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# NEWSLETTER

No. 1 September 2021



Dear Parents,

How quickly the term is going! The children have settled well into their learning and we've enjoyed welcoming parents back into the school building!

## **Covid update**

If a member of staff has been in contact with a class whilst having symptoms and then receives a positive test, we will inform the parents of children in that class. We will also inform parents of a class where a child tests positive.

Anyone who receives a positive test result should not be in school from the first day of their symptoms and should self-isolate for 10 days.

In line with current guidance for schools, the other children in the year groups do not need to self-isolate and the classes can remain open. However, please do be especially vigilant for signs of any illness and do not send your child into school if they are unwell. You may wish to take your child for a PCR test if you have any concerns. If a family member tests positive, we would advise testing other children in the household, before sending them into school.

Double vaccinated adults and children under 18 are not required to self-isolate if they come into contact with someone who has tested positive. However should there be an outbreak of 5 or more over a 10 day period, further control measures may need to be introduced

## **Staffing Update**

At the end of October we will be saying farewell to Mr Allan and Miss Thrush, I am sure you will join me in wishing them both all the best for the future. We are delighted to have appointed an experienced Teaching Assistant, Mrs Kasumu-Croft.

## 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 which should be removed or covered during P.E lessons. You can purchase Samuel Lucas uniform from Beats Uniform or order online at <https://beatschooluniforms.co.uk/>



PE days – On PE days children are allowed to come to school in their PE kits. The kit should consist of the red PE top with the school logo and black shorts. In cold weather children should wear their school jumper and black tracksuit bottoms.

## 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](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.

## Prospective Parent Meetings

Reception Class 2022

Your child can start in Reception class in the September following their 4th birthday. Applications for Reception 2022 must be submitted to Herts County Council by 15th January 2022.

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

Prospective parents are welcome to join the Headteacher to visit the 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](mailto:admin@samlucas.herts.sch.uk)

We look forward to meeting you.

Visit dates available are:

Tuesday 9th November 2021	9.30am	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	2.00pm
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	9.30am	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	2.00pm
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	2.00pm		

## **Applying for a Secondary School Place**

Applications for a secondary school place must be made by **31<sup>st</sup> October 2021**.

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](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions)

School information is available at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/schoolsdirectory](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/schoolsdirectory)



## **Parent Forum Meetings**

Parent Forum meetings will now be held via Zoom by Mrs Thomas and Mrs Kenny, please see dates below:

- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 1.30pm
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 1.30pm
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 1.30pm
- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022 at 1.30pm
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 1.30pm
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 1.30pm

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

[willow@samlucas.herts.sch.uk](mailto:willow@samlucas.herts.sch.uk)  
[lilac@samlucas.herts.sch.uk](mailto:lilac@samlucas.herts.sch.uk)  
[birch@samlucas.herts.sch.uk](mailto:birch@samlucas.herts.sch.uk)  
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[year6@samlucas.herts.sch.uk](mailto:year6@samlucas.herts.sch.uk)

## **Harvest Festival**

We are really pleased to invite Year 3 and 4 parents to a Harvest service at 2pm at Christchurch on Friday 22nd October. Mrs Davies has been busy rehearsing with the choir and orchestra and the children have shown great enthusiasm for performing again! The children have been learning the songs in their music lessons and singing assemblies and we're looking forward to a great Harvest celebration, which we can once again share with our families. More information will be sent out to Y3 & 4 parents in a letter over the coming days.

## **Sports Update**

We have had a very busy return to everything PE, School Sport and Physical Activity following the summer holidays.

### **PE**

In Early Years we are working on our balancing, climbing, crawling, running, walking and stopping skills. We had lots of fun and I was very impressed with your first ever PE lesson at Samuel Lucas!

Years 1 and 2 have been working on their Teambuilding skills with a focus on honesty, trust, inclusion and teamwork. We are moving onto a Health and Wellbeing unit before half term.

In Years 3 – 6 we have started the term with a football unit and we have enjoyed putting our skills into Intra-House tournaments in the past week. Well done everyone! On top of demonstrating the physical skills you have, I have been really impressed with your teamwork, honesty, resilience and perseverance. We will be moving onto a Tag Rugby unit before half term.



### **Physical Activity**

The weather has been very kind as we take on a new Daily Mile Destinations journey this half term with all year groups starting from a new country.

We have enjoyed the return of enrichment on a Friday afternoon with activities ranging from Den Building to Capture the Flag.

### **School Sport**

I am delighted that Sports Partnership events and school fixtures are able to return on a wider scale. We have Year 6 and Year 4 Tag Rugby Festivals, a Year 4 Rapid Fire Cricket competition as well as Football and Netball matches to look forward to in the coming weeks.

