



STAGS LINK



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Many thanks to those of you who supported the Christmas fair on Sunday. In my mind it was by far the best yet with an amazing number of stalls enticing us all to spend our money! I know that numerous people bought Christmas presents of jewellery, baby clothes, scarves, cushions or Christmas wreaths whilst others sat down to a feast of curry and nan bread or mince pies and cream or even both!

Many thanks to the girls and staff who represented their houses with fabulous stalls and games with sweets, cakes and vouchers as tempting prizes. The main prize draw of superb beauty hampers, wine hampers and a very generous gift from Stevensons of a food/wine hamper complete with plates glasses and cutlery drew a magnificent number of you in to chance your luck.

Santa's grotto and the ivy and holly festooned entrance hall completed the picture of a Victorian Christmas.

Many many thanks to the members of the PTA who have spent hours, days and weeks preparing for this not to mention the time put in over last weekend. They made, bought and borrowed everything and it was truly worthwhile.

No doubt they will tell you all about the amazing profit they made!! But my personal thanks go to everyone who was involved in any way.

Mrs C Murrell, Headteacher

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNORS

As you know Mrs Murrell is retiring in summer 2010. The governors have advertised for the post of Headteacher and have shortlisted 6 candidates, who have been called to interview on 8, 9, and 10 December.

Some of the students have been asked to help with the process during these interview days. It is a great opportunity for them to be involved as we value their views and it will be a useful learning experience. We are confident that we will be able to appoint and will let you know the outcome as soon as possible.

Also we are delighted to announce that Mr Lerwill has been appointed as a temporary Acting Deputy Head for two terms as Mrs Wesley retires at Christmas. It is our intention to make a permanent Deputy Head appointment for September 2010 and to involve the new Headteacher in the process.

C Barnard
Chair of Governors

**** REMINDER ****

The end of term is Friday 18th December 2009 at 12noon approx.

Students will be back to school on Tuesday 5th January 2010.

Please note that the 84 bus service is a scheduled route and therefore no changes can be made.



CAROL SERVICE

May I remind you that on Friday 11th December, we are having our annual Carol Service at 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.

Please make sure all girls are in the correct uniform and have an outdoor coat with them.

Girls excused attendance are to leave school at 12.25pm. 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 12.25pm onwards.

Mr J Doyle, Assistant Head

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES FOR 2010 / 2011

AUTUMN TERM 2010

Wednesday 1 September

Thursday 2 September

Training day

Term begins

Monday 25 October – Friday 29 October

Half term

Friday 26 November

Friday 17 December

Occasional day

Term ends

SPRING TERM 2011

Tuesday 4th January

Wednesday 5th January

Training day

Term begins

Monday 21 February – Friday 25 February

Half term

Wednesday 9 March

Friday 8 April

Training day

Term ends

SUMMER TERM 2011

Tuesday 26 April

Monday 2 May

Term begins

Bank holiday

Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June

Half term

Thursday 21 July

Term ends



Do YOU know any senior citizens who would be interested in coming to the STAGS senior citizens Christmas party????

- Food
 - Fun
 - Entertainment
- AND
- The chance to make new friends!!! 😊

The Christmas party will be held on Wed the 9th of December in the school hall, from 2pm until 4pm, with NO CHARGE to those attending!

If you know of anyone who may be interested please make sure they return the reply slip below to the allocated box in reception



Are you interested in attending the senior citizens Christmas party? If so please fill out your details below:

How many are likely to attend?

Names _____

Any food allergies? Please state _____

Any specific access arrangements? Please state _____

Any other arrangements/requirements _____



*The Right Worshipful the Mayor of The City and
District of St Albans, Councillor Chris Oxley, invites
you to...*



***The Mayor's Carol Service
Sunday 13th December at 4pm
outside the Alban Arena, St Albans***

Once again, this is in aid of Grove House Hospice. There will be a bucket collection during the service and refreshments in the council offices afterwards.

Please support your local hospice

