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Dear Parents/Carers,

Well what a start to my final term at STAGS!! Two school groups and 17 staff stranded in foreign parts because of a volcano in Iceland. Who could have imagined anything like this?

After a huge panic on Sunday I have to say that the staff who were in school on Monday certainly pulled out all of the stops and did everything they could to try to make sure that students received the lessons they needed throughout the week. Staff on school trips abroad were absolutely fabulous and supported the girls, made the right (and often difficult) decisions at the right time and kept everyone informed.

Those staff who were stranded independently on family holidays have made strenuous efforts to get back by train, boat, hire car and anything else they could find and they always kept us informed of where they were. Of course the rail strike in France did not help much either! Nevertheless by the end of the week we had almost all staff back in school.

We enter the second week with only a very few staff still stranded but all school trips now safely back. Hopefully all will be fully back to normal after the bank holiday.

I would like to thank all staff for their significant support and parents for their forbearance during this rather challenging time.

Mrs C Murrell

INTERNET SAFETY EVENING – 28th APRIL 2010

Please see details attached, regarding an evening of talks from local experts on internet safety run by Nexus, our extended schools provider. All concerns and issues relating to this broad subject matter will be covered, including personal safety and cyber bullying. I hope you can make the evening and that you will find it interesting and useful.

Lyn Hamblin
Head of Pastoral Care

INTERNET SAFETY – Workshop for Adults on Cyberbullying – 28th April

Unlike other forms of bullying, cyberbullying can follow children and young people into their private spaces. Join us for a FREE workshop – 7.00-9.00pm at St John Fisher RC Primary, Hazelmere Road, St Albans. Call Jo to book a place.

CARERS WELLBEING PROGRAMME – STARTS 18th MAY

A four week course for carers offered by The Regency Training Foundation. Full of fun, confidence building, communication with a Relaxation and De-stress Session. Contact Patricia OMalley for more details or to book a place on 07526 988806 or patricia_omalley@hotmail.co.uk. Runs for 4 Tuesdays, 11.00am – 3.30pm.

COME DINE WITH ME (Not Pot Noodle!) – For Teenagers in Years 11, 12 and 13

A new exciting project from Nexus for young people planning to live away from home. Cooking skills, shopping on a budget, looking after your health and body. First course will be hosted by Beaumont on Tuesdays, 6.45pm-8.15pm starting 11 May and running for six weeks. If you would like to persuade your teenager to sign up then contact Jo to reserve a place.


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PARENT SUPPORT

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



COMMUNICATING WITH YOUR TEENAGER

FREE 5 week course for parents of children in Years 8, 9 and 10. To be held Tuesday evenings 7.30-9.30pm from 4th May - 8 June at Fleetville Junior School. Managing conflict/setting boundaries, positive parenting, sharing experiences with other parents. To book a free place please call our office on 01727 855134 or Justine Burnett, Parent Support Worker on 07984 436939.

EXTRAS YOUTH CLUB - Year 7

Following our previous newsletter please note that 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!



FREE COMPUTERS - Pupils in Years 7 - 9

Have you heard about the Home Access Grant? If you are claiming Free School Meals you are entitled to a free computer plus one year's internet access. Ask the School Office staff for more details or call Nexus.

MOBILE PHONES – WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We have had a request from the Womens Refuge who support women who have suffered domestic violence. If you have a mobile phone you are willing to donate to the Refuge we would be really grateful as a mobile can be a lifeline for these vulnerable people. We can only accept a phone that has a SIM card and charger with it – otherwise it is of no use. Please hand in to your school reception in an envelope for the attention of Jo Maher. Thank you for your help!

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FIRST AID COURSE FOR TEENAGERS AND ADULTS – 12th June

We are offering another four hour accredited course for young people who babysit or care for children. To be held on Saturday, 12th June 2010 from 9.00am-1.00pm at Francis Bacon School. Cost £15.00 - to reserve a place please contact Jo

MEN BEHAVING DADLY! – Saturday, 26th June – Dads of pupils in Years 7 and 8

DRUM FUN EVENT - 10.00am-12.00pm. Come along and join in this musical session – Dads with children aged between 9 and 13 years. Learn basic drum patterns, use an electronic drum kit and more..... Places need to be reserved as they are limited. To find out more call Jo – Dads £5.00, children free.

DROP ‘N DODGE – HALF TERM EVENT - For Young People aged 10-15 years

Call in at Charters Health Club and enjoy two hours of activities of your choice. Every holiday on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays between 2.00pm and 4.00pm with a Dodgeball game running at 3.00pm. **All this for an unbelievable cost of £1.00 per person!** Call Charters for more information on 01727 731540.

SURGERY WITH EDUCATIONAL PYSCHOLOGIST OR BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT TEAM – FRIDAY 7TH MAY 2010 – CAMP PRIMARY SCHOOL, CAMP ROAD, ST ALBANS 10.00AM TO 1.00PM

Are you a parent and concerned about your child’s development and progress? If you would like more information or would like to book one of the 45 minute sessions please call Ramesh Patel, Sylvia Hutton or Jacqui Hicks on 01442 453779/453904/453825

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.

For details of the above please contact Jo Maher on 01727 855134 or 07939 111152.

STAGS PTA invite you to join our



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The Ultimate Barn Dance

Saturday 1st May

7.30pm to 11.30pm

Tickets £15 to include food plus cash bar—order form attached

Bring your friends and family for a great night – over 18's only
St Albans Girls' School, Sandridgebury Lane, St Albans AL3 6DB





STAGSPTA

Ticket Order Form

Name		
Address		
Post code		
Telephone Numbers	Home	Mobile
Email address		
Daughter's Name & form	Name	Form
No. of tickets required	@ £15.00 per person	
Total enclosed £	Please make cheques payable to The Friends of Stags	
Please return form and payment in a clearly marked envelope to: Elaine Hoffman, STAGSPTA, C/O School Reception, St Albans Girls' School		

Please let us know if anyone in your party requires a vegetarian meal:

We will require _____ vegetarian meals.

The Ultimate Barn Dance



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INTERNET SAFETY

Information Event for Parents/Carers of Children in Years 5, 6, 7 and above



**Wednesday, 28th April
7.00-9.00pm**

**St John Fisher RC School,
Hazelmere Road, St Albans**

Unlike other forms of bullying, cyberbullying can follow children and young people into their private spaces and outside school hours.

You are invited to join us for an evening to listen to thought provoking information to give parents a greater understanding of what children are doing while on the internet.

Please come along, listen, participate and learn from Fiona Haynes from The Links ESC. There will be time for questions and answers after the presentation.



Please call the Nexus office on
07891 220250 or Jo Maher
(07939 111152) if you intend coming
(to help us plan the evening)

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