If any of our children achieve something in the world of sport outside of school, I would love to hear about it so we can celebrate their achievements in school. These can be sent to the school admin email address.

Thank you – keep up the good start everyone!

Mr Smith

## **A message from the SLPA**

Hello Parents! Whether it's a fresh start or coming back to school, we hope your child has settled in well! As you all may be aware, a new SLPA committee was formed at the annual AGM held on 20th September. Before we introduce the new committee members; we would like to take this opportunity to thank the previous members for their excellent commitment towards their roles, year after year, and the invaluable guidance & assistance that has come our way now as part of the handover. We are very excited to take on our new roles and shall strive to keep up the good work that the SLPA has been doing over the years.

### **MEET THE TEAM**

Supreet Bedi : Co-Chair

Natalie Dawson: Co-Chair

Nicola Archer : Vice Chair

Suzanne Lennox : Secretary

Caroline Earl : Treasurer

Jennifer Levesley: Financial Officer

### **EVENTS AHEAD**

We have some exciting events & activities coming up! The details for the SLPA lottery have already been shared so if you are feeling lucky, make sure you sign up for this one! You'll also have the opportunity to donate unwanted items and clothing for this term's Bag2School collection. Some interesting Christmas related activities such as participation in the Christmas Tree Festival, Cookie Sales, Santa Canta etc. will ensure the festive spirit! Given the unprecedented times we are in, unfortunately the much awaited Winter Fair won't be viable this year. However, we are aiming for an elaborate Spring Event to replace the Winter Fair that should guarantee lots of happy faces! Towards the end of term, the children will continue to enjoy the SLPA funded afternoon with snacks and back with popular demand we will be holding the SLPA Break the Rules Day! As we have only just taken over, we are streamlining the events so bear with us please - dates & details to follow soon!

### **AMAZON SMILE**

Here is a reminder at 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, 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 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](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 term and feel free to get in touch with us for any ideas, concepts, suggestions you may have.

The SLPA

## School Events Calendar

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Year Group</b>
Phonics & Maths Parents Information Evening	05.10.2021	6.30-7.15pm	Reception
English & Maths Parents Information Evening	05.10.2021	7.30-8.15pm	KS1
Pupil Flu Vaccinations	11.10.2021	All Day	Whole School
Parent Forum	11.10.2021	1.30pm	Class Representatives
Parents Evening	18.10.2021	5-8pm	Whole School
Parents Evening	19.10.2021	4-7pm	Whole School
Harvest Festival Service	22.10.2021	2pm	Year 3 & Year 4
Pupils Individual Photos	02.11.2021	All Day	Whole School
Open Evening	23.11.2021	4-7pm	Whole School
Parent Forum	06.12.2021	1.30pm	Class Representatives
Bikeability	13.12.2021- 17.12.2021	All Week	Year 6
Christmas Lunch	15.12.2021	Lunchtime	Whole School
Bikeability	24.01.2022- 28.01.2022	All Week	Year 5
Parent Forum	07.02.2022	1.30pm	Class Representatives
Feeling Good Week	07.02.2022- 11.02.2022	All Week	Whole School
Parents Evening	09.03.2022	5-8pm	Reception, Yr 2 & Yr 6
Parents Evening	10.03.2022	4-7pm	Reception, Yr 2 & Yr 6
Parent Forum	21.03.2022	1.30pm	Class Representatives
Science Week	28.03.2022- 01.04.2022	All Week	Whole School
Reports out to parents	01.04.2022	3.15pm	Y1, Y3, Y4, Y5
SATS Week	09.05.2022- 13.05.2022	All Week	Year 6
Parent Forum	09.05.2022	1.30pm	Class Representatives
Kingswood	11.05.2022- 13.05.2022	3 Days	Year 4
Isle of Wight	16.05.2022-	All Week	Year 6

	20.05.2022		
PE Week	13.06.2022- 17.06.2022	All Week	Whole School
Parents Evening	22.06.2022	5-8pm	Y1, Y3, Y4, Y5
Parents Evening	23.06.2022	4-7pm	Y1, Y3, Y4, Y5
Music Week	27.06.2022- 01.07.2022	All Week	Whole School
Parent Forum	04.07.2022	1.30pm	Class Representatives
Open Evening	06.07.2022	4-7pm	
Transition Day	07.07.2022	All Day	Year 6
Reports out to Parents	08.07.2022	3.15pm	Reception, Yr 2, Yr 6
Sports Day	12.07.2022	9.30-11.30am 1.30-3pm	KS2 KS1 & Reception

# Term Dates

## Term Dates 2021/2022

<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

Summer Term 2022	
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 sincerely,

*Tracy Thomas*

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Headteacher