

THE ALBAN WAY EXTENDED SCHOOLS CONSORTIUM

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The Community Room at Camp Primary and Nursery School was officially opened on Wednesday 24 September 2008 by Jyotsna Ghosh, Family Learning Team Co-ordinator.

The Community Room supported by The Alban Way Extended Schools, is a brand new facility and is available to the local community to access a wide range of new and exciting courses and activities.

The room seats up to 20 people and has disabled access. The room is an ideal venue for meetings, regular groups, courses and training during and after school hours. Please contact us if you would like to view or book the Community Room.



We would also like to invite you to pop in and join us for coffee and mince pies on **Thursday 11 December any time from 2.30pm–5.00pm**. There will be craft activities for the children and a chance to find out what is happening across the consortium. We would also like to hear from you what courses or activities you would like to see being delivered in this area.

This term has been extremely busy as we have welcomed new members of staff join the team who will be working to ensure that we offer the best service in and through the Schools within our consortium.

Sheila Thorpe is the Child & Parent Support Worker for our Primary Schools and hopes to become a familiar face having already met lots of children, parents and staff across the consortium. Sheila says, "Since having my own children, now aged 10, 11, 13, and with the middle one being Autistic, I often found myself looking for solutions for a variety of issues. This in turn led me to help others in similar circumstances. This new role is an exciting opportunity for extending support and providing information to children, parents and staff. So whether you are interested in exploring parenting issues or gaining a new skill, have a problem or something to celebrate. I'm here to help."



Jenni Murray provides a similar support role at the two secondary schools as the Young People and Parent Worker and with Sheila has been busy visiting all the schools within the consortium and meeting key contacts working in the local area. Jenni is a volunteer mentor for Connexions and previously worked with Nicholas Breakspear in a learning support role. She lives within the Consortium and has children attending local schools and sees this role as an excellent opportunity to work locally and introducing some of the courses & activities we have available for both young people and parents.

We have also been updating the yellow noticeboards which can be found at the front of all our schools within the consortium, with current courses, activities and local events available to you. A new board for Nicholas Breakspear school will be in place soon. Jan Walker has also joined us to provide some admin support each week and is based at Camp School. As always, if you any questions or further suggestions please feel free to contact us either by phone or email.

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CHARTERS DODGEBALL CLUB

Come and join in the fun, meet new people and take part in the fastest growing sport in the UK.

Year 6 and up – Wednesdays 4-5pm. £2.50

Charters Health Club, Russet Drive, St Albans

Ladies only—Aerobics Class

@ Camp School

Every Tuesday during term time

9.00—10.00am

£3.00 per session

We have been pleased to promote a number of new courses being delivered at Francis Bacon School by Oaklands College this term. We still have some places available on English for speakers of other languages (ESOL) on a Wednesday morning, If you are interested in enrolling please contact Oaklands College direct on 01727 737373. Further details of new courses for 2009 will follow shortly.

We are now planning more activities for the spring term, including 'Practical Parent Helpers' for those interested in working in a support role in the classroom. This will be delivered over 5 weeks starting in late January on either a Monday or Tuesday. If you would like further information or to reserve a place please contact Sharon Barton on the number below.

ST ALBANS LACROSSE CLUB, Boys and Girls aged 8 and up. Come and play the fastest and one of the most exciting team sports around. THIS IS A BRAND NEW CLUB!!!

For more info please call 07814 156947 or email : lax1399@yahoo.com

123 MAGIC—Parenting Course for parents of children aged 3-13 with additional needs. 4 sessions of 3 hours giving you techniques to manage challenging behaviour. 6.30—9.30 pm on 22 & 29 Jan and 5 & 12 February @ Redbourn Children's Centre.

Call to find out more or to book a place

Festive Face Painting Evening

If you have always wanted to learn how to carry out face painting we are pleased to offer an evening of 'festive face painting' on **Monday 8th December**. The session will run from 7pm—9pm in the Community Room at Camp School and will cost just £5. if there is enough interest this will be followed by a longer course next term. Please call to book your place—only 12 places available.



Half Term Holiday Activities

All of the courses that we ran over the October half term were well attended and children enjoyed gym, dance, cheerleading and basketball as well as other sports. More clubs will be offered over the February half-term break and details will come out early in the New year.

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