



STAGS LINK



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Students Absence Line – 01727 846430

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am very pleased to tell you that we are now appointing our senior students for the new year beginning in January 2010.

After a lot of voting by staff and 6th form students, two challenging presentations in assemblies and an interview with myself and the Deputy Headteacher we have appointed our 2 new senior students. Congratulations go to Hannah Bevis and Jamie Sinclair. We wish them well in their new roles. House Captains and Sports' Captains will be announced soon. We will keep you informed. Also congratulations to Sophie Pither [Year 12] who has been selected for the prestigious Hertfordshire Youth Dance Company. The Adviser for dance within the county says that the standard was extremely high and Sophie did well to be selected. Her technical ability and sheer enthusiasm were inspiring. Well done Sophie!

Mrs C Murrell, Headteacher

2nd HAND SCHOOL UNIFORM AND PE KIT SALE

The PTA will be holding a sale of 2nd hand school uniform and PE kit at the Christmas Fair on Sunday 6th December.

Please bring in your donations of school uniform and PE kit to Reception at STAGS at any time between now and the Fair and it will be collected by the PTA on a regular basis.

Your support is very much appreciated.

Mr J Doyle, Assistant Head



CAROL SERVICE

Friday 11th December is the date of our annual Carol Service in the Abbey. The Carol Service will take place in the afternoon and it is expected to finish at about 3.20pm. All of the girls will be dismissed from the Abbey after the service. Many girls come to school on school buses and arrangements have been made for these buses as follows:

Greenwood Parents' Association – coach will leave from Westminster Lodge;

Borehamwood Coach – coach will leave from Westminster Lodge;

E445 service to Redbourn, Flamstead and Markyate – the bus will leave from the bus stop near Westminster Lodge on the Abbey Station side of the road.

E446 service to Wheathampstead – the bus will leave from the bus stop near Westminster Lodge.

All girls are reminded that they should make their way **quickly** to the various pick-up points and should aim to arrive by 3.30pm. The coaches have timetables to adhere to and cannot wait for latecomers.

The Carol Service is an important school occasion and all girls are expected to attend. However, I do appreciate that there are a few families who would prefer their daughters/sons not to attend for religious reasons.

Year 7 form teachers have asked their girls to obtain a letter from their parents/carers if the family wish their daughter to be excused.

In any other year group, if parents/carers have previously written to the school asking for their daughter/son to be excused there is no need to write in again.

For those girls who are excused, school will end after afternoon registration at 1.25pm.

It is not possible for us to make additional transport arrangements at that time and parents are asked to take responsibility for their daughters from 1.25pm onwards.

PLEASE MAKE SURE GIRLS ARE IN CORRECT SCHOOL UNIFORM AND HAVE AN OUTDOOR COAT WITH THEM.

Mr J Doyle, Assistant Head

STAGS PTA

Parents and families are invited to

Christmas Fair 09

Sunday 6th December
12 – 3pm

Fantastic selection of gift and food stalls including:

**Jewellery ❄️ Cosmetics ❄️ Home Made Cakes ❄️ African Art
Phoenix Cards ❄️ Pampered Chef ❄️ Crafts
Gifts ❄️ Christmas Floral Decorations ❄️ Plants**

Students' Christmas Corner

**Fabulous hamper raffles including
Clarins Luxury Gift Hamper**

Chocolate and Bottle Tombolas

Come and enjoy a festive family lunch

Fun for all ages



**Admission: £1.00, Year 6 & younger/Senior Citizens 50p
St Albans Girls' School, Sandridgebury Lane, St Albans, AL3 6DB**

REVISED XMAS PUD FORM



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APPLIED
LEARNING

ST ALBANS GIRLS' SCHOOL
BUSINESS & ENTERPRISE COLLEGE
Sandridgebury Lane, St Albans, Herts, AL3 6DB

Tel: 01727 853134 Fax: 01727 831157
e-mail: admin@stags.herts.sch.uk www.stags.herts.sch.uk

Dear Parents/Carers

We are always looking for different ways to raise funds for the school and we've found something much tastier than a raffle ticket! We are able to offer you a **Christmas pudding that has won a food 'Oscar'** – a gold medal at the Great Taste Awards. It has also been endorsed by the BBC Good Food Magazine and by Chef Magazine as being as good as homemade!

