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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,



As the end of the summer term draws near we are looking forward to the end of term activities in school. Children's annual reports will be sent home next week via Parentmail. The weather has been changeable lately so please ensure your child wears appropriately clothing to school.

Staffing

This term we welcomed a new Teaching Assistant, Mrs Laws, in Hazel class. In September we will be welcoming another two new Teaching Assistants: Miss Woodbridge and Mrs Granger.

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 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 for pupils in Year 3 and above. Please contact Musicale via email 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.

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

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 5th 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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The Virtual Big Sing 2021

While we are currently unable to take part in any live, communal music events, we are very pleased that Years 3, 4 and 5 are going to be joining the Virtual Big Sing concert on Thursday July 1st. Mrs Davies has been busy during her music lessons teaching the children all the songs so they can sing along! We are excited that we will be joining lots of other schools across Hertfordshire and Norfolk for the concert, which has been organised by the Norfolk Music Hub. We will have the opportunity to watch some great artists and even ask them some questions! We really hope the children have a great time and enjoy performing, even if it's just with the rest of their class!



Sports Update from Mr Smith



National School Sport Week 2021

"National School Sport Week 2021 will celebrate the return of youth sport and its power to bring people back together with a week of school sports events held up and down the country. The theme of this year's campaign is Together Again and after a year in which young people have missed out on so much and had their worlds turned upside down, sport and physical activity are playing an essential role in their recovery." Youth Sport Trust 2021

Last week we have participated in National School Sport Week with a variety of visitors to school providing us with the opportunity to be active and try something new or different. With the theme of NSSW being 'together again' it has been wonderful to see the children outside in the fresh air, with smiles on their faces and enjoying the activities in front of them.

Monday 21st June

Rising Stars Multi-Sports and UPlay Sports kicked off the week with some trampolining and tennis sessions.



Tuesday 22nd June

Team Rubicon came into school and taught us all about scooting and skateboarding!





Wednesday 23rd June

Sydney Gregson from Saracens Women came in to teach years 2,3 and 4 some rugby skills. Sydney also answered some questions about her experiences of representing England and showed the children one of her England shirts.



Thursday 24th June

We had a visit from Hitchin Rugby club for Years 1 and 6 who taught us a variety of rugby skills. Jay Livermore from the North Herts School Sports Partnership worked with Year 5 and 6 on their Dodgeball skills in the form of some intra-house matches.





Friday 25th June

We finished the week with a second visit from Uplay sports for another round of tennis sessions. Sadly the rain on Friday morning meant that the inflatable session with Rising Stars was cancelled, however we have managed to rearrange the session for this week. We signed off for the week with our Physical Activity Enrichment sessions in the afternoon.



Well done everyone and a big thank you to all the children and teachers for your effort and enthusiasm in a very busy week!

Mr. Smith

A note from The SLPA...

Class Fun

We are pleased to let you know The SLPA have been able to donate £50 to each class to fund end of year fun activities.

Bag2School

Thank you to all who donated their unwanted clothing and items for this term's Bag2School collection. We managed to raise £165. A big thank you to Caroline Tandon who managed to rescue a few bags that got lost along the way! Our next collection will be later this year in November.

Lottery

We have had a fantastic uptake in the SLPA lottery this year. A few stats for you having just completed the remaining draws for the year... Hawthorn (Year 2) are the luckiest class clocking up six winners but the summer bonus draw of £126 goes to a member from Hazel in Year 1! Do keep an eye out for the cheques coming home soon. This year we have paid out over £780 in winnings and raised nearly the

same for the school. Renewal forms will come out in September in the new school academic year - be sure to join/re-join!!

Films and breaking rules

On the last day of term the children will be enjoying an SLPA funded movie afternoon with snacks. Also on the last day of term, back with popular demand, we will be holding another SLPA Break The Rules Day. More details to come very soon.

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. 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. Please talk to your friends and come along to September's AGM to take over from us.

AmazonSmile

We recently received a quarterly cheque for £102.81 from AmazonSmile, with £405.26 donated to date so far. This is fundraising with no effort!!!! 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, 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 new school 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.

Have a lovely end of term.

The SLPA

Term Dates 2020/2021

Summer Term 2021	
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
Headteacher