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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“We know what we are, but know not what we may be.”

William Shakespeare



Chaplain's 400



The Bishop of Croydon and diocesan education officer visit us today. This prompts reflection about what churches have to educate about as a calendar year begins, nine days from inaugurating a controversial US President, amid heightened international security, in a country which cannot supply basic transport to workers on whom our economy depends, alongside a health system failing employees and patients, and with new statistics showing mental illness among UK children still accelerating. These things are major

obstructions. The difficulties of each were all avoidable.

Priests choose and adapt the formulas used at the Eucharist or mass week by week. What is fine for Westminster Abbey will not work for school children, and what suits a hipster congregation will not connect with rural parishes in Yorkshire. I frequently use one of the lesser known 'canons', as the central prayer is called. Here are some lines from it: *'Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation; to you be glory and praise for ever. From the beginning you have created all things and your works echo the silent music of your praise... How wonderful the work of your hands, O God! As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own. Even when they turned away and rebelled, your love remained steadfast..'*

The opening words have unmistakable Jewish overtones, taking the hearers back 4000 years. The canon starts with an active creator. It uses mystical language about the silent music and wonder present in history. It wisely draws in the female order, and connects God and the human race through women and the Jewish people. It recalls the monstrous infidelities of people individually and communally over the centuries. Against this unreliability, it holds a source of love which is never withdrawn.

This is what churches are supposed to embody. A confidence in history, conviction about a guiding purpose, no matter how hopeless the passing social or political context may look. Some churches lose this thread, and run after false gods, like the secular world around us. Chaos and hopelessness arise when a society does the opposite of its Judaeo-Christian tradition; living as if it had no past or future, absorbing itself solely in money, denigrating culture, failing 'to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly'. Post-Brexit is exposing a cultural divide between the Continent and our local leaders. Individuals need to choose and espouse specific values and practise these. This is what Pope Francis is asserting. It is a universal message and to be received as such.

Obituary: Melissa Newell

Our prayers and condolence are with Sue, David and Alex as they gather for a funeral service on Monday 16 January, 4.00 p.m. at Tonbridge Wells Crematorium. A beautiful and resourceful girl, Melissa is hugely missed. May she rest in peace, radiant and forever young in the farther kingdom.

Applying For a Year 3 Flexi Boarding Place

If you have a child in Year 2 at another school and you would like them to come here in Year 3 in September 2017, you must complete two application forms before 15th January 2017. The first is the School application form which can be downloaded from the School website. The second is the Surrey County Council form which is on the Surrey website here:

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/school-admissions/primary-junior-and-infant-applications/primary-infant-and-junior-school-admissions>

If you don't live in Surrey, you should complete the application form for your own local authority.

Thanks

The Admissions Team

Free School Meals

Surrey County Council through Babcock 4S provide a simple service to process claims for free school meals by checking entitlement via a secure government website. As we are a Boarding School, records about provision of free school meals are used for statistical purposes only. An excellent school lunch is always provided for every pupil. Free school meals are part of the formula that the Department for Education use to calculate the funding available to pupils and we are therefore very keen to maximise this.

In order to qualify for free school meals, the parent/guardian must be in receipt of at least one of the qualifying benefits, set out by Surrey County Council. Please see the School's website under 'Information for Parents' for our guidance letter and application form http://www.raa-school.co.uk/information_for_parents.asp

If you are eligible for free school meals, please complete and return the application form to the School Office as soon as possible. If you are already in receipt of free school meals then you do not need to re-apply.

Partnership with Parents



"His music teacher says he has van Gogh's ear for music."

The next meeting is on Saturday 21 January 10:30 – 11:50 in Gatton Hall. Mrs Kate Ross, Deputy Head & Director of Studies, will comment on the academic programme, and answer questions regarding GCSE subject choices.

Old Gattonians Rugby Fundraising Event – Sunday 12th February

The recently formed Old Gattonians Rugby Sunday XV, which is part of the Gatton Association, will be playing a fundraising match against a Horley XV on Sunday 12 February at the school. The kick off will be at 2pm and during the course of the afternoon there will be burgers/hot dogs and drinks in and around Gatton Hall.