The pudding is made by a small craft manufacturer in Cumbria. The vine fruits are soaked overnight in brandy and dry sherry. Ingredients are top quality and much more varied than usual – walnuts, almonds, stem ginger, apricots, cherries as well as the best juicily alcoholic raisins and sultanas. **Most people have no idea that Christmas pudding can taste this good!**

The Ultimate Christmas Pudding is not available in supermarkets (the company is too small for that) but it is available through STAGS PTA. The puddings are specially labelled for us and the sale of each pudding supports the school. Each order for a **1lb pudding (serves 4) costs £5.50** and raises £2.00 for the school; a **2lb pudding (serves 8) costs £9.50** and raises £3.50. Our direct ordering from the manufacturer allows us to make a profit for the school within a price that is competitive with premium retail puddings.

Whether you are purchasing a pudding for your own Christmas or giving them as presents (they are suitable for vegetarians) you need to complete the order form below. All orders must be sent to the School Office by **Monday 23rd November**. Puddings will be available for collection by girls from reception during lunchtime on **Monday 14th December**.

Puddings are suitable for vegetarians. Ingredients are: Vine fruits (raisins, sultanas)(27%), free range egg, dark sugar, carrot, fresh breadcrumbs (wheat flour, water, yeast, vegetable oil, salt, spirit vinegar, soya), apple(6%), flour, mixed peel(4%), dates (3%), brandy(2.5%), sherry(2.5%), cherries (colour anthocyanine)(2.5%), stem ginger(2.5%), unhydrogenated palm oil*, all vegetable margarine (unhydrogenated), almonds(1%), walnuts(1%), unsulphured apricots(1%), golden syrup, spices, salt, preservative-potassium sorbate. Allergens: nuts, wheat, egg, soya

We are also offering jars of **The Ultimate Brandy Butter**. Maximum brandy; good unsalted butter; velvety texture with just a little crunch. It costs £2.40 for 190g. (Ingredients are: unsalted butter, sugar, brandy, nutmeg)

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CHRISTMAS PUDDING ORDER FORM

I would like to order ____ 1lb puddings @ £5.50, ____ 2lb puddings @ £9.50

____ Brandy Butter @ £2.40.

I enclose a cheque made payable to **The Friends of Stags** for £ _____

Signed _____ Child/Form _____

Contact Telephone number _____

Extended Schools



Linking Schools and the Community

c/o Fleetville Junior School
228 Hatfield St. Albans
Herts
AL1 4LW

PARENT SUPPORT

For support and guidance don't forget to book an appointment or call the HELPLINE on **07984 436939**.



EXTRAS YOUTH CLUB - New Year 7s

Extras is now running on a Wednesday from 6.15-7.45pm. Please encourage your child to come along with friends and to make new friends. We have sports activities, music, relaxation and tuck on offer - come to chill and chat! Only £1.50 entrance. See you soon!



FIRST AID COURSE FOR TEENAGERS AND ADULTS

We are offering another four hour accredited course for young people who babysit or care for children. To be held on Saturday, 6th February 2010 from 9.00am-1.00pm at Fleetville Junior School. Cost £15.00 - to reserve a place please contact Jo

MEN BEHAVING DADLY! - Saturday, 27 February

FUN EVENT AT CHARTERS HEALTH CLUB - 11.00am-1.00pm. Come along and join in this active morning - Dads with children aged between 9 and 14 years. Work together at circuit training and more..... Places need to be reserved as they are limited. To find out more call Jo - Dads £5.00, children free.

NEED HELP WITH APPLYING TO UNIVERSITY?

A service offered by Herts University. They can link you up with a student who will act as a Mentor to help prepare you for student life and guide you through the UCAS application process. For more information contact Jo or look at Youth Services on the website.

IS YOUR CHILD BEING AFFECTED BY BULLYING?

If you want help in supporting your child and need someone to talk to in confidence we can help. Parentline Plus and Mediation Herts are supporting families in Herts affected by bullying. Call **01707 630101** if you have any concerns.

CYBERBULLYING

If you need support with this issue CyberMentors is a Beatbullying project. The CyberMentors website uses social networking to allow young people at different levels to mentor each other. For more information visit www.cybermentors.org.uk

For details of the above please contact Jo Maher on 01727 855134 or 07939 111152. You can also visit our website: www.hertsextendedschools.org.uk/nestalbans