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Weekly Newsletter
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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"The greater part of our happiness depends on our dispositions and not on our circumstances"

Martha Washington





**Weighed in at 554kg making
£221.60 for the school!**

THANK YOU FOR THE DONATIONS

Next collection T.B.C. WATCH THIS SPACE!

WHOLE SCHOOL

Drama Department News

Many thanks to all who have made this term so enjoyable in the Drama department and who attended our production of Romeo and Juliet.

Next term's Drama Events:

Whole school Drama Festival (to participate, pupils need to sign up to the rehearsal sessions through the after school activities programme for next term: KS2 Mondays; KS3 Wednesdays, KS4 & 5 Fridays)

Y7 Shadow Puppetry Workshare

In the Community:

If you are looking for a bit of quality community theatre, please do support our pupils Ben Jeffreys, Katie Bignell and Cianna Raynsford-Small who are performing January 7-17th in the Chipstead Players' pantomime 'All the glitters': <http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/event/69173>

Wishing you all a sparkly Christmas!

**Emma Love
Head of Drama**

Lost Property

Please ensure that your child has visited the Lost Property Office as we have a collection of unclaimed items. Please note that the Office in Gatton Hall only stores **UNNAMED ITEMS**. Any items that are **NAMED** are sent back to the Boarding Houses.

The Sewing Room will be open 8-8.30 and 3-3.35 during term time.

Electrical Items (Mobile Phones)

Valuables (Jewellery, spectacles, watches, pencil cases etc.)

Clothing/Shoes

Held by Gary Bendall

Main Reception

Sewing Room, Gatton Hall

Boarders (and flexi) Trip Programme –Spring 1

All of the paid for trips are now on Wisepay. The free trips will be on the activities booking system at the start of term. Please note that we are no longer operating waiting lists for day trips.

Payment queries – tracyjones@gatton-park.org.uk

Trip queries – johnraeburn@gatton-park.org.uk or btp@gatton-park.org.uk

6th January	Boarders Return	
7th January	Dish	
9th January	The Hobbit – The Battle of the Five Armies Y8 + Dish Juniors	JRC Global Buffett 10th February Pizza Express
10th January	Crawley Town vs. MK Dons K.O 3pm	Asda Run
11th January	Adrenaline Day – High Ashurst	11th February Pizza Express
13th January	Pizza Express Asda Run	Woman in Black 2
14th January	Pizza Express	
16th January	Night at the Museum – Secret of the Tomb Y7+	
18th January	Imperial War Museum	
20th January	Pizza Express Asda Run	
21st January	Pizza Express	
23rd January	JRC Global Buffett	
25th January	Dover Castle	
27th January	Kooza Cirque de Soleil	
28th January	Pizza Express	
30th January	Big Hero 6	
1st February	Harry Potter Studios	
3rd February	Junior Airhop	
4th February	Pizza Express	
6th February	Supermarket Dash	
7th February	Overnight Canal Boat	
8th February	Crawley Shopping	

CHAPLAIN'S 400

Most of this '400' is a text heard for centuries 'on Christmas Day in the morning'. It is an interesting contrast against the Bethlehem story. Read aloud, it is triumphant and strong. Trumpets can be imagined in the background! The writer grapples with questions raging furiously after Jesus' life. Who was this person? Was he a Jew? Was he a reincarnation? Was he an angel? A god? As it says in the New Testament, 'some said one thing, and some said another.' I said to Key Stage 3 (at assembly today) that they would be in trouble if their essays were like the Letter to the Hebrews. Many lines are wildly plagiarised. Others are misquoted. General claims are made without evidence. Yet the passion comes through. The writer is convinced that something new has broken his Jewish centuries apart. Christmas is a time for us to think like this too, in families and as individuals. What is our history? What is our real purpose and future to be?

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by prophets, but in these last days, he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory, the exact imprint of God's being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. After he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say, 'You are my Son; today I have begotten you'? Or again, 'I will be his Father, and he will be my Son'? To which of the angels has he ever said, 'Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet'?

We must pay greater attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it. For if the [old] message declared through angels was valid, and every transgression or disobedience received its just penalty, how can we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?