The fundraising will be for the School's 1st XV Rugby squad which will be embarking upon a rugby tour to South Africa during the summer. There will be a raffle following the game and also an auction of a selection of items including some special rugby pieces.

We would be very pleased to see as many people as possible during the course of the afternoon to lend their support to the OG Sunday XV but, as importantly, to come and support a very worthwhile fundraising event.



Reigate & Banstead Writes



YOUR TOWN NEEDS YOU!

Do you live in or go to school in
Reigate and Banstead Borough?

Are you in school year 5-9?

Write a short story of no more than
1,000 words set in your town.

**Prizes for top three
stories, for primary and
secondary.**

Closing Date 28th February 2017

Entry forms and full details available from your school.



Reigate and Banstead Writes Information Sheet

Reigate and Banstead Writes is a local short story competition. It is open to all students who go to school in the borough of Reigate and Banstead and who are in school years 5-9. It will launch in December 2016.

What is the criteria?

- *Stories must be set in places in the Borough of Reigate and Banstead. Or strongly allude to places within the Borough (i.e journeys beginning and/or ending at Redhill).*
- *Stories must be fictional and not an account of real events.*
- *Should be no more than 1,000 words, (but can be less).*
- *Students must write the story themselves.*
- *Stories should be handed into the Senior Library within school, with an entry form attached.*
- *The stories will be collated and distributed between the judging panel for decisions on finalists and winners.*
- *There will be a prize for winners in each category.*

Some ideas to get started:

Has a crime taken place in Priory Park? A Timeslip in Reigate Castle Grounds. Have aliens landed on Earlswood Lakes? Is the Landfill site hiding a secret volcano? A day out with friends on Banstead Common. Or a journey of discovery based around a local train station.

Entry forms are attached. Closing date is 28th February 2017.

Students should hand their entry into the school they attend. RAAS contact is Lorelle Faife in the Senior Library.

The judges will read the stories and decide throughout March. The winners should be notified before schools break up for Easter. Prizes will be handed out, April 2017.

Should you have any questions regarding the competition please contact:

Kay Hymas

R&B Writes Co-ordinator. The Warwick School.

HMA@Warwick.surrey.sch.uk Tel: 01737 764356



ENTRY FORM

NAME:

YOUR SCHOOL: **YEAR:**

YOUR EMAIL:

YOUR TELEPHONE NO:

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE:

Please complete and attach this form to your story and hand it in to your school.

The closing date for entries is Tuesday 28th February 2017.

Stories MUST be set in our local area and must be no longer than 1,000 words.

Stories can be typed or handwritten but must be legible.

Please note that it is not possible to return stories so keep a copy.

The Judges' decision is final.

HERE'S WHAT'S GOING ON OVER THE COMING WEEK...

Sat 14 th Jan 17	LazerWorld, Crawley	Juniors
Sun 15 th Jan 17	Gravity Force	Seniors

AVAILABLE TRIPS ON WISEPAY

2017			
Sun 22 nd Jan 17	Rollerskating RAAS	£5.50 PLEASE EMAIL SHOE SIZE	Boarders
Sun 22 nd Jan 17	Duck Tour, Windsor	£12 (6-12years) £16 (13-16 years) £18 (over 16 years)	Boarders
Sat 28 th Jan 17	Pottery painting at Dish, Reigate	£17.25	Boarders
Sun 29 th Jan 17	Science Museum & WonderLab	£6.00	Boarders
Sat 25 th Feb 17	X Factor Live Tour at O2	£55.00 ONLY 1 PLACE REMAINING	Year 7 & above
Sun 26 th Feb 17	Rugby at Twickenham England vs Italy	£30.00 (15yrs & under) £75.00 (16yrs+ and parents) **6 TICKETS ADDED**	All including staff & parents
Sun 26 th Feb 17	Global Buffet	£20.00	Senior Boarders

