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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to report that 4 of our 6th form students have been very successful in a county wide project. The girls are Farzana Begum, Lissa Eyre, Chips Mistry and Holly Steward. They took part in the Engineering Education Scheme, working on a project with Hertfordshire Highways which was entitled "The design for a highways infrastructure for 84 dwellings". This involved them designing the roads, pavement, drainage and street lighting in a small housing estate. They have worked on this since October 2009. At the final presentation at the University of Hertfordshire our girls gave an excellent account of themselves answering the judges' questions confidently and with good background knowledge. One of the engineers supporting the group through this project told them that he would be happy to offer any of them jobs!

After the final presentations we learned that all of the girls were awarded a Gold Crest Award- the highest possible award. We are extremely proud of the girls and their achievement and wish to thank them and their trainer and mentor Mrs Lacey for all of the time and commitment they gave to this and to promoting the good name of the school.

NEW STAFF THIS TERM

We are pleased to welcome Miss Wren (RS), Mr Morris (Science Technician) and Ms Darbyshire (new assistant Librarian). We currently have a supply teacher in maths (Mr Runwal) whilst we are awaiting the arrival of Miss Reading who will join us at the beginning of July. We wish them all a long and happy association with the school.

This week I have two requests from students which I would like your help to support.

A message from Mai-An Dang (7H)

Please sponsor me for Swimathon 2010 and help Marie Curie Cancer Care to make a difference to the lives of thousands of terminally ill people by providing free care from Marie Curie nurses. On Saturday 17th April I swam 5 kilometres, that's 200 lengths of a 25 metre pool, in 1H50. Some money I raised door-to-door, the rest on the Swimathon website. The more you donate, the more patients will be able to live their last days in the comfort of their own home with their loved ones. If you would like to donate hit control and click on the following address:
<http://my.artezglobal.com/personalPage.aspx?registrationID=310851&LangPref=en-CA>

If you are an income tax payer you can even gift aid your donation and the charity will get 28% more from the government and at no cost to you.

A message from Christina Cogley form 7H

Christina has a request for books you no longer need to be sent to a school in Rwanda. Books on crafts and hobbies are particularly requested but also English dictionaries and story books too. Boxes will be placed in the entrance hall for you to put books in and these will be collected by Christina's mother and taken away to be sent off. The school is run by Franciscan Friars and the project is run through a church group I believe. Any help you can give will be greatly appreciated.

***Mrs C Murrell
Headteacher***

PERSONAL SAFETY WHEN TRAVELLING TO AND FROM SCHOOL

Having been informed of a recent incident close to school, I would like to re-emphasise the need for awareness of personal safety when travelling to and from school. Please make sure that you are fully aware of what is happening around you (not totally absorbed in your i-pod or phone!). On a more general note, please take care to cross all roads safely, and preferably using a crossing, and where possible arrange to walk with friends and look out for each other. When using public transport be considerate of others, and if coming by car, make sure you are dropped off and collected at a safe and uncongested point.

Please also let us know if you encounter any concerns during your journey.

***Lyn Hamblin
Pastoral Manager***

SWIMMING NEWS

Victoria Pritchard (8J) has qualified for the National Swimming Championships in the 1500m free.

She came 3rd in her race at the UEA Norwich and made the qualifying time by 11 seconds, and in doing so recorded the 4th fastest time in the Eastern Region for her age group. She also performed very well in the recent Herts County Swimming Champs coming 1st overall in the 800m free, 3rd in the 400m free and 4th in the 200m free.

The National Champs are being held in Sheffield on the 28th July. We wish Victoria well in her training for this competition and look forward to hearing of her success soon after.

Well done and good luck!!

***Miss Awad
Head of PE***

HEADLICE

We've had a couple of cases of head lice reported since coming back after the Easter break. We ask that you be vigilant and check your daughters hair regularly. If head lice are found the current recommended treatment is Hedrin, which is available from your local pharmacy.

It is recommended to get into the habit of 'wet-combing' hair twice a week, even when you do not suspect the presence of lice. After shampooing apply an ordinary conditioner to the hair and using a fine-toothed comb section the hair and comb each section from root to tip.

***Mrs S Tyler
School First Aider***

YEAR 8 RHINELAND STUDY TRIP, 24th – 28th MAY 2010

There is a meeting for parents/carers of girls who are going on this trip on Wednesday 5th May at 7.30pm in the Lecture Theatre. Please remember to bring a photocopy of your daughter's passport and EHIC card to the meeting.

