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## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

What an exciting Spring term we have had at Samuel Lucas and we are looking forward to the Summer term. May I remind you, as hopefully the weather will be warming up, to send your child to school with a named water bottle and also a summer cap. Please remember that we break up for the Easter break tomorrow, Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April. **School will close at 2pm.** Children return to school on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019. Have a lovely Easter break.

### Staffing Update

This term we are saying goodbye to 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. This half term we have also welcomed a new Teaching Assistant, Miss Villarreal.

### 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.



### Charity Bake Sale - WE NEED YOUR HELP!

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 3.15pm Samuel Lucas JMI School Council will be holding a Charity Bake Sale. We are hoping to raise money for the East and North Hertfordshire Hospitals' Charity Magic of Play Appeal; to reduce anxiety in young patients when being treated in hospital.

For more information about this charity and the work they do please visit their website: <https://www.enhcharity.org.uk/>

To raise money we need your help. Therefore we would be delighted if you could help by contributing baked goods – cakes, buns, biscuits, brownies – homemade or shop bought treats are welcomed. Please ensure ALL bakes/goods are **NUT FREE**, as Samuel Lucas JMI School is a nut free school. The more items we have to sell the more money we can raise for this worthwhile cause. Items can be dropped off in the Gallery Area of the Main Building on the morning of the bake sale.

**Please see our bake sale poster at the end of the newsletter!**

## Early Years Play Area

Can parents be reminded that children are not permitted to play on the equipment in the Early Years outdoor area before and after school. This is their outside learning area and has been set up with activities for the school day. It is also a health & safety issue as there is no staff supervision at these times and we are concerned about the safety of all children that enter the school site.

## Red Nose Day – Come Dressed in Red



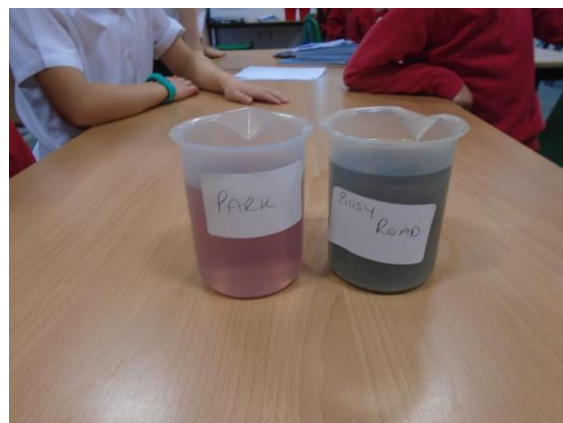
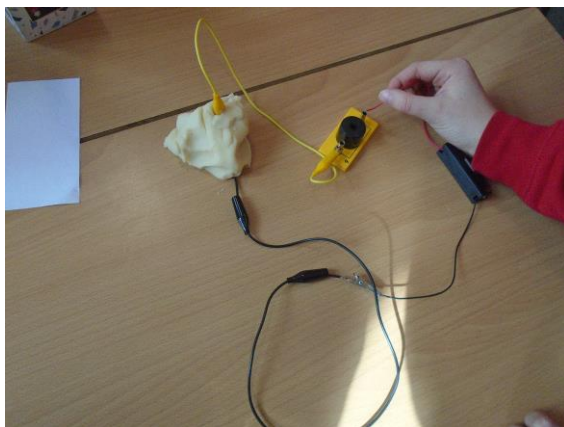
On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March children took part in our non-uniform day and wore red to raise money for Comic Relief. The school raised **£396.92**.

## Science Week

From the 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> March, Samuel Lucas children investigated many types of scientific journeys exploring:

- How far germs spread when we sneezed;
- How to make a rocket fly using balloons;
- How our air is polluted by traffic fumes and how that may affect the air quality around our school;
- How electricity can flow through dough!

The children used their investigations to write in an amazingly wide range of genres, from letters to our local MP about air pollution to a diary entry of a travelling germ. We were also lucky enough to have Hitchin Girls School to do some work with the KS2 children about plastic pollution in our oceans!



## Dare to be Different Reading Exhibition



It was wonderful to see so many parents come to see our marvellous exhibition on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. The children really enjoyed sharing the learning that took place as part of our whole school Reading Project and it was brilliant to see the impact sharing a project can have on the community of a school.

There was high quality learning in abundance, to be absorbed and enjoyed, and the exhibition will continue to be displayed throughout the school for the children to enjoy.

We would like to thank everyone who attended and the SLPA for their support with refreshments.

It was lovely to hear such positive feedback, “Such a beautifully presented body of work; really full of life and creativity.”

## Sports Update from Mr Smith

We have had a very busy few weeks in PE and sport in school!

### PE News

In reception we have been working hard on target throwing using nets, hoops and cones to aim for and discovering different ways of throwing. We have also been exploring different ways of moving.

In KS1 we have continued our work with our racket skills and progressed this week to hitting and aiming for targets.

In KS2 the children took part in their Tennis Intra-house competitions this week, playing doubles matches against children from different house groups.



### Competitive Sport

#### Wednesday 13th March

Our Year 4 football team took part in a friendly rally at Whitehill Junior School winning all 5 games they played in scoring 17 and conceding 0. We are off to Highover on Wednesday 3rd April for another Year 4 rally.

