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NEWSLETTER

No. 4 March 2021

Dear Parents,

We have had an enjoyable three weeks back at school. The children have really settled well into school routine and have enjoyed our more practical approach to learning. They have had lots of opportunities to learn through 'finding out' and talking about their learning with their friends. There is a lovely, busy atmosphere about the school.

PE Kits

The children have enjoyed extra PE/outside learning, and attending after school clubs. It has been agreed through Parent Forum that wearing PE kits to school on days where children do a sporting activity, will continue. However, please ensure the children wear the school PE kits and if needed, a school jumper. If it is cold, we ask that children wear black track suit bottoms or leggings. These can be purchased at most large supermarkets.

Staffing Update

We are sad to announce that Mrs Frend, one of our longest standing members of staff, is retiring after 18 years with the school. Mrs Frend has made a huge difference in so many children's lives. She will be sadly missed by the children, staff and Samuel Lucas community.

Red Nose Day, 19th March 2021 – Come Dressed as Superheroes

Wow! What a fantastic day of caring, cooperating and contributing as a community! We had a range of activities going on, ranging from bake sales, market stalls, sponsored Red Nose and Spoon Races, Basketball challenges and lots of moving and grooving! The children were smiling all day and they said they all had a great time completing activities for a good cause.

We are extremely overwhelmed with the amount that has been donated through the sponsored activities. We received £512.85 cash donations and online, we have raised £2402!

Thank you to each and every one of you who donated and supported the children, especially during these difficult times. It has really helped the children to see that they can be excellent role models who can help others in times of crisis.

Once we have the total amount raised, we will let you all know!
Again, thank you in supporting us immensely.



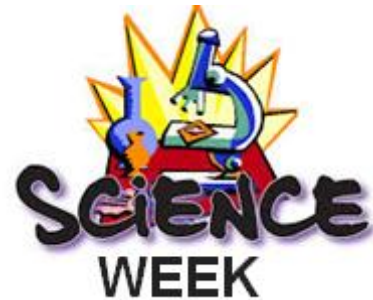
Parents Evening

On Wednesday 21st April and Thursday 22nd April it is parents' evenings for all classes. A Parentmail has been sent for you to book a time to see you child's teacher.

Science Week

Making the everyday, exciting

This week is science week at Samuel Lucas! Our Samuel Lucas scientists have been participating in a range of selected activities by the children in each year group which have allowed them to explore, inquire and get practical with the theme 'Making the everyday, exciting!'



We also have conducted a whole school investigation to test which biscuit is the best to dunk with! We are excited to see what each year group has observed and what they think is the best biscuit is.

Thank you for all for the fantastic zoomed-in photos submitted for the whole school science competition! I have compiled a selection of 26 photos for all scientists to use their predicting skills to predict what the zoomed in photo is. There will be a 1 EY/KS1 winner and 1 KS2 winner for the most correct guesses that Mrs Thomas will award at the celebration assembly. Teachers will also be awarding Scientists of the Week in Friday's celebration assembly!

I hope you have all had a brilliant science week.

Yours scientifically,
Miss Mai



Sports Update from Mr Smith

It has been great to see the children back enjoying their PE lessons in the last few weeks! There has been lots of enthusiasm, effort and enjoyment in our learning which has been really pleasing.

After the Easter break the children will be working through the following units in PE:

Reception: Locomotion - Jumping

Year 1: Team building and Health/Wellbeing

Year 2: Team building and Health/Wellbeing

Year 3: Cricket and Swimming

Year 4: Cricket and Swimming

Year 5: Cricket and Rounders

Year 6: Cricket and Rounders



We also have National School Sports Week to look forward to which is the week beginning Monday 21st June, with some exciting activities lined up!

Mr Smith.

New Reception Outside Play Equipment

We'd like to say a huge thank you to the SLPA for their kind donations so that we could get some brand new monkey bars and rope walk for our outside learning area. The children now have additional opportunities to develop their gross motor skills and develop their finger strength which will in turn help them with their writing. They have been so keen to practise and they are getting more confident using them every day.



A message from the SLPA

How are we at Easter already?!

Thank
You

Thank you to all that have made generous donations to The SLPA account. The funds make a huge difference to the children. I'm sure you've all seen the fabulous, new play-equipment in the Foundation Stage outdoor area?

Just a reminder that if you are making a **voluntary contribution** of £2 for the class movie afternoons and £1 for the Easter Egg hunts that you can combine siblings and events and make contributions to our Barclays bank account, named SLPA, with a surname as reference.

Sort code: 20-41-12 Account number: 9080626

Easter photography competition

We invite each child to take a spring themed photograph during the Easter Holiday and submit it printed, by Tuesday 13th April to their class teachers. There will be a winner from each class and we ask for an entry fee of £2 to be paid into the SLPA bank account. If you absolutely cannot print the photo yourself, you can email it to The School Office, but obviously we want to avoid bombarding them with up to 420 photos to print!



Give As You Earn

The SLPA would like to say a **big thank you** to the parent who is making monthly donations via their work Give As You Make scheme. This money is making a big difference, especially in a year where our events are limited. If anyone else would like to donate via a work scheme, it should be straight forward using our registered charity number 1163641. Any questions get in touch.

AmazonSmile

Please purchase Amazon products having first selected Samuel Lucas Parents' Association as your chosen charity, this can be passed on to family and friends to do too. In the Amazon app, press the 3 lines at the bottom right, scroll down to AmazonSmile, and select Samuel Lucas Parents' Association. You need to renew this every few months, so do check you are generating donations regularly!



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

Donate directly!

We have been asked how people can donate directly, if this is something you would like to do, please transfer directly into our account with the reference 'donation.' Barclays Bank - Sort code: 20-41-12
Account number: 90806269 thank you in advance.

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.

Have a lovely Easter.

The SLPA

Term Dates 2020/2021



Summer Term 2021	
INSET Day*	Monday 12th April
Start of term	Tuesday 13th April
Bank Holiday	Monday 3rd May
Half-Term break	Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June
Term Ends 2pm	Tuesday 20th July
INSET Day*	Wednesday 21st July
INSET Day*	Thursday 22nd July

Term Dates 2021/2022

Autumn Term 2021	
INSET Day*	Wednesday 1 st September
Start of term	Thursday 2 nd September
Half-Term break	Monday 25 th October – Friday 29 th October
Occasional Day*	Friday 26 th November
Term Ends at 2pm	Tuesday 21 st December

Spring Term 2022	
INSET Day*	Wednesday 5 th January
Start of term	Thursday 6 th January
Half-Term break	Monday 14 th – Friday 18 th February
Term Ends at 2pm	Friday 1 st April
Summer Term 2022	
INSET Day*	Tuesday 19 th April
Start of term	Wednesday 20 th April
Bank Holiday	Monday 2 nd May
Half-Term break	Monday 30 th May – Friday 3 rd June
Term Ends 2pm	Wednesday 20 th July
INSET Day*	Thursday 21 st July
INSET Day*	Friday 22 nd July

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

Yours faithfully,

Tracy Thomas

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Headteacher