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NEWSLETTER

No. 1 September 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school and a very big welcome to all our new families and children. I would like to say well done to all the children for settling back in so quickly in their new classes.



Morning Arrival at School

Just a reminder about our early morning routines. In reception classes the doors will open at 8.45am and children and parents are welcomed into the cloakroom where they can help their children prepare for their day. At 8.45am Year 1 children may go into their classrooms and the rest of the school will be met by their teachers in the playground. This is an opportunity for parents who need a quick word to speak to the teachers, as they will not be available once they have taken charge of the class. If you would like to speak to a teacher after this, please email or come to the school office and leave a message and the teacher will arrange a time to see you as soon as possible. Class registration time is at 8.55am, all external doors throughout the school will then be closed. If children arrives late and the doors are closed please could you bring your child to the school office so that they can be registered and they can select their meal option for the day. To enhance our safeguarding procedures we would like to lock the school gates by 9.15am.

Parking

Please take care when driving towards the school and slow down as you come around the corner into Gaping Lane, as there are children crossing. The school car park is used for dropping off and picking up from Playaloud or after school clubs. In these cases please use the top car park and park considerately. Please do not pull in alongside the school building and leave your car unattended. Parking permits for parents to use the upper car park, near Waitrose, will soon be available from the school office.



Uniform

Please could long hair be tied up and discreet coloured hairbands may be worn. Please ensure that no large hair accessories or jewellery are worn, in the interest of safety only one set of ear studs are permitted. These are removed or covered during P.E lessons.



Payments

It would be appreciated if any requests for payments for trips, school lunches etc. are made on time (preferably by Wisepay or cheque – if by cash please have the correct amount). Please send any payments in a sealed envelope with your child's name on and indicate what the payment is for. There is a locked post box in the school office porch for parents to post any envelopes and payments for the office to alleviate any queuing in the school office.



Packed Lunches



If your child has a packed lunch, please try and supply a healthy lunch for them. Please do not send in anything with nuts (peanut butter included!) as there are several children with allergies. No solid chocolate items or sweets are to be included with packed lunches. If you include a yoghurt or an item that needs your child to use cutlery please send in a spoon or fork in their packed lunch. Also include a drink as their water bottles are kept in the classrooms.

School Website

The school website can be found at

www.samlucas.herts.sch.uk

Here you can see all the diary dates for the year, class blogs and lots of information including curriculum overview and also statutory policies for your perusal. You can sign up to your class blog and receive notification whenever there is a new blog to read.

Reception Class 2020

Your child can start in Reception class in the **September following their 4th birthday**. Applications for Reception 2020 must be submitted to Herts County Council by **15th January 2020**.

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/Schools-and-education/School-admissions/School-admissions-and-transport.aspx>

Prospective parents are welcome to visit our school on the following dates. Places are by appointment only. To book your appointment please either telephone the school office on 01462 456737 or email admin@samlucas.herts.sch.uk

We look forward to meeting you.

Visit dates available are:

Monday 11th November 2pm
Tuesday 12th November 9.30am
Monday 18th November 2pm

Tuesday 19th November 9.30am
Thursday 21st November 2pm
Tuesday 26th November 2pm



Applying for a Secondary School Place

Applications for a secondary school place must be made by **31st October 2019**.

Hertfordshire County Council's application form is the legal application to any maintained school or academy in Hertfordshire (including Year 10 applications for a place at UTCs). If a child lives outside Hertfordshire they must use their own authorities' application form.

