



STAGS LINK



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Students Absence Line – 01727 846430

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Dear Parents/Carers,

PARENTAL SURVEYS

Every 2 years we do a parent, student and staff survey in order to help us to identify those things we are doing well and areas where we need to make some improvements.

It is 2 years since the previous round so surveys are due to be completed within the next 2 weeks. Not all parents or students will be selected so please don't worry if you don't get one. It works out at approximately every other parent/student and these are selected randomly.

Please ask your daughter if she has a survey form for you to fill in otherwise it might sit at the bottom of a bag for 2 weeks! We would urge you to complete these and return them to school by Monday 17th May. Students who receive one will be asked to fill them in in their own time and also return them to school by 17th May.

Mrs C Murrell
Headteacher

UPDATE ON STAGS EQUESTRIAN TEAM – APRIL 2010

Last week I received the following report from Cathy Murphy, a parent who willingly gives up her time to support, encourage and train our equestrian team.

SPONSORED RIDE – RAF HALTON

On Sunday 28th March four members of the STAGS show jumping team entered a sponsored ride at RAF Halton near Aylesbury.

The STAGS team consisted of Ellie Harriette riding Poppy, Alicia Murphy riding Rusty, Helena Murphy riding Blue and Jodie Slany riding Luca.

There were 50 cross country jumps around the course of 7 miles. Over 400 horses and ponies entered the event and each rider raised money to go to charities including the Royal Air Force Charities, Action4Youth, The Thames Valley and Chiltern Air Ambulance Trust, Bucks Association for the Blind, The Chiltern MS Centre and Riding for the Disabled.

Over the years that the ride has been running over £150,000 has been raised for charities.

I am delighted to report that the team raised £145.00. Photographs of the girls jumping some of the fences have been given to the school and will be displayed.

PONY OF THE YEAR SHOW – TOWERLANDS, ESSEX 1-5 APRIL

I am thrilled to announce that Jodie Slany competed at the Pony of the Year Show in Essex from 1st to 5th April. On 3rd April she rode in the final of the Ash Family Junior Intro A class. There were 170 entries and STAGS should be extremely proud of Jodie as she won the class on her pony Luca (Maghery Blaze).

Jodie also competed in the Hensler and Maybin Families Junior Intro Championship and came second on Erinagh Beg.

Jodie's results appeared in the 15th April edition of Horse and Hound magazine – well done Jodie!

Cathy Murphy
STAGS Equestrian Team Co-ordinator

Many congratulations to all the girls who took part and did so well and many thanks to Cathy for all her hard work.

Mrs C Murrell
Headteacher

STAGS SWIMMING POOL ASSOCIATION

STAGS outdoor heated Swimming pool is scheduled to re-open for the summer on Saturday 15th May at 2:30. This is the 50th anniversary of the pool built and financed by parents in 1960. For £35 a season this allows free swimming for the family at any of our 8 weekly sessions. Further and membership details can be found on our webpage at www.stagsweb.org.uk/drupal/family_swimming_association

Steve May

SWIMMING EVENT

Holly Winfield from 10S and Charlotte Henson from 11J both represented City of St Albans Swimming Club over the Bank Holiday weekend when they took part in the East of England Swimming Championships in Norwich.

It is a fantastic achievement to have met the tough qualifying times, but Holly managed to achieve an 8th place in the final of the 200m Butterfly and finished 15th in the 100m Butterfly and 21st in the 50m Butterfly. Whilst Charlotte managed to achieve a 6th place in the final of the 200m Backstroke, 8th place in the final of the 100m Backstroke and just missed the final finishing 9th in the 50m Backstroke, she also managed to achieve 3 personal best times in a 50m pool.

Karen Henson
Fixtures & Open Meets Secretary
City of St Albans Swimming Club

CEILIDH

A big thank you to everyone who joined us on Saturday night for the magnificent Ceilidh. It was fantastic to see the hall packed with such enthusiastic dancers and everyone thoroughly enjoying themselves. The band was amazing, the bunting and hall decoration superb and the food delicious. What's more we made a whopping £1300, which will be put towards a school minibus to replace the clapped out old one! (Delivery due this month).

Please look out for our next event, and support us in whatever way you can.

STAGS PTA

FRENCH STUDENTS NEEDING A HOME – CAN YOU HELP?

On the evening of the 9th of July, 30 students from all over France will be coming to St Albans to study English. Paris based language school LEC (www.lec.info), are urgently seeking host families to take 1 or 2 students and to assimilate them into English family life before they leave on the 22nd of July. The students will be attending classes Monday to Friday and will also be exploring London on Saturday 17th of July. Host families will be paid. If you have a spare bedroom and fancy practising your French, please call LEC Local Organiser Victoria on 07976 632889.

Victoria Kelly
LEC Local Organiser

HOST FAMILIES

Needed

FOR FRENCH STUDENTS

Attending lessons all day at

THE QUAKER MEETING HOUSE,
7 UPPER LATTIMORE ROAD,

9th - 22nd July 2010

Good rates of pay (£191 per student or £369 for 2
students)



For more information telephone:

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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!

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.

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.