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## NEWSLETTER

No. 5 April 2021

Dear Parents,



It has been lovely to welcome back all the pupils following the Easter break, and we are looking forward to the rest of the summer term. The weather has been deceiving lately so please ensure your child has their school jumper in school in case the temperature drops. As the weather starts to improve, please remember to use sunscreen and bring in a sun hat when required.

### School Website

The school website can be found at

[www.samlucas.herts.sch.uk](http://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.

### Instrumental lessons

At Samuel Lucas School we offer a variety of extra-curricular music lessons for children in KS2.



Individual lessons are offered to pupils in Year 3 and upwards via Hertfordshire Music Service in the following instruments: Piano, Guitar, Brass, Cello, and Violin (please note, violin lessons are offered for pupils in Year 2 upwards).

If your child is interested in learning an instrument, you will now need to register with Herts Music Service directly at [www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/registeronline](http://www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/registeronline) to apply for lessons or to join the waiting list, as the waiting list is no longer held by the school.

If you are in receipt of benefits you may be able to receive either 50% or full remission for music lesson fees. Details are available on the Herts Music Service website.

We also offer woodwind (clarinet, flute and saxophone) lessons through a company called Musicale [www.musicale.co.uk](http://www.musicale.co.uk) for pupils in Year 3 and above. Please contact Musicale via email [info@musicale.co.uk](mailto:info@musicale.co.uk) or telephone 01582 713333 for further details and an application form.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

## Attendance

Well done to Hazel class for having the highest attendance for this term, closely followed by Hawthorn class and then Pine class! Congratulations to everyone our whole school attendance so far this term is 98.8%.

*Please note figures are based on attendance since the start of the summer term.*



ATTENDANCE – Summer Term 2021			
Lilac	99.1%	Ash	99.2%
Willow	99.1%	Larch	98.8%
Hazel	99.9%	Pine	99.5%
Birch	97.5%	Walnut	99.0%
Hawthorn	99.7%	Maple	98.9%
Oak	99.1%	Beech	98.1%
Elm	98.6%	Spruce	97.1%

## Parent Forum Meetings

Parent Forum meetings resumed during the spring term. The meetings are now be held via Zoom by Mrs Thomas and Mrs Kenny, please see dates below:

- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 1.30pm
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 1.30pm

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

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## Thank you to SLPA

A huge thank you to our SLPA who have generously funded the purchase of 30 Ukuleles for our young musicians. Year 6 will be delighted to begin learning and I'm looking forward to rolling out lessons to more of our Key Stage 2 pupils, as Covid restrictions lift. This incredibly generous gift will allow me to buy more instruments as well, so the future of music at Samuel Lucas is looking very exciting!

Mrs Vicki Davies, Music Teacher

Thank  
You

## **Sports Update from Mr Smith**

### **PE**

The children have produced some excellent work in their PE lessons since the Easter break. In reception we are working to develop our jumping skills.

In years 1 and 2 we have been improving our teambuilding skills through lessons that include teamwork, problem solving and creating strategies.

In years 3-6 we have been developing our cricket skills. Years 3 and 4 are still working their way through this unit as they have also started swimming for their second PE lesson of the week, whilst Years 5 and 6 are moving onto a unit of Rounders through to the half term break.

### **Sports fixtures**

Twenty four Year 5 and 6 children took part in a friendly football festival at Whitehill School on Monday 26th April with Whitehill and Wilshere Dacre children. It was our first outing for school fixtures in over a year and it was great to see the children back representing the school and enjoying themselves playing sport. There are plans in place for similar events for other teams as long as it is safe to do so.

### **Physical Activity Enrichment**

As part of our return to school for the summer term, we have introduced Physical Activity Enrichment on a Friday afternoon for thirty minutes for all children from Year 1 up to Year 6. Reception children participate in a variety of enrichment opportunities throughout the week.

The aim is for children to experience and learn about a wide variety of ways in which they can be active and to acquire and develop new skills along the way. In Year 1 to 6 the activity that the class participate in lasts for three weeks before they move onto something new. For Reception children the duration of each activity will continue over a number of weeks.

The response from the children has been fantastic and we have already had some excellent suggestions for future activities!



Well done everyone – keep up the good work!

Mr Smith

**A note from The SLPA...**

### **Easter photography competition**

Thank you to all the children who entered our Spring photography competition. Huge congratulations to James, Allegrar, Henry and Sam from Hawthorn, Renaiya from Oak, Alexa from Beech, Jessica from Spruce, Florence and Jacob from Pine and Rosie and Sophia from Larch.

### **Ukuleles, leavers hoodies and Library books**

We are really happy to let you know The SLPA was able to fund a class set of ukuleles, contribute £600 for leavers' hoodies and donate £733 for new library books. Thank you for the part you have all played in fundraising for these.

### **We are stepping down!**

We have had the most amazing time being The SLPA, but it is time for us to step down in September 2021 at the annual AGM. We will be holding a meeting via Zoom on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm to discuss what being a committee member entails. Please come along and find out more. It is such a rewarding role and a great way to make friends while making a huge difference to the experience our children enjoy at Samuel Lucas.

### **AmazonSmile**

We recently received a cheque for £124 from AmazonSmile, so 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](http://www.MyNametags.com) ID 35460

[www.name-labels.com](http://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.

Have a lovely Easter.

The SLPA

### **Term Dates 2020/2021**



<b>Summer Term 2021</b>	
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**

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

<b>Spring Term 2022</b>	
INSET Day*	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January
Start of term	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> January
Half-Term break	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February
Term Ends at 2pm	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April

<b>Summer Term 2022</b>	
INSET Day*	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April
Start of term	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April
Bank Holiday	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May
Half-Term break	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June
Term Ends 2pm	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July
INSET Day*	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July
INSET Day*	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July

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

Yours faithfully,

*Tracy Thomas*

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Headteacher