Sun 26 th Feb 17	Butterflies at Wisley	£5.00	Boarders
Sat 4 th Mar 17	Triangle, Burgess Hill	£5.00	Boarders
Sat 4 th Mar 17	Ghost Musical, Woking	£25.00	Year 7 +
Sun 5 th Mar 17	Kidzania	£20.00	Years 3 -9
Sat 11 th Mar 17	Airhop	£11.50	Junior Boarders
Sat 25 th Mar 17	Ultimate Laser Tag	£15.00	Junior Boarders
Sat 25 th Mar 17	Sister Act, Woking	£28.00	Years 7 +
Sun 19 th Mar 17	Cadburys' World	£25.00	All Year 7 & All Boarders
Sun 26 th Mar 17	World Cup Euro Qualifier Football at Wembley : England vs Lithuania	£35.00 (15yrs & under) £45.00 (16 yrs+ and parents)	All Year 7 & above PLUS PARENTS
Sun 26 th Mar 17	Snozone, Milton Keynes	£35.00 ski lesson £35.50 snow board lesson £34.50 1 hour lift pass (free ski for confident skiers) All with 45 mins sledging	All

SENIOR SCHOOL

GCSE MFL Conference

REMINDER- don't forget to sign up your Year 10 linguist (French or Spanish) to the GCSE MFL conference!

It is happening on March 21st here at RAAS. Your child will receive new resources and great advice as to how to tackle the new GCSE, how to improve their grades in all areas of the exam and how to feel more confident for next year's exam.

Sign up on WisePay now!

JUNIOR SCHOOL

<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;">  <div style="text-align: center;"> <h3>Star of the Week</h3> <h4>Spring Term</h4> <h4>Week 1</h4> </div>  </div>		
3B	Jessica Andrews	For showing real focus and motivation during all lessons this week.
4M	Levi Dean	For making sure he is fully focused in every lesson and contributing as often as he can.
5C	Shaundee Smith	For settling in well to his new class and school.
5S	Yasmin Jones	For returning this term with a positive attitude towards learning and asking for help when needed.
6L	Megan Sentance	For making an excellent start to her new school.
6S	Benjamin Aliu	For improved concentration and focus in all lessons this week.
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;">  <div style="text-align: center;"> <h3>The Golden Book</h3> <h4>Spring Term</h4> <h4>Week 1</h4> </div>  </div>		
Lily Evans	3B	For showing a much better understanding of place value this week and using this knowledge to mentally add and subtract.
Jayden Ngoro	3B	For super use of ambitious adjectives when performing a script on how Judaism was founded!
Martha-Lily Turner	4M	For excellent work when ordering and comparing 4-digit numbers in maths.
Aoibhin Evans	4M	For an improvement in her handwriting - keep it up!
Chloe Moyston	5C	For some excellent work on negative numbers in numeracy.
Gurpreet Singh	5C	For writing an excellent newspaper report about the Viking invasion.
Isabella Byrne	5S	For trying hard to improve her reading over the Christmas holidays.
Charlotte Oliver	5S	For trying hard in all Numeracy lessons this week, applying her knowledge of place value and number to problem solving contexts.
Ben Aliu	6L	For good explanations of his reading comprehension answers.
William Dailly	6L	For working hard to improve his handwriting.
Norah Edie-Camara	6S	For excellent work this week calculating area and perimeter in maths.
Amaris Ajayi	6S	For improved contributions this week in Literacy.

Dates for your Diary Spring Term 2017

Monday 16 January – Autumn Interim Reports sent home

Wednesday 25 January – Junior Inter House Cross Country

Friday 27 January – Swimming Gala vs Meath Green (RAAS)

Tuesday 31 January – Football vs St John's (RAAS)

Tuesday 31 January - Netball vs Reigate Priory/Wray Common (RAAS)

Wednesday 1 February – Indoor Athletics Competition (Reigate College)

Tuesday 7 February – Cross Country Practice (Reigate Priory)

Wednesday 8 February – Football vs Meath Green (Meath Green)

Wednesday 8 February – Netball vs St Matthew's (RAAS)

Wednesday 8 February – Parents' Evening Y3 & 4 – 4:00 to 5:00pm

Thursday 9 February – Parents' Evening Y3, 4, 5 & 6 – 4:00 – 6:00pm

Friday 10 February – Parents' Evening Y3, 4, 5 & 6 - 4:00 – 6:00pm

Friday 10 February – Break up for half-term 2:00pm (Seniors 3:30pm)

Sunday 19 February – Boarders return 4-6pm

Monday 20 February – Lesson begin for Spring Term 2

Monday 20 February – Cross Country Competition @ Warlingham

Tuesday 21 February – Cross Country Competition @ Reigate Priory

Wednesday 22 February – Football vs Reigate Priory (RAAS)