Volunteers needed for Careers Evening – 25th Feb 2015

We are looking for volunteers to help with our careers evening next year and are reaching out to all parents of the school, no matter what year group your child is in.

We are keen to have a variety of businesses on show to broaden our students' awareness. This will hopefully give them new goals to work towards, especially when thinking of future courses and career direction. This has been of great inspiration to our students in the past.

If you would like to volunteer please let us know. We need and welcome all types of businesses, including building, plumbing, catering, veterinary, doctor, nursing, dentist, banking, law, various office work, estate agency, police, army, architecture, hairdressing, design, performing arts and music, to name but a few.

If you would like to volunteer please email Helen Bryant and Lorelle Faife at LRC@gatton-park.org.uk and we shall contact you with further details.

PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

At the meeting agreed for **Saturday 13 December at 10:00**, there will be a short presentation about support available to pupils from Mrs. Frances Hartigan, Head of Pupil Services & Head of Cornwall House. Please note the ten o'clock start time of the meeting, which is planned to take place in the Oak Room of Gatton Hall.

“PGL style” Adventure days at High Ashurst

We will not be running PGL for Seniors this year and have, instead, arranged a series of Sunday activities. Boarders and flexiboarders are welcome to sign up for all, some or one instead. We are hoping that this will give students a cost effective alternative. More activities for less money. Most activities are open to all students but groups will be split by age on arrival. Each group will consist of approximately 10 students.

11 th January Adrenaline Day	£26	60 spaces
7 th -8 th February – Canal boating – boys	£80	8 spaces
1 st March – Survivor Day	£34	60 spaces
7 th -8 th March canal boating – girls	£80	8 spaces
14 th -15 th March – canal boating - juniors.	£80	8 spaces
19 th April – canoeing on the River Wey – juniors	£35	20 spaces
26 th April – canoeing on the River Wey – seniors	£35	20 spaces
10 th May – High & Low Ropes	£35	60 spaces
14 th June – Challenge Day	£35	60 spaces

Any queries btp@gatton-park.org.uk

JUNIOR SCHOOL

What Christmas Means to Me

On Friday 5th December, pupils at the Royal Alexandra and Albert Junior School performed in this year’s Christmas play, ‘What Christmas Means to Me’

With lots of energetic singing and plenty of laughs, pupils took the audience through what Christmas has come to mean for many people. In one scene, a queue of customers waited for a very long time at a till and discussed the pitfalls of shopping for Christmas presents. One clever customer had an idea - Christmas shopping is so easy, just buy socks for everyone! Another one thought, why not just move Christmas to another day altogether and therefore avoid all the Christmas shopping nightmare?

But for many Christmas is all about new games and game consoles. In the play, it wasn’t just the children who were engrossed with their latest console. Grandma and Granddad, played by Livia Piner and Liam Reeve, were so excited they took over the controls! For others, it was all about the Christmas number one, and in another scene the highlight of the holiday season was Christmas lunch and crackers.

Although the play stepped away from the traditional nativity, it ended with the message that being together with family and friends is what really matters. The play was a fun way of getting Junior pupils to think about what Christmas really means and what is important at this time of the year.

Head of the Junior School, Dr Ines Salman commented on the play, “Our Juniors did two fantastic performances of ‘What Christmas Means to Me’. It was very pleasing to see so many pupils enjoying playing their parts. The children have worked very hard under the direction of Year 6 teacher, Mr Leoffeler, and their efforts made for an entertaining play that was enjoyed by all who attended. The choir, led by Director of Music, Miss Butler, was a special treat. I want to extend my thanks to Miss Butler and every member of staff who helped the children make the play a real success.”





Pizza Express Reward Trip

On Wednesday, twelve children enjoyed a trip to Pizza Express for having the highest number of house points this term.

They made their own pizzas from the menu and sat down to enjoy them, having a lovely lunch with Mr Leoffeler and Mrs Salman. Well done to all!

Mrs Salman

SENIOR SCHOOL

Y10 Information for Parents

The Y10 Parents Information booklet is available on the website: http://www.raa-school.co.uk/information_for_parents.asp

Autumn 2 Reports – Years 7-13

All pupils will be given a sealed copy of their Autumn 2 Report to bring home to parents at the end of school on Wednesday 17th December. There will be an additional tutor period at 2pm and Teachers will be handing out the reports to their tutor groups.

