



Gaping Lane, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, SG5 2JQ

Tel: 01462 456737

Email: admin@samlucas.herts.sch.uk

Website: www.samlucas.herts.sch.uk

Headteacher: Mrs. Tracy Thomas

NEWSLETTER

No. 6 February 2020

Dear Parents,

Last half-term seemed to fly by and we were very busy in school with our learning. We enjoyed Feeling Good Week and Ark Farm came in to visit our Reception classes and this half term promises to be just as fun packed with Science Week, World Book Day and Easter activities.

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.

Parent Forum Meetings

If you would like anything raised at the meetings, please email your year group representative no later than one week prior to the meeting via emails below:

willow@samlucas.herts.sch.uk

lilac@samlucas.herts.sch.uk

birch@samlucas.herts.sch.uk

hazel@samlucas.herts.sch.uk

hawthorn@samlucas.herts.sch.uk

oak@samlucas.herts.sch.uk

year3@samlucas.herts.sch.uk

year4@samlucas.herts.sch.uk

year5@samlucas.herts.sch.uk

year6@samlucas.herts.sch.uk

The meetings are held by Mrs Thomas and Mrs Kenny. Please see dates below:

- Monday 30th March 2020 at 2pm
- Monday 11th May 2020 at 2pm
- Monday 6th July 2020 at 2pm

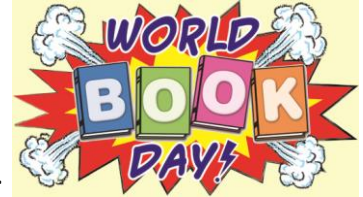
Headteacher Award



Congratulations to **Emily Halls** for receiving the Headteacher Award for going above and beyond in her learning.

World Book Day

On Thursday 5th March to celebrate World Book Day your child is invited to dress as a book character. Your child will need to bring in a copy of the book that includes the character they are dressed as. If your child does not enjoy the element of fancy dress they can still bring in their favourite book.



Australian Bushfire Appeal

A massive thank you to everyone who helped to raise the amazing total of £704.45 to support this appeal. The children enjoyed bringing in a cuddly toy for the day – a simple and effective way of raising awareness of this issue. Many thanks to the School Council for their suggestion.



Parents Evening

On Wednesday 11th March and Thursday 12th 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.

Play Leader Update

Thank you for the continued support given to the younger pupils by our amazing team of play leaders. Also thanks to any parents who practised the games on the games sheet that the Play Leaders took home over half term!

We encourage the Play Leaders to be reflective about their sessions on the playground. It is great to see them analysing how their sessions flow and to think about how they overcame any issues, for example with explaining games. In response to Play Leader feedback, we are currently working with the Play Leaders to develop a Play Leaders' Code. This will help the younger pupils to develop their play skills and their awareness of the Samuel Lucas 3 Cs - Care, Contribute and Cooperate.

In a few weeks' time we will be looking for new Play Leaders for the summer term. Please encourage your Year 5 and 6 children to think about volunteering - it is a great opportunity to develop self-confidence, creativity and social and leadership skills.

Spring Term Play Leaders:

Emilia Kelly, Alexa Mayes ,Olly Turner, Cathal Elders, Mia Hall-Benett, Evie Coe, Jack Avis, Marcel Owiesny, Stanley Banks, Adam Kitchener, Harry Cannon, Iris Cockburn, Aariana Patel, Jack Tasker, Harry Cox, Emily Cross, Florence Herbert, Orla Nicoll, Imogen Proctor, Kate Risby, Ashton McDonnell, Tylan Barrett.

Lunch Monitors

The Year 5s from Walnut and Maple continue to give invaluable assistance in the dining hall with the Early Years and Key Stage 1 pupils.

They are always patient and kind, while keeping the younger ones on track with the dining hall routines.

A particular well done to Mia and Mo for their thoughtful praise and encouragement of the younger pupils.

Sports Update

The focus this half term across the school for PE is Net and Wall games in EYFS/KS1 and Tennis skills in KS2. We are also working on Movement Skills (Year 1), Dance (Years 3 and 6), Badminton (Year 5) and Gymnastics (Years 2 and 4).

It has been a very busy first week back in competitive sport with lots of fixtures taking place:



Monday 24th

Our Netball A team won a closely fought match against Mary Exton school 6-4, with a few more league games to play before the end of season rally.

Tuesday 25th

Our Sportshall athletics teams travelled to Highfield to compete in the District finals with the winning teams representing North Herts at County Finals. All of the children involved performed brilliantly on the night with the Boys team finishing in 3rd place and the Girls team finishing in 5th place.

Wednesday 26th

Our Girls Football team took part in the Girls League festival at Whitehill Junior School. We played 5 matches across the evening winning 3, drawing 1 and losing 1.

Friday 28th

Girls Wix Cup Final

The girls' team played against their William Ransom counterparts in the final of the Wix Cup on Friday evening. In a fantastic performance from start to finish we came out as deserved winners with a 3-1 victory - our goals were scored by Ella, Maia and Zoe.

Well done to everyone involved, you have been fantastic!
Mr Smith

A message from the SLPA

SLPA Winter Disco

£977.94 raised and so much fun had by the children.

The next one is booked for June!



Quiz Night – adults only – 6th March

Please arrive from 7pm to order your drinks from the bar before a 7:30pm prompt start.

Film Night 27th March

Abominable U for Years 1-3 and Aladdin PG for Years 4-6, as chosen by the children. The letter will be out soon and ticket sales will open.

Volunteering

Please volunteer at our events if you can. The SLPA work extremely hard to put on events and fundraising projects to raise lots of money for the school and to provide the children and families of the school great chances to be together. We work on a voluntary basis to organise, set up, run and clear away the events but we NEED extra help to run the events. It would make such a difference if we didn't need to send out repeat requests for help for every event!

Come to a meeting!

We welcome new faces and ideas, so please join us at a meeting and be involved in our fundraising ideas and organising. **Next meeting is 18th March, 8pm at school.**

Shopping – Amazon Smile

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

Name labels for uniform

If you 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

Thanks, the SLPA.

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 Play Aloud 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.



Please do not park or drop off outside the school gates as there are double yellow lines and it is a residential area and residential parking only. Please note that the carpark is for staff parking only. Parking permits for parents to use the upper car park, near Waitrose, are available from the school office.

Everbridge School Closure Notification System

In the event of inclement weather or in an emergency where we would have to close the school, as well as using Parentmail, the school also uses the Everbridge system which is the Hertfordshire County Council's School Closure Notification System. It takes 5 minutes to register your details so that you can receive immediate information and updates. Please sign up for Everbridge using this link:

<https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489#/login>



Term Dates 2019/2020

Spring Term	
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
6 th March 2020		Quiz Night - SLPA	7pm
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 - TBC		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

Yours sincerely,

Tracy Thomas

Tracy Thomas
Headteacher