Thursday 23 February – Netball vs Earlswood (Earlswood)

Monday 27 February – Football vs Furzefield (Furzefield)

Tuesday 28 February – Tuesday 7 March – Travelling Book Fair Visiting

Thursday 2 March – Aladdin Theatre Trip

Friday 3 March – Celebrating World Book Day/Dress Up Day

Tuesday 7 March – Netball vs St Johns (RAAS)

Wednesday 8 March – Football vs Earlswood (RAAS)

Wednesday 15 March – Netball vs St Josephs (St Josephs)

Wednesday 15 March – Luke Temple (Author) visit

Thursday 16 March – Luke Temple Book Signing

Friday 17 March - Friends Mother's Day Sale

Assemblies for the Spring Term

Please Note: Assemblies will now take place at 8:35am in the PAC to facilitate parent's attendance.

The dates for the class assemblies are subject to change so please check with your child's teacher nearer the time if you intend to come and watch.

Monday 16 January – JL Assembly

Monday 23 January – MS Assembly

Monday 30 January – HC Assembly

Monday 27 February – KS Assembly

Monday 13 March – AM Assembly

Monday 20 March - RB Assembly



Friday 31 March 2:00pm Break up for EASTER Holidays (Seniors 2:30pm)



**Boarders return Tuesday 18 April
Wednesday 19 April Lessons Begin for the Summer Term**



Royal Alexandra and Albert School Lunch Menu – Week Three

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
LUNCHEON	LUNCHEON	LUNCHEON	LUNCHEON	LUNCHEON	LUNCHEON	LUNCHEON
Turkey Paella	Tomato & Basil Pasta Bake	Ricardo's Piri Piri Chicken	Opor Ayam (Javanese Chicken Curry)	Classic Chip Shop Fish & Chips		Brunch
Pork, Butter Bean & Chorizo Stew	Spinach Carbonara Pasta Bake	Porco a Alentejana	Rendang Sapi (West Sumatran Beef Curry)	Potato Topped Turkey & Ham Pie		
Baked Spanish Tortilla	Macaroni Cheese	Spiced Bean Polenta Cakes	Sambal Goreng Telor (Indonesian Spicy Eggs)	Carrot & Swede Pasty		Jason's Juice & Smoothie Shack
Baked Tomato Courgettes & Fine Beans	Mediterranean Roasted Vegetables	Buttered Corn	Tumis Buncis (Stir Fry Green Beans)	House Made Mushy Peas & Baked Beans		
Patafas Bravas	Parmesan & Salad	Roasted Sweet Potatoes	Galangal Noodles	Royal Alex 'Chippy' Curry Sauce		
Bizochos Borrachos	Mascarpone & Coffee Cake	Portuguese Honey Cake	Kolak Pisang	Raspberry & Apple Crumble		
SUPPER	SUPPER	SUPPER	SUPPER	SUPPER	SUPPER	SUPPER
'Reggae Reggae' Night Jamaican Beef Curry Caribbean Jerk Marinated Chicken Sweet Potato & Black Bean Stew	Northern Takeover Lancashire Hot Pot Beef Cottage Pie Blind Scouse & Dumplings	Royal Alex 'Burger Joint' House Made Prime Beef Burger Mozzarella & Field Mushroom Burger Popcorn Chicken Burger	亚历山德拉 Chinese Banquet Sweet & Sour Pork Cantonese Style Chicken Tofu & Ginger Chow Mein	Toni's Italian Pasta Night Assorted pastas & sauces selected by our resident Italian culinary expert, Toni	Chef's Special Menu	Roast of the Week
Coriander & Allspice Braised Vegetables & Corn	Buttered Cabbage & Roasted Carrots	Coleslaw & Relish	Prawn Crackers & Cucumber Ribbon Salad	Garlic & Herb Ciabatta		Yorkshire Pudding
Rice & Pidgeon Peas	Tater Hash	Shoe String Fries	Egg Fried Rice	Italian Salad Bar		Roasted Potatoes & Root Vegetables
Key Lime Pie	Manchester Tart	Chocolate Chip Muffins	Banana Fritters	Genoise Cakes with Vanilla Butter Icing		Carrot Cake