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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

We are nearing the end of the Summer term but we still have some exciting events to take place! Please visit the school calendar on our website www.samlucas.herts.sch.uk to keep up to date with all the events coming up.

To add the Samuel Lucas School Calendar dates to your calendar app of choice on your phone or other device, please visit our 'School Calendar' page, under the 'Parents' heading on our website and follow the instructions.



The warm summer weather has finally arrived so please send your child to school with a named water bottle and also a summer cap. We do not allow the children to wear sunglasses.

Year 6 Bikeability

The first week back after half term was certainly busy! The children had just recovered from the exertions of the Isle of Wight trip when they were put through their paces on their bikes. I am delighted to report that the instructors had nothing but praise and admiration for the children, all of whom received their certificate and badge last week. Well done, everyone.



Herts Disability Sports Foundation

Herts Disability Sports Foundation are proud to be working with Herts County Council Bikeability instructors to provide 1-1 sessions for anyone with a Special Educational Need or Disability struggling with a 2 wheel bike. Whether you still have stabilisers or not, the instructors will work on basic skills appropriate to the individual. *For more details please find their poster as an attachment to this newsletter.*

Nut allergy policy in school

At present our website states that *'We have children with severe nut allergies so in order to make our school environment as safe as possible for them we ask you to help by making sure that your child does not bring foods containing nuts into school in their lunch boxes. Samuel Lucas aims to be a nut-free zone.'*



As you will be aware, there have been news reports over recent months of fatalities following allergic reactions. In order to keep all our children safe, we have sought advice from the school nurse team regarding our policy. Their advice is that we do not allow any food containing nuts or which states on the packaging 'may contain traces of nuts'.

This is in line with the policies for both Herts Catering and Play Aloud who cater for the children at our school. We are aware that many companies now put 'May contain traces of nuts' on their packaging in order to cover themselves as their food is produced in factories and on production lines where nuts and other allergens are present. It can therefore be difficult to find processed foods and snacks that are labelled as totally nut free. However, we feel that it is a very important part of our duty of care to all our children to ensure their safety at all times.

We currently have a number of children at school who have nut allergies. We therefore ask for your support in ensuring that you provide items in your child's packed lunch that are nut-free and do not contain traces of nuts.

Samuel Lucas Presents A Midsummer Night's Dream (A Shakespeare 4 kidz production)

We are so close to the curtain call now that we can feel the audiences' baited breath. The entire cast and production team have made incredible progress over the last few weeks and we are sure all pupils, parents, relatives and friends are going to enjoy each performance. So there is only one thing left to say... let the show commence!



Sports Update from Mr Smith

This half term across the school we have been developing our Athletics skills and preparing ourselves for Sports day in July.

PE Week

We had a fantastic time in PE week celebrating all things Sport and physical activity!

On Monday, Key Stage 2 enjoyed a Table Tennis Workshop with Rising Stars. Each class had a slot and worked on a range of skills using regular and T3 table tennis tables.



On Tuesday and Wednesday, every class from early years to year 6 took on the Ultm8 warrior experience! Both days were particularly wet and rainy however it didn't dampen our spirits and each class braved the rain to see if they could conquer the course.

All classes showed fantastic resilience to take on the course in wet and rainy conditions and they showed their attitude and determination!

On Thursday, Key Stage 1 had a brilliant time learning some skills and moves during their trampolining workshop with Rising Stars. Each class had their own 45 minute slot and enjoyed some fun games as well as learning some new skills.



The week finished with our Year 3-5 Popdance group performing in assembly for Key Stage 2 and having learnt the routine in 4-6 weeks they put on a fantastic display!

Daily Mile Recognition

We were delighted to have the founder of the Daily Mile programme comment on our commitment to ensuring our children are as active as possible with a quote from her on the school twitter account. The children and staff show a lot of dedication to the Daily Mile and it is great to have their efforts recognised!



Competitive Sport



We had some disappointing news this half term as we discovered the North Herts Sports Partnership Athletics finals would be cancelled this year. Unfortunately the recent rain has caused qualifying heats to be cancelled and now there will be difficulties rearranging and completing the events.

Our cricket team have won their first two league matches of the season after their fantastic performance at the district tournament. Wins against Wilshere Dacre and Highover have seen the team get off to a bright start. There will be fixtures against Whitehill and

Offley before term ends to determine the league champions.

Following their success at the district tournament in March, our Hockey team will travel to Oaklands College in St. Albans next Friday (5th July) to represent North Herts at the County Finals. We wish them the best of luck in what will be a competitive tournament.

Mr. Smith

A message from the SLPA

Summer Picnic and BBQ

We are still selling tickets for this event, but please purchase them soon before they run out.

We desperately need volunteers for 45 minute slots to make this event happen, please volunteer if you can via Caz 07737102586.

We are collecting small, wrapped items for our lucky dip, if you have anything for this, please leave in the box in the school office foyer, it would be much appreciated.

We would love to add more raffle prizes, if you have contacts with individuals or companies that could help, we can supply you with request letters.

We have lots of exciting things happening during this event and look forward to seeing lots of you there.

Tea-towels and Coasters

Thank you to everyone who has purchased these, we do not have exact figures yet, but they will make a huge contribution to the monetary funds raised this year, as well as being beautiful keepsakes for the children. Dilly you have put so much effort and time into this...THANK YOU and WELL DONE!

Ice-pop Sale

The SLPA will be selling Mr Freeze ice-pops this Friday after school on the lower playground for 50p each. Please do your best to bring exact money as our change is limited! A list of ingredients can be found on the website to check for allergens <https://mr-freezepops.co.uk/products/>



Bags 2 School

The next date for this is 15th October so please keep your old/too small clothes for us!!





A BIG THANK YOU

to everyone who supported the School Council Charity Bake Sale with your kind donations.

We raised a **fantastic £287.72** for the **East and North Hertfordshire Hospitals' Charity Magic of Play Appeal**, to reduce anxiety in young patients when being treated in hospital.

Mr French 😊

On behalf of the School Council

Diary Dates

Date	Class	Event	Time
Tuesday 2 nd July	Years 5 & 6	Production to parents	2pm
Wednesday 3 rd July	Years 5 & 6	Production to parents	6.30pm
Thursday 4 th July	Years 5 & 6	Production to parents	6.30pm
Tuesday 9 th July	ALL	Open Evening	4.30pm – 7pm
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,

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