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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

What a fast and busy start to the Summer term we have had at Samuel Lucas and we are looking forward to next half term. Years 2 and 6 have been working on their SATs; Year 4 have been to Kingswood and Year 6 will be travelling to the Isle of Wight on Monday. Please visit the school calendar on our website www.samlucas.herts.sch.uk to keep up to date with all the events coming up next half term.

As the weather will be warming up, please send your child to school with a named water bottle and also a summer cap.

Have a lovely half term break.

Staffing Update

This term we are saying goodbye to Mrs McAllister who will be sadly missed, but wish her the best of luck in her new job. Also Mrs Hull will be going on maternity leave in June and we wish her luck for the safe arrival of her baby.

Message for Year 6 from Mr Burgess

SATs

I cannot say how proud I am with the class. They have worked hard all year and we have finally reached the point of not having to mention the "S" word!
Well done everyone for giving your full effort this week.



Isle of Wight

We are all very much looking forward to the Isle of Wight trip next week. Please keep your eye on weather forecasts to pack for every eventuality! The staff are all bringing a favourite teddy as we find that can help us sleep. Please feel free to bring one too! Thank you for handing in all medical and consent forms. We will be welcoming you from 7.30am on Monday, with the coach departing at 8.00am. A gentle reminder that there is a no-sweets policy. Thank you. I shall contact the school once we have arrived on the Isle of Wight and a Parentmail will be sent out.

Many thanks,
Mr Burgess

Bikeability

After half term we have Bikeability week so please ensure that participants bring their bike on Monday 3rd June. We will put them on the new playground initially. All children taking part should have a roadworthy bicycle and a helmet. Please check that the bike is suitable for your child's size. Any bikes which cannot be taken home after school may be left on site, but please ensure they are locked each evening.

Please note- the school do not take responsibility for bikes left on school grounds.



Positive Relationships & Anti-Bullying

Our school strives to enhance each child's self-esteem; providing a safe and secure environment in which they feel confident to learn reach their full potential. Samuel Lucas JMI School promotes positive relationships. Staff teach and model respect and kindness for others and a positive attitude towards their learning. At Samuel Lucas we have no tolerance for bullying and we follow the HCC Anti Bullying Policy.

Willow & Lilac Class Chicks Visit

After returning to school after Easter we were very excited to take delivery of 11 eggs. The children came up with lots of ideas about what might hatch from them including dinosaurs and crocodiles! After looking at them very carefully, we soon noticed tiny cracks appearing until eventually our first egg cracked open to reveal... a chick. Throughout the next couple of days, the children were delighted to observe all of the remaining eggs hatch. We were amazed to watch how rapidly the chicks then grew and saw changes in them every day. Before it was time for them to be collected, the children each had the opportunity to hold them which they did with great care.

Thank you very much to the SLPA for funding the chicks for us. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and learnt a lot from it.



Sports Update from Mr Smith

PE

In EYFS we have introduced ourselves to Gymnastics and had some help from the zoo and the alphabet to help us look at ways we can control, balance and move our bodies.

In KS1 we have been working on Striking and Fielding games with a focus on rolling, stopping, throwing, catching and aiming. We have also been working on striking the ball with a bat.

In KS2 our focus has been on Cricket this half term where we have been developing our fielding, bowling and batting skills and transferring them into game scenarios. The KS2 intra-house tournaments will take place in the first week back after half term.

School Sport

Our Netball A team took part in the end of season rally at Whitehill on a very wet and cold Saturday morning at the end of April. After winning four and losing two of the group matches, we finished in fourth spot which earned us a place in the semi-final against St. Andrews.

We unfortunately lost 4-3 in a very entertaining game which saw us ahead and then behind and then ahead again!

On the following Wednesday, our B team netballers participated in the end of season rally at Highover. The team played very well in some tough matches and finished with a 1-0 victory in our last match against Pirton.

I would like to say a huge well done to all of the netballers this year; the progress you have made has been fantastic and you were a real credit to our school in both the end of season events!

We have entered a team into the Hitchin Schools cricket league for the first time this year, however our first match against Wilshire Dacre was postponed due to wet weather.

We are also taking a cricket team to the NHSSP kwik cricket competition (21st May) at Letchworth Cricket Club and I will report back on the days matches after half term.

Well done to everyone for your hard work and effort this half term in PE and school sport!

Mr.Smith

A message from the SLPA

Easter Egg Hunt

Thank you to everyone who joined in our hunt on the last day of The Spring Term. We made a £300.30 profit and the children had lots of fun.

Bags 2 School

Well done everyone on your recycling of unwanted clothes. They have gone to good causes and made the school £244.

Fayre in the Square

Thank you to those that organised and volunteered on our school stand this year and to those that came to support our activities. It was an enjoyable event and we are still waiting to find out how much it earned the school.

Cala Homes

A big thank you to Cala Homes who have given The SLPA a grant of £1000.

Spending

The SLPA are pleased to have been able to pay for the Year 6 SATs breakfasts recently, the chicks in Reception and KS1 play equipment, as well as putting £10,000 towards the new learning support classroom. Lovely examples of how your support in our fundraising directly benefits our children.

Next meeting

Our next meeting is on **May 20th at School at 8pm**. We would love to see anyone that wants to come along. We will be focusing on the **Summer Picnic** which is taking place on **12TH July** at school.

Summer Picnic - 12th July at school

Details of this will be coming out after half term. Please consider volunteering for a short period of time during this event, without the volunteers we cannot provide all the food and entertainment that the children and adults enjoy so much!



Raffle Prizes and Sponsorship

We will be holding a raffle during the Summer Picnic and desperately need prizes. The SLPA will be going around Hitchin shops and restaurants asking for donations, but if you have contacts at beauticians, shops, restaurants etc, there are spare letters from The SLPA under our box in the school office and we would greatly appreciate help in collecting prizes. The raffle makes a huge amount of money for the SLPA and the better the prizes, the more tickets we will sell!!!

We are also looking for a sponsor for all or part of the picnic, for example the cost of our £245 inflatable, obstacle course. If you, or you know of a business that could help, and would like a detailed request letter on SLPA headed paper, we have lots in the letter under the SLPA box. If you have raffle prizes or need more information, please contact Caz on 07737102586.

Thank you for your support.

Enjoy the sunshine!

The SLPA

Diary Dates

Date	Class	Event	Time
20 th May – 24 th May	Year 6	Isle of Wight Trip	
27 th May – 31 st May	ALL	Half Term Holiday – School Closed	
Tuesday 2 nd July	Years 5 & 6	Production to parents	2pm
Wednesday 3 rd July	Years 5 & 6	Production to parents	Evening
Thursday 3 rd July	Years 5 & 6	Production to parents	Evening
Friday 12 th July	ALL	SLPA picnic	Evening
Tuesday 16 th July	ALL	Sports Day	
Friday 19 th July	ALL	End of Term – School Finishes at 2pm	

Yours sincerely,

Tracy Thomas

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