



Compass

Leading the way to Extended Schools in Berkhamsted,
Northchurch, Little Gaddesden and Potten End



Dear Parents/Carers,
January 2009

Happy New Year to you all!!

Compass would like to start the year by offering a FREE 123 Magic Parenting course aimed at 'enabling parents to manage their children's behaviour more effectively by setting out clear strategies to stop undesirable behaviour and encourage and reward good behaviour' (for ages 4-12). It is a 6 week course commencing on Thursday, 22nd January at the Court House next to St Peter's Church (parking at Tesco), from 9.15am to 11.15am. For more information and to book your place please ring Susan Lyus on the number below. Places are limited so please book asap.

We are also planning to run a course entitled 'Living With Teens' after the Easter holidays, details to follow. In parent consultations, we have had a great deal of interest in this subject so we anticipate it to be very popular. If you would like to register your interest in advance, please ring Susan Lyus.

We are still looking to run another course in the summer aimed at helping separated parents find new ways to cope with the practical problems of bringing up children while living apart. Again, if you would like to register your interest in this, please phone Susan Lyus.

Whilst on the subject of parenting, we are pleased to announce the appointment of a new Parent Support Worker (PSW), Jan Garwood. The emphasis for PSW's is on helping parents to engage with their children's learning by offering support and access to information where needed. This will include information sessions around school transition, signposting to services, parenting groups and family learning. Jan was formally a teacher at Jupiter Drive School in Hemel Hempstead and has many years of experience. We welcome her to our team and will advise you through your school of further information once she has settled in.

On Thursday, 5th February, we will be hosting another 'Feeling Good Evening' at Ashlyns School on a similar basis to last year's event. There will be stalls with the emphasis on beauty, health and sport with various 'sporty' taster sessions. Watch out for further details.

Hertfordshire Music Service is setting up three NEW music groups in Berkhamsted. If you are a string player, young musician or singerthen read on.

Hertfordshire Music Service
hertsmusicservice.org.uk



If you are a KS2 string player and want to enhance your ensemble skills then come along to a new String group on Mondays 4 – 5pm at Greenway School.

If you are a KS1 music enthusiast then come along to a music session with songs games and instruments to have some fun with. Monday 4 – 4.45 at Greenway School.

Interested in singing? Then come and join a new choir for young people aged 7 – 11 on Mondays 5 – 5.45 at Greenway School.

All groups are term time only and start on Monday 19th January 2009. To book your place, ring Dacorum Music School 01442 214599. We look forward to seeing you there!

Finally, may we remind you to regularly check our website (details below) for the latest information on Extended Schools. It is updated regularly and has a host of information including details of all the above events. Please check it out if you have not done so already.

Yours sincerely,

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