#### Saturday 16th March

The year 5 and 6 girls' football team finished their excellent season by participating in the end of season football rally at Wilshere Dacre. After topping their group with 2 wins and 2 draws we unfortunately lost 2-0 in the semi-final to William Ransom.

#### Tuesday 19th March

Our year 5 and 6 football A team played in the Championship play-off match against William Ransom after winning their league this season. In a thrilling end to end game that went to extra time we lost 3-2 in a very tight match.



#### Thursday 21st March

The B team finished their season with the end of season rally at Highover. After drawing their first match and winning the next two a late defeat in the final match against Our Lady meant we unfortunately didn't qualify for the knockout stages.



## **Saturday 23rd March**

Our A team finished their season with the end of season rally at Wilshere Dacre. We went through the group stage undefeated - winning two and drawing two but it unfortunately wasn't enough to take us into the knockout stages.

## **Monday 25th March**

Our A and B Netball teams participated in 'Netfest' at William Ransom school playing 10 matches against some local schools. We had a great morning of netball and met a super league netballer who gave us some tips and advice about our skills.



## **Tuesday 26th March**

### **Champions!**

Our A and B hockey teams competed in the NHSSP quicksticks hockey tournament at Hitchin Boys School. Our B team placed 10th after winning 2, drawing 2 and losing 3 games in the group stage they narrowly lost to Lordship Farm in their playoff match.

Our A team placed 1st and will now represent North Hertfordshire at the county finals in July! After winning 6 and drawing 1 game in the group stage, a 1-0 victory in the final against Purwell saw us crowned champions! I would like to thank Mrs Wright and Mrs Williams for their coaching and help in organising the use of Blueharts hockey club training facilities.



## **Staff v A Team Netball Match**



On Monday we had our first ever staff v A team netball match, it was a close game with some brilliant netball played and great fun was had by all. We are looking forward to arranging another match in the summer term.

Well done to everyone for your hard work, enthusiasm and progress in PE and Sport this half term!

Mr Smith

## A message from the SLPA

### Quiz Night

A huge THANK YOU to Dom and Vicky for all their hard work and effort putting together such an enjoyable quiz and another big thank you to the volunteers on the night. It was a very happy and fun evening and we are pleased to say it raised, **£654.48**. The donations at the end of the night raised **£85** for Sereph, if you would like more information about the fundraising for this brave, little, Hitchin boy please visit this website...

<https://solvingkidscancer.org.uk/campaigns/seraph/>

### Easter Egg Colouring Competition

Thank you to all those children who entered our new competition, it raised **£104**. The enthusiasm and talent that went into the entries was very impressive. Well done to our winners;

Willow Class	Henry N
Lilac Class	Iris A
Birch Class	Scarlett H
Hazel Class	Avneet S
Hawthorn Class	Henry W
Oak Class	Jacob M
Ash Class	Samuel M
Elm Class	Mara I
Pine Class	Zoe M
Larch Class	Lucet A
Maple Class	Quico O
Walnut Class	Ella E
Spruce Class	Lucia O

Well done!

### Easter Egg Hunt

Don't forget our Easter Egg Hunt on the school playgrounds at 2pm on the last day of term. Search for a laminated egg with your name on it and swap it and £1 for a bag of chocolate eggs and Haribo Starmix.



## **Fayre in the Square**

We are participating in this local event this year. Please come and support us on 11<sup>th</sup> May. If you could spare some time to help us man the stall, set up or pack away we would be most grateful. Please contact Louise on 07989301969 if you can help.

## **Bags 2 School**

Hold on to any unwanted clothes for our next collection on 1<sup>st</sup> May, the heavier our collection the more money we make!

## **Smile through Amazon**

A big THANK YOU to everyone who has been using Amazon Smile – we received our first payment recently and in only a couple of months you raised over £20. If anyone has not yet signed up please do – it only takes a minute and will mean that for any purchases made through Amazon Smile the SLPA will receive a donation equal to 0.5% of your spend.

All you need to do is go to [www.smile.amazon.co.uk](http://www.smile.amazon.co.uk) to sign up and search for **Samuel Lucas JMI School Parents Association** as your chosen charity to support.

Thank you for your continued support and Happy Easter!

The SLPA

## **Diary Dates**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>
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	
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	ALL	Bake Sale	3.15pm
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	ALL	Bank Holiday – School Closed	
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6	SATS Week	
15 <sup>th</sup> May – 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4	Kingswood Trip	
20 <sup>th</sup> May – 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6	Isle of Wight Trip	
27 <sup>th</sup> May – 31 <sup>st</sup> May	ALL	Half Term Holiday – School Closed	
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Years 5 & 6	Production to parents	2pm
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Years 5 & 6	Production to parents	Evening
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Years 5 & 6	Production to parents	Evening
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	ALL	Sports Day	
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	ALL	End of Term – School Finishes at 2pm	



SAMUEL LUCAS  
JMI SCHOOL

# Bake SALE



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**FRIDAY**  
**3<sup>RD</sup> MAY**

**3:15pm**

**Junior Playground**

All proceeds raised from the Bake Sale go to the  
East & North Hertfordshire Hospitals' Charity

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Yours sincerely,

*Tracy Thomas*

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