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# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

It has been a very busy start to the second half of the spring term. Please visit the school website where you can see all our upcoming events on the school calendar.

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## Staffing Update

This half term we are sadly saying goodbye to Mrs Brewer who has contributed so much across the school in the past 6 years. Also leaving us is Mrs Elliot who will be sadly missed. Miss Painter will be replacing Mrs Elliot for the summer term. After Easter we look forward to welcoming Mrs Kenny who will be working full time as our new Inclusion Coordinator. Mrs Tarr will be staying at Samuel Lucas working across the school in another capacity.

## Coffee Morning

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April from 9am to 11am Mrs Tarr will be introducing Mrs Kenny at a coffee morning. You are welcome to attend to meet Mrs Kenny, discuss any aspect of SEN, difficulties with your child's learning or their relationships within school.

## Communication

If parents need to speak to the class teacher they are available in the playground before school and after school. If you wish to make an appointment, please do this through the school office. Please direct all emails to [admin@samlucas.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@samlucas.herts.sch.uk)

## Red Nose Day – Come Dressed in Red



On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March children are invited to join in with Red Nose Day by taking part in our non-uniform day, children should wear something red as part of this please in exchange for a £1 donation.

Please note children should not wear football kits or have hair dye on for this day.

## Parents Evening

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March it is Reception, Year 2 and Year 6 parents' evenings. A Parentmail has been sent for you to book a time to see you child's teacher.

## Feeling Good Week

Last half term the children took part in 'Feeling Good Week.'

During the week the children learnt ways in which they could keep their minds and bodies healthy. This was achieved through a range of activities which included Yoga, mindfulness and Samba dancing.



## Author Visit – Alex T Smith

On Tuesday we were lucky enough to be visited by one of the World Book Day authors, Alex T Smith; author and illustrator of the Claude series. He met some of the pupils, signed some books and posters and then gave a wonderful workshop for Years 2 to 6. The event was truly inspirational and got everyone in the mood for World Book Day!



## World Book Day- Dare to be Different



World Book Day was certainly a day to be different at Samuel Lucas! A lot of fun with books was had, including book swaps, book assemblies, book marks and book quizzes. The costumes displayed by pupils were fantastic and showed how diverse and inspiring the world of literature can be! We now look forward to sharing all of our reading with you at our future exhibition.

## Sports Update from Mr Smith

### PE news

In Early Years we are focusing on handling, bouncing and catching large balls as well as working on our fundamental movements.



In Years 1 and 2 we are focusing on Racket skills this half term with our aim to concentrate on balancing, flicking and catching of a beanbag. We have looked at ways we can challenge ourselves to really test our skills.

In Key stage 2 this half term we will be looking at Tennis with Years 3 and 4 working on racket control and juggling this week and Years 5 and 6 working on their ready position and forehand ground stroke.

All of the children in KS2 will participate in house matches in Tennis before the Easter Break.

### **Competitive Sport**

In competitive sport this week our Boys football A team beat Oughton 6-0 in their final league game of the season with goals from Noah (2), Josh, Jim, Jamie and an own goal. Player of the match went to Noah for an excellent performance on the left wing.

Our girls A and B netballers both lost in fixtures at home to St. Andrews but showed a great resilience and determination to keep playing and competing.

The boys sports hall athletics team travelled to Highfield on Tuesday night to compete in the North Herts district finals after qualifying through their heat before half term. The standard was very high and I am incredibly proud of the performance the boys put in which resulted in a 4th place finish and was topped off by winning the 4 x 1 relay in the last event of the evening.



### **Champions!**

Our Year 3/4 girls football team won the Premier Sport tournament at Whitehill this week! They won matches against Highover, Fairlands, Norton St. Nicholas and Whitehill without conceding a single goal. Well done girls I am very proud of your performance and the respect you showed to the other schools.



### **Championship Playoff Match**

We received the fantastic news this week that our football A team have won their league this season winning 5 games and drawing 1! That puts them into a Championship playoff match against William Ransom to determine the overall winner of the Hitchin Schools football league. The match is to be held here after school on Tuesday 19th March. Any extra support to cheer the team on would be very welcome!

## Running Club

Friday morning running club (Years 4-6) is busy with 17 children attending at 8am outside the Key Stage building. If you would like to attend please speak to me before Friday.



**Well done everyone, you should be very proud of your effort and performances in PE and sport this week.**

## A message from the SLPA

### School Disco



Again, another huge thank you to Care Vending who sponsored the entire cost of all three discos and allowed us to raise a whopping £1,100 profit. It was a wonderful night and the children appeared to have a fun time, so much so that we have already booked DJ Mike for next year!

### Quiz Night

We look forward to seeing those that have bought tickets on Friday (8<sup>th</sup> March) night. Doors open at 7pm and we start the Quiz at 7:30pm. Please bring lots of cash for the bar and to enter our half time quiz.

### Waitrose Green Token Scheme

Thank you to all that collected, we raised a staggering £396 for the children.

### Easter Egg Hunt



This will take place at 2pm on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April. There will be a laminated egg hidden for every child in the school with their name on it for them to find, there will also be spares for siblings that do not attend the school (and those that can't find their name) that will be blank and hidden on the lower KS1 and EYFS playgrounds. For £1 children can find their egg and bring it to the SLPA volunteers in exchange for a bag of Easter sweets. You do not need to sign up for this.

### Jam Jar Request

We need jam jars for The Fayre in the Square that are half filled with sweets or tut! If you could donate some and leave them in the School Foyer from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

## **Funds spent**

With our fundraising efforts so far this year, we have been able to contribute to new equipment being bought for the EYFS and KS1 for P.E. lessons and playground fun; subsidising of the Year Six leavers jumpers and contribute to a brand new, mobile classroom to support small group work, nurture groups and intervention groups. We also contributed to the outside agencies that delivered sessions during Feeling Good Week, so WELL DONE everyone for supporting this year's fundraising so far (£6,350 already raised).

## **Diary Dates**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents	SLPA Adult Quiz Night	evening
Week commencing 11 <sup>th</sup> March	All	Science Week	
13 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> March	R, 2, 6	Parents Evening	
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	All	Red Nose Day – Wear Red	
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	ALL	Class Group Photos	During school day
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	ALL	SLPA Easter Egg Hunt	2pm
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	ALL	Easter Holidays	
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	ALL	Back to School	

Yours faithfully,

*Tracy Thomas*

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