



# STAGS LINK



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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to report to you that one of our school governors has been awarded an OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List. Our congratulations go to Maggie Turner who was given the award for her work with young people. Maggie is chief executive of the Diana Award which was set up as a memorial to Princess Diana and her belief in the power of young people to change the world. Before that Maggie worked as a social worker and for ChildLine. Maggie became a parent governor when her daughters were at school here and has remained as a community governor long after they have left.

She has been instrumental in training our 6th form students in the counselling service they offer to younger students (Hear 4 U), which has been very successful for a number of years. At least 4 of our students have been members of YABA (Young Anti Bullying Alliance) advising the government on strategies to use in schools and one student has appeared in a YABA DVD on anti-bullying awareness sent out to all schools through the DCSF.

Maggie's support for the school has been enormous and she is particularly active as a governor for the PSHCE programme, child protection and parts of community cohesion. She gives unstintingly of her time to meet with staff and attend meetings despite her very busy job. We are thrilled to be able to congratulate her on this award which is so richly deserved.

Well done Maggie!

***Mrs C Murrell***  
***Headteacher***

## **SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS**

Thank you to everybody who has already given the school vouchers. Every year we manage to collect enough to purchase lots of new equipment for the girls to use in lessons.

The scheme has now finished so I am making a final plea for you to search your purses and bags for any vouchers that you may still be holding on to. The closing date to get the vouchers to us is Friday 2nd July. We will then have to place our order and organise collection of the vouchers.

We will not be able to use any vouchers after this date and they will simply be thrown in the bin so please, please get them to us quickly!

Many thanks for your support.

***Mrs Warner***  
***PE Department***

### **MUSIC REMISSION OF FEES**

Remission of Fees is available to parents on a low income.

Hertfordshire County Council has now extended the criteria to support those children who are vulnerable or disadvantaged for reasons other than income-based, for example, children looked after, young carers, children with special needs, young travellers.

You can apply online at [www.hertsdirect.org](http://www.hertsdirect.org) by completing a How Can We Help form or by telephoning the Customer Service Centre on 01438 737370.

When applying, could you also please contact Mr Jones, Head of Music. All applications under the extended criteria will need to be supported by a letter from the Headteacher explaining why the child is eligible for help with music fees.

Please may I remind all parents/carers that you have to reapply each year. The Music Service is accepting applications now for lessons commencing in September 2010. (Please note that Free School Meals will be automatically renewed if you are still eligible BUT you must reapply for your other benefits).

If Mr Jones is not notified that you have applied, there could be a delay in Remission of Fees being granted and lessons commencing.

***Mrs Val Little  
Finance Assistant***

### **WEDNESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST SWIM AT STAGS**

Swim with the dawn at STAGS outdoor heated pool on Wednesday mornings. The pool will be open from 6:45 – 8:15.

- SSPA members £1
- Guests £1.50

***Steve May***

### **YEAR 10 EXAMINATION RESULTS**

Year 10 examination results will be sent home, via your daughter, on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

***Mrs G. Lacey  
Assessment Co-ordinator***



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### PARENT SUPPORT

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



**PARENTLINE PLUS- PARENTS WITH TEENAGERS IN HERTS CAN DEVELOP THEIR PARENTING SKILLS** with a new online support service at [www.gotateenager.org.uk](http://www.gotateenager.org.uk)

### EXTRAS YOUTH CLUB - New Year 7s

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!



### INTERNET SAFETY (CYBERBULLYING) – 1<sup>st</sup> July - For Years 6, 7 and Upwards

Cyberbullying can follow children into their private spaces and outside school hours. You are invited to join us for a thought provoking evening with Fiona Haynes from The Links. To be held at Sandringham School from 7.00pm-9.00pm. To reserve a place, call the Nexus office.

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

An 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 – great fun! The first course starts at Beaumont on 12<sup>th</sup> October and runs Tuesday evenings 6.45pm-8.15pm. Cost only £10.00 for the course. If you would like to persuade your teenager to sign up then contact Jo to reserve a place.

### 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.**