For Years 7,8,10,12 and 13 this will be an Interim Report and for Years 9 and 11 this will be a Full Report.

Reports will be posted home for any pupils who are absent on Wednesday.

Josie Shepherd – Surrey & Sussex Sports Awards

Josie Shepherd made it to the top three in the East Surrey and Sussex News Awards for Sports Personality of the Year for her cycling and competing in National Championships after a year of racing. Good luck to Josie!

**Charlene Kaye
Head of P.E**

World of Work / Work Experience
Year 10
Monday 29th June to Friday 3rd July 2015

Reminder that any Year 10 student wishing to find their own work experience placement needs to collect a form from the Senior Library.

The deadline for completed forms is Friday 30th January 2015 ready for Health and Safety checks to begin.

Any student wishing to stay for World of Work does NOT need to complete a form as we will automatically include all Year 10 non-work experience student in this programme.

Royal Alexandra and Albert School Lunch Menu – Week Three						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
LUNCHEON	LUNCHEON	LUNCHEON	LUNCHEON	LUNCHEON	LUNCHEON	LUNCHEON
Jambalaya	Penne Bolognese	Chinese Chicken	Roast Turkey with Stuffing and Gravy	Breaded Fish of the Day	Jacket Potato Brunch A selection of Hot and cold topping with plenty of side options to make your perfect Saturday Brunch	
Classic Chicken Chasseur	Toad in the Hole with a Rich Onion Gravy	Pan Fried White Fillet of Fish with lemon and Parsley New Potatoes	Lamb Passanda with Fragrant Rice	Minced Beef meat Loaf encased in puff Pastry		
Homemade Potato, Lentil and Green Beans Pasty	Pea and Sweet Potato Curry with Rice	Vegetarian Pasta Bake with Garlic Bread	Aubergine Timbale	Spaghetti Pesto with Parmesan Cheese		
Crushed New Potatoes	Mashed Potato	Egg Fried Rice	Roasted New Potatoes	Chipped Potatoes	Hot Meat and Vegetarian Quiche options	
Roasted Butternut Squash	Garden Peas Savoy Cabbage	Stir Fried Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Mushy Peas, Carrots and Garden Peas	Full salad Bar	
Marble Cake	Mixed Fruit Pie and Custard	Pineapple Upside down Sponge and Custard	Apple and Sultana Crumble with Custard	Sticky Toffee Pudding with Toffee Sauce	Chocolate Millionaire Cake	
SUPPER	SUPPER "It's all Greek"	SUPPER	SUPPER "Italian Bonanza"	SUPPER	SUPPER "Have it your way"	SUPPER
Chicken, Bacon, Mushroom and Garden Pea Pasta Bake with Garlic Bread	Beef Stifado	Grilled Gammon Steak topped with a Fried Egg	Freshly Baked Pizza with a Choice of Toppings	Breaded Turkey Escalope topped with Tomato Chutney and Mozzarella	Fajitas Night.... Choose your wrap, choose your fillings from a selection of 3, choose your sides and wrap away	Roast Lamb with Mint Sauce and Gravy
Vegetable Chilli with Rice and tortilla Crisps	Greek Moussaka	Wild Mushroom and Mozzarella Risotto Cake with a Cool Salas	Penne Bar with a choice of Tomato and Basil or Carbonara Sauce	Vegetable Spring Rolls with Sweet Chilli Sauce and Egg Fried Rice		Vegetarian Pithivier
Rice Garlic Bread	Oven Baked Potatoes Roasted Courgettes	Chipped Potatoes	Focaccia or Garlic Bread	Sauté Potatoes	Oven Baked Jackets	Roast Potatoes
Roasted Peppers and Red Onions	Greek Salad	Garden Peas and Full Salad Bar	Full Salad Bar	Seasonal Vegetables	Full Salad Bar	Parsnips and Carrots
Assorted Fruit Fools	Baklava Treats	Carrot Cake	Individual Italian desserts	Chocolate Chip Shortbread	Chocolate brownies	Lemon Drizzle Cake