***Mrs Buckley
Head of German***

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

PE Summer Fixtures 2010

This is the provisional fixtures list for the summer season. Fixtures may often be added, changed, or postponed due to unforeseen circumstances but we will always endeavour to give your daughter as much notice as possible.

MAY

Tues 4 th	Year 6 and 7 Multi Skills Club 4-5pm County League Athletics (Years 8 and 10)	STAGS SPH West Lodge
Wed 5 th	Senior District Champs Year 9 Rounders v RWD and TOWNS	West Lodge STAGS
Thurs 6 th	Year 11 and Senior (x 2 teams) Rounders Tournament	Nicky B 4.15pm
Fri 7 th	<u>Year 8 Tennis v SJL</u>	SJL
Tues 11 th	Year 6 and 7 Multi Skills Club 4-5pm Year 7 A and B and Year 9 Rounders v St Georges	STAGS SPH STAGS
Wed 12 th	County League Athletics (Years 8 and 10)	Gosling
Thurs 13 th	Year 7 and 9 Rounders v Beau Year 8 Tennis v RMS Year 11, 12 and 13 Rounders v RWD	STAGS RMS RWD
Fri 14 th	Track and Field Cup 1 st Round	
Mon 17 th	County League Athletics (Years 8 and 10)	Gosling
Tues 18 th	Yr 6 and 7 Multi Skills Club 4-5pm Year 7 A and B Rounders v RWD and Icknield Year 8 Rounders v Sandringham	STAGS SPH RWD Sand
Wed 19 th	Year 8 Tennis v HABS Year 8 Rounders v SAHS	HABS STAGS
Thurs 20 th	Year 8 Tennis v John Warner Year 9 and 10 Rounders v Sandringham	STAGS STAGS
Mon 24 th	Yr 3 and 4 Mini Tennis Competition 1pm Year 8/9 Tennis v RPS	STAGS SPH RPS
Tues 25 th	Yr 6 and 7 Multi Skills Club 4-5pm County League Athletics (Years 8 and 10)	STAGS SPH Stevenage
Wed 26 th	Year 12 and 13 Rounders (2 teams) v STABS Year 8, 9 and 10 Tennis v Beaumont	STABS (Woolhams) Beaumont
Thurs 27 th	District Athletics Friendly (Years 7 and 9) Year 8 Rounders v Beaumont	West Lodge Beaumont

JUNE

Tues 8 th	County League Athletics (Years 8 and 10)	Gosling
Wed 9 th	Year 10 Tennis v Loreto Year 7 A and B Rounders v Sandringham	STAGS Sand
Thurs 10 th	District Athletics Friendly (Years 7 and 9)	West Lodge
Mon 14 th	District Athletics Friendly (Years 7 and 9) Track and Field Cup 2 nd Round	West Lodge
Tues 15 th	Year 7 and 9 Rounders v Nicky B	STAGS
Wed 16 th	County League Athletics (Years 8 and 10)	West Lodge
Thurs 17 th	District Athletics Champs	
Tues 22 nd	Year 8 Rounders v SJL	SJL
Thurs 24 th	Year 8 Rounders v Loreto	Loreto
Mon 28 th	County League Plate Final (?)	
Tues 29 th	County League Final (?)	

JULY

Thurs 1 st	Year 8 Rounders v Townsend	Townsend
Wed 7 th	Year 7 Rounders Tournament Year 9 Rounders Tournament	STAGS 4.15pm Townsend 4.15pm
Thurs 8 th	Year 8 Rounders Tournament Year 10 Rounders Tournament	SJL 4.15pm St Georges 4.15pm
Wed 14 th	Rounders Finals Night PE PRESENTATION EVENING	Sandringham STAGS

PE Department Summer Practices - 2010


DAY	LUNCH	AFTER SCHOOL
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Year 8 and 10 Tennis (LZC)▪ Year 10 Street Dance▪ District Friendly League Athletics Yr 7 and 9 (ALL STAFF)	Fixtures Staff Meetings
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Year 7 Rounders (HJS)▪ Year 8 Rounders (KMW)	Fixtures
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Year 7 Dance Company (RIW)▪ Year 9 Rounders (HJS)▪ Year 10 Rounders (EJA)	Fixtures
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Year 7 and 9 Tennis (LZC)▪ All Years Table Tennis▪ County League Athletics - Yr 8 & 10 (ALL STAFF)	Fixtures
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Year 11 and Senior Rounders (KMW & EJA)	Fixtures




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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 PSYCHOLOGIST 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.