other year groups please take these children to their classes first before you go to shared reading so that they are not late for registration.

Lost Property

Do you recognise any of these items? They are being looked after in the school office, please come and collect if anything belongs to you!



Author Visit

This week we were really lucky to welcome an author to our school. Our Year 6 pupils have already met Richard Mayers when he told them about his Spikez book at a visit to The Priory School last year. Earlier this week he came in to school to tell the pupils in Years 1 and 2 about a new book he is writing – ‘The Hedgehog’s Full Moon Party’ which is an illustrated book aimed at younger children. The children really enjoyed hearing the story and Year 2 asked him some interesting questions about being an author. He also gave them some top tips which will help with their story writing.

Thanks to Richard for a great afternoon. Hopefully our children will be inspired to write their own stories which we can enter for the 500 word story competition... let’s find our own budding Samuel Lucas authors!



Parents' Forum

I would like to thank all of the parent representatives who attended the last Parent Forum meeting. Each class has two representatives.

Attached with this newsletter are the minutes from the last meeting along with a copy of the terms of reference. The next Parent Forum meeting will be held on **Tuesday 20th February 2018 at 2pm**. Parents can email their class representative and ask them to put items forward for discussion. Email addresses are:

RECEPTION - LILAC	lilac@samlucas.herts.sch.uk
RECEPTION - WILLOW	willow@samlucas.herts.sch.uk
YEAR 1 - BIRCH	birch@samlucas.herts.sch.uk
YEAR 1 - HAZEL	hazel@samlucas.herts.sch.uk
YEAR 2 - HAWTHORN	hawthorn@samlucas.herts.sch.uk
YEAR 2 - OAK	oak@samlucas.herts.sch.uk
YEAR 3 - ASH	ash@samlucas.herts.sch.uk
YEAR 3 - ELM	elm@samlucas.herts.sch.uk
YEAR 4 - LARCH	larch@samlucas.herts.sch.uk
YEAR 4 - PINE	pine@samlucas.herts.sch.uk
YEAR 5	year5@samlucas.herts.sch.uk
YEAR 6	year6@samlucas.herts.sch.uk

School Uniform

A warm welcome from our new official uniform supplier. They are open all year round, with easy parking, Monday – Saturday 9-5pm and Sundays throughout the school Summer holidays.

Online orders are delivered FREE to your chosen address normally within 48 hours, by their own dedicated drivers. Choose to collect from store and they will endeavour to have your order ready within a couple of hours.

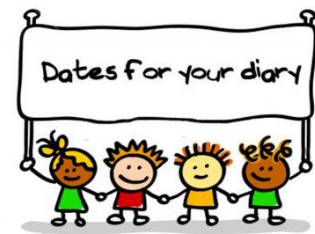
Orders can be placed by phone but please also get in touch with any queries or questions and they will be only too happy to help. They are always happy to help with any special requests and pride themselves on being caring and friendly.

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Diary Dates

Date	Class	Event	Time
Monday 22 nd January	Ash Year 3	Swimming	During school day
Tuesday 23 rd January	Elm Year 3	Swimming	During school day
Monday 29 th January	Ash Year 3	Swimming	During school day
Tuesday 30 th January	Elm Year 3	Swimming	During school day
Friday 2 nd February	ALL	SLPA DISCO	Rec/Yr1 4pm-5pm Yr2/Yr3 5.15-6.30pm Yr4-Yr6 6.45-8pm
Monday 5 th February	Ash Year 3	Swimming	During school day
Tuesday 6 th February	Elm Year 3	Swimming	During school day
Monday 12 th February	ALL	HALF TERM WEEK	
Monday 19 th February	Ash Year 3	Swimming	During school day
Tuesday 20 th February	Elm Year 3	Swimming	During school day
Wednesday 21 st February	Parent Reps	Parents Forum	2pm
Wednesday 21 st February	ALL WELCOME	SLPA Meeting*	8pm – venue tbc
Monday 26 th February	Ash Year 3	Swimming	During school day
Tuesday 27 th February	Elm Year 3	Swimming	During school day
Monday 5 th March	Ash Year 3	Swimming	During school day
Tuesday 6 th March	Elm Year 3	Swimming	During school day
Monday 5 th March	Ash Year 3	Swimming	During school day
Tuesday 6 th March	Elm Year 3	Swimming	During school day
Friday 9 th March	ALL WELCOME	SLPA Quiz night*	TBC
Monday 12 th March	Ash Year 3	Swimming	During school day
Tuesday 13 th March	Elm Year 3	Swimming	During school day
Wednesday 14 th March	Yr2 & Yr6	Parents Evening	5pm – 8pm
Thursday 15 th March	Yr2 & Yr6	Parents Evening	4pm – 7pm
Monday 19 th March	Ash Year 3	Swimming	During school day
Tuesday 20 th March	Elm Year 3	Swimming	During school day
Friday 23 rd March	ALL	Class Group Photos	During school day
Monday 26 th March	ALL WELCOME	SLPA Meeting*	8pm – venue tbc
Thursday 29 th March	ALL	TERMS ENDS	2pm

Please remember that we break up for half-term on Friday 9th February and school is closed for one week. School will close at the normal time of 3.15pm.

Yours sincerely

Tracy Thomas

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