

## This week

- Fri 21 Sep: FOTC cake & cookie sale Yr4 and Yr6 Pankhurst

## Dates further ahead

- Thurs 27 Sep: Friends of Thomas Coram AGM

[A full calendar is available on our website](#)

## Notices and reminders

This week our whole school worships have been led by Mrs Cutler and our Year 6 Reflective Leaders, Father Simon and 5SW. We have been reflecting on how thankful we are for the wonderful world in which we live.

Thank you to all those parents and carers who attended our Meet the Teacher evening on Monday 10 September. Following requests from parents, the school's new marking code explained by Mrs Cutler is attached to this week's bulletin.

We are delighted to promote the Walking Bus which operates every morning from Victoria School to Thomas Coram. The walking bus leaves Victoria School at 8:30am promptly. Tuesdays and Wednesdays are filling up fast but there is still availability every day. The cost is £5.00 per child per day and a trial walk is offered before the child starts their first morning. If any parents are interested, please contact the school office so your details can be passed to the organisers.

Did you know that WhatsApp is the largest global social messaging platform, with over 1.5 billion users per month? The National Online Safety Team has created a free guide for parents & carers which covers what you need to know about the platform to help safeguard your children from potential online risks including: the new age limit (16+), scam messages, connecting with strangers and location sharing. The guide can be found through this link:  
<https://twitter.com/natonlinesafety/status/1039846184360312833>

Next week you will be receiving a data collection sheet via your child's book bag. Please check the information carefully and make any amendments necessary. The sheet needs to be **signed and returned** to the school office by Monday 24 September.

We are once again taking part in the Young Voices concert held at the 02. This is a fantastic opportunity open to all pupils in Yr5. For further details please see the letter sent out by email.

After school clubs start this week. Your child will have a place on the club(s) of their choice unless you have heard from us. There are still some spaces

## Recent letters

Last week we sent out these letters, which are also available on our website:

- Welcome letter from the Head
- Young Voices – Yr5 only

Today we're attaching:

- Marking Code
- Dacorum Family Services Flyer
- Youth Company – Garsington Opera

## This week at St Peter's –

### St Peter's Oktoberfest 2018

Next weekend is the St Peter's Oktoberfest. Please do come and join in one of our events:

**Friday 21 September: 7:30pm**  
French, German and English Comparative Wine and Cheese Tasting led by WSET tutor, Mike Eggleton at The Court House. Tickets on sale now from [ugrego@btinternet.com](mailto:ugrego@btinternet.com) £15, under 18 free. **Saturday 22 September: 7:30am** in St Peter's: Bridgewater Sinfonia Concert honours the memory of those fallen in the Great War. Tickets £15 in advance, £17 on the door. Music from Germany, Belgium and England. **Sunday 23 September: 9:30am** Parish Eucharist including Haydn's *The Heavens are Telling* **11:00am** Bavarian Breakfast: sausages, beer and music outside St Peter's Church

A quick reminder to all Year 6 parents the second instalment of the Devon trip is due by this Friday 21 September 2018. Payment can be made via WisePay.

## Marking Code

Symbols or codes to help the child understand how to improve:	
✓✓	Where a learning objective has been met, a double tick will be put next to the learning objective.
✓	Where progress has been made towards a learning objective or it has been partially met, a single tick will be put next to the learning objective.
sp	<p>Incorrect spelling mistake of non-negotiable spelling. This will be used selectively with a maximum of 3 spellings highlighted in a piece of work, focused on high frequency words, spelling patterns or subject specific words which should have been secured by the child.</p> <p>Children will ordinarily be expected to find the correct spelling using a dictionary (with support if needed).</p>
//	New paragraph
^	Missing word
P	Punctuation
Cap	Capital letter(s)
Other codes used to indicate feedback, level of support, rewards etc.	
VF	Verbal feedback given
S	Support (from teacher or teaching assistant)
G	This should be placed next to the part of the work which has been guided.
HP	House point

# Dacorum Family Services

## "Drop in" Surgery at Ashlyns School Wednesday 26th September 2018

WE OFFER FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL SUPPORT FOR LOCAL FAMILIES. WE CAN HELP YOU WITH:

Managing  
your child's  
feelings &  
behaviours

Parenting  
Advice

Family  
Wellbeing

Routines &  
Boundaries

Making  
Positive  
Changes

Linking with  
other  
Services

**Lisa MacGovern is a positive, approachable and proactive person who is able to support you and your family to make the changes that really matter.**

**She is available via a referral or you can drop into one of her surgeries for an informal chat (Please call to book a time).**



**For more information and to book a time slot please call Lisa  
on 07780114079**



## **\*\*Calling 9–21-year-olds who enjoy singing and performing!\*\***

Garsington Opera Learning & Participation are delighted to announce a new opera, *The Happy Princess*, written especially for our Youth Company. We have a fantastic creative team on board and the opera will be performed on our main stage at the stunning Wormsley Estate on 2 August 2019. We are now looking for young performers to form the company.

This is an excellent opportunity to gain stage experience, develop confidence and learn from top opera professionals. As always, taking part is completely free, thanks to generous private donors and trust funds. All the music and acting will be taught in rehearsals, and vocal scores and mp3 tracks will be provided to help you learn the music between sessions.

There are a couple of introductory rehearsals in November and February, with the bulk of rehearsals in spring and summer 2019. For the full schedule and production details, please visit our website: [www.garsingtonopera.org/youth-company](http://www.garsingtonopera.org/youth-company)

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### Youth Company | Garsington Opera

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About the Youth Company  
Artistic Director: Karen Gillingham  
Vocal Director: Suzi Zumpe  
Garsington Youth Company provides local young people aged 9–21 with the opportunity to develop their singing, creative skills, confidence and stage experience through the exciting world of opera. The Youth Company is divided into two groups: YC1 (ages 9–13) and YC2 (ages 13–21).

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**We are holding fun, informal workshop auditions for 9–21-year-olds on Saturday 15 September (14:00–16:00) in High Wycombe.** There is nothing to prepare in advance and no previous experience is required.

We are particularly interested in hearing from students who have previously taken part in Garsington schools projects such as *OperaFirst* or *The Big Sing*. Our directors will have mentioned joining the Youth Company, and this is now your opportunity!

We also warmly invite newcomers to come along and try out, and would like to ask for your help in spreading the word to any friends, family and colleagues who might be interested. We want to hear from young people of all backgrounds!

**To sign up, and for any questions, contact our Youth Company Manager, Judy Knowles: [judy@garsingtonopera.org](mailto:judy@garsingtonopera.org) or [01865 361636](tel:01865361636).** If you can make the rehearsals but not the audition date, please do still get in touch.

Best wishes,  
Julian

**Julian Guidera | Learning & Participation Co-ordinator**

**Garsington Opera at Wormsley**

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Offenbach *[Fantasio](#)* | Britten *[The Turn of the Screw](#)*