We encourage you to make an online application. You can access all the information you need, and can make an application for a school place at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

School information is available at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/schoolsdirectory

Parent Forum Meetings

Parent Forum meetings will resume in the autumn term. The meetings will now be held by Mrs Thomas and Mrs Kenny, please see dates below:

- Monday 14th October 2019 at 2pm
- Monday 9th December 2019 at 2pm
- Monday 10th February 2020 at 2pm
- Monday 30th March 2020 at 2pm
- Monday 11th May 2020 at 2pm
- Monday 6th July 2020 at 2pm

If you would like anything raised at the meetings please email your year group representative via email:

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lilac@samlucas.herts.sch.uk
birch@samlucas.herts.sch.uk
hazel@samlucas.herts.sch.uk
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year4@samlucas.herts.sch.uk
year5@samlucas.herts.sch.uk
year6@samlucas.herts.sch.uk



NSPCC Visit

We are looking forward to welcoming back the NSPCC to present their Speak Out. Stay Safe assemblies to KS1 and KS2. There will also be workshops for years 5 and 6. Letters with more information will be sent home.

Sports Update

Physical Activity

The children have all started their daily mile this week in the sunshine and our Year 6 Beech class had an active break on Thursday afternoon where they tried a Bodycoach primary school workout. They all enjoyed themselves and it encouraged them to think about the different ways we can use our bodies to improve our fitness and be active.



Physical Education

Our classes will focus on the following units this half term:

EYFS – Locomotion

Year 1 – Movement Skills and Dance

Year 2 – Movement Skills and Dance

Year 3 – Tag Rugby and Gymnastics

Year 4 – Tag Rugby and Swimming

Year 5 – Tag Rugby and Dance

Year 6 – Tag Rugby and Gymnastics

In Years 1 and 2 we will finish the half term with a Multi-Skills festival and In Years 3-6 the children will compete in their houses in an afternoon of Tag Rugby matches.

School Sport

The football season started on Saturday 14th September with the A team winning all 4 matches at the early season rally without conceding a goal. They followed this up with a 6-0 victory in their first league game with Jim in Year 6 our player of the match for a fantastic performance in midfield.

There are fixtures for our A, B and girls teams throughout the half term including Wix Cup fixtures and ESFA tournaments.

The netball season is due to start this month with A and B matches against St.Andrews and we are also looking forward to a Year 1 Multi-Skills festival, a Year 5/6 Tag Rugby festival and the Y5/Y6 cross country competition this half term.

Olympic Legacy Event

Both of our Year 5 classes attended the North Herts Schools Sports Partnership Olympic Legacy event on Wednesday 18th September at Knights Templar School. We had a fantastic time representing France and trying a variety of Olympic events. We even returned with the Bronze medal in the table tennis!

Thank you

Mr Smith

Musical Success

Congratulations to all our children who have taken musical examinations over the summer and I hope you all continue to achieve and be the best that you can. We have been informed that the following children have been successful in their recent exams:

Yaro Fito	Grade 1	Violin
Harry Cannon	Grade 1- Merit	Guitar



Mrs Footer

A message from the SLPA

A warm welcome back to everyone.

Colour Run

We are looking forward to seeing those who bought tickets on the 19th October, confirmation emails will be sent out this weekend. Thank you so much to our volunteers, more information will be sent very soon to you.



Bags2School - 15th October

You should have received a separate email with the details about this fundraising event this week, along with your bag.

The SLPA Lottery

Thank you to those who have purchased your numbers already, can anyone still wanting to purchase numbers do so before the end of the month please? Spare forms are under The SLPA box in the School Office. You need to be in it to WIN it!



Amazon Smile

Please purchase Amazon products through smile.amazon.co.uk selecting Samuel Lucas Parents' Association as your chosen charity.

Name labels for uniform

We have just joined two fundraising schemes similar to Amazon Smile. If parents purchase name labels for uniform and shoes through either of the below companies and quote our school ID. The SLPA get a percentage of your order.

www.MyNametags.com ID 35460

www.name-labels.com ID 17422

The SLPA

Term Dates 2019/2020

Autumn Term	
Half-Term break	Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November
Term Ends at 2pm	Friday 20th December
Spring Term	
Children return to school	Monday 6th January

Spring Term	
Half-Term break	Monday 17th – Friday 21st February
Term Ends at 2pm	Friday 3rd April
Summer Term	
INSET Day*	Monday 20th April
Children return to school	Tuesday 21st April
Bank Holiday	Friday 8 th May
Half-Term break	Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May
Occasional Day*	Friday 19th June
Term Ends 2pm	Friday 17th July
INSET Day*	Monday 20th July
INSET Day*	Tuesday 21st July

*Children do not attend school on INSET Days or on the OCCASIONAL day

Diary Dates

Date	Class	Event	Time
8 th October 2019	Reception	Phonics & Maths Parents Information Evening	6.30pm – 7.15pm
8 th October 2019	Yr 1 & Yr 2	KS1 English & Maths Parents Information Evening	7.30pm – 8.15pm
11 th October 2019	Whole School	Pupil Individual Photos	All Day
14 th October 2019		Parents Forum Meeting	2pm
16 th October 2019	Yr 4 – Yr 6	Author Visit – Piers Torday	Morning
19 th October 2019	Everyone invited	Colour Fun Run	9am - noon
21 st October 2019	R – Yr 6	Parents Evening	5pm – 8pm
22 nd October 2019	R – Yr 6	Parents Evening	4pm – 7pm
11 th November 2019		Prospective Parents Meeting	2pm
12 th November 2019		Prospective Parents Meeting	9.30am
18 th November 2019		Prospective Parents Meeting	2pm
18 th November 2019		SLPA Meeting	8pm

19 th November 2019		Prospective Parents Meeting	9.30am
21 st November 2019		Prospective Parents Meeting	2pm
26 th November 2019		Prospective Parents Meeting	2pm
5 th December 2019		SLPA Meeting	8pm
7 th & 8 th December 2019		Christmas Tree Festival	TBC
9 th December 2019		Parents Forum Meeting	2pm
11 th December 2019	Whole School	Christmas Lunch	
14 th December 2019	Whole School	Christmas Fayre - SLPA	TBC
15 th January 2020		SLPA Meeting	8pm
w/c 3 rd February 2020	Whole School	Feeling Good Week	All week
7 th February 2020		School Disco 1 - SLPA	TBC
10 th February 2020		Parents Forum Meeting	2pm
11 th February 2020		SLPA Meeting	8pm
6 th March 2020		Quiz Night - SLPA	TBC
w/c 9 th March 2020	Whole School	Science Week	
11 th March 2020	R, Yr 2, Yr 6	Parents Evening	5pm – 8pm
12 th March 2020	R, Yr 2, Yr 6	Parents Evening	4pm – 7pm
18 th March 2020	Whole School	Class Photos	All Day
27 th March 2020		Film Night - SLPA	TBC
30 th March 2020		Parents Forum Meeting	2pm
w/c 30 th March 2020		SLPA Easter Colouring Competition	All week
3 rd April 2020		SLPA Easter Egg Hunt	2pm
w/c 11 th May 2020	Year 6	SATS Week	All week
11 th May 2020		Parents Forum Meeting	2pm
13 th – 15 th May 2020	Year 4	Kingswood Trip	Wed – Fri
18 th – 22 nd May 2020	Year 6	Isle of Wight Trip	All week
w/c 8 th June 2020	Whole School	PE Week	All week
12 th June 2020		School Disco 2 – SLPA	TBC
23 rd June 2020	Yr 1, 3, 4, 5	Parents Evening	5pm – 8pm
24 th June 2020	Yr 1, 3, 4, 5	Parents Evening	4pm – 7pm
w/c 29 th June 2020	Whole School	Music Week	All week
6 th July 2020		Parents Forum Meeting	2pm
9 th July 2020	Whole School	Transition Day	All Day
10 th July 2020		SLPA Picnic	TBC

14 th July 2020	Whole School	Sports Day - KS2 - Rec & KS1	9.30am – 11.30am 1.30pm – 3pm
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Yours sincerely,

Tracy Thomas

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