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## EDITORIAL

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A two pronged attack is being made on ILEA by the Government. Details of the financial cuts you received in the letter sent to you in October which set out what sort of services would have to be cut if the Government received the power to limit the amount of money ILEA could spend. We asked you to write letters setting out your views and to send them to your local M.P. and Secretary of State for the Environment. I wonder how many of you did. It is vital that you as parents and users of Adult Institutes understand all the present proposals that affect ILEA because if you don't make known any objections you may have about them, education in London could be destroyed beyond recognition.

A plan which can only be seen as undermining democracy has been proposed by the Government. This is the replacement of ILEA with a Joint Board which would give them direct control over staffing and expenditure until 1990. Members of all political parties have called upon the Government to retain a directly elected education authority, instead of the proposal to appoint borough councillors by nomination, none of whom would be directly elected, thus removing the right Londoners have had since 1870. At the moment ILEA is made up of directly elected GLC/ILEA members, and borough representatives. Under the proposed new system, each of the Boroughs would have to be consulted by the Board about the education budget and rate precept, and about major changes in individual schools.

Space is too short to go into details about the proposals but if you value the standard of education and educational opportunities ILEA provides please arm yourself with the facts and decide the way you think is the best and most democratic to run education in London. You can obtain more information by phoning the ILEA Hotline 633 4000.

## PTA NEWS

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The Annual General Meeting, held on Monday 10th October, was attended by about 100 people. Details of the new Committee appear on page 20). An election for a new Parent Governor also took place and we are pleased to welcome Mrs. Iris Gibbs to that position. When all the official business was complete everyone settled down to enjoy a good 'natter' and cheese and wine buffet.

Our Chairman, Doreen Burr sends her thanks to everyone who made the effort to attend and an even bigger thank you to those who volunteered to become Committee Members. She also thanks last year's Committee for all their hard work. Although we have a large Committee this year we always need extra help when a particular event takes place, so if you would like to be contacted when we need more assistance, please let Doreen have your name and telephone number. You can send the details in via your daughter, addressed to Doreen Burr, PTA Chairman. This should be taken to the main office.

We hope to organise some fund raising events in the coming year with the profits going to finance any school project that might need financial assistance.

The Parent Governor vacancy occurred when Margaret Sharp had to resign as she has now moved from the area and no longer has daughters at the school. Margaret was also very active on the PTA Committee and devoted a great deal of her energy to working for the parents and the school. We wish her well for the future.

Many of the PTA Committee will be attending the farewell reception arranged by the staff for Mrs. Zackerwich's retirement, and on behalf of the PTA Zig Levy will be presenting her with a Douulton "Images" statuette of Mother and Child.



# HEADMISTRESS' LETTER

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Dear Parents,

As well as wishing you a very Happy Christmas, this letter also bids you good-bye since I am retiring at the end of this term.

I should like to thank you for the help and encouragement that you have given to the school throughout the last 15 years. There have been many occasions when the PTA have organised fetes, jumble sales, cheese and wine parties, educational talks and many social events, all of which have helped with the general life of the school, and many of which have raised large sums of money for the benefit of the girls. The school depends on the interest and enthusiasm of its parents, and the parents of Sydenham are second to none! Miss Kelly will be taking over in January as Acting Headmistress in charge of the school until a new Head has been appointed and takes up office. I wish her and you many years of happiness together at Sydenham.

School re-opens on Monday, 9th January. Staff meeting at 9.00 a.m., registration for girls at 10.20 a.m. The usual important 5th year Parents' Meeting has been arranged for Wednesday 25th January, and I am sure that you will all wish to come to discuss your daughters entry for public examinations.

A Happy Christmas to you and all the family.

Yours sincerely,

Yvonne B. Zackerwich

Headmistress

**FAREWELL, GOOD LUCK:**

**and HAPPY RETIREMENT.**

Some two to three hundred staff and over six thousand girls have in greater or lesser degree been affected by the personality of Yvonne Zackerwich during her term as Headmistress of Sydenham School. As we say Farewell, Good Luck and a very Happy Retirement to her I should also like to add some very sincere thanks.

Thank you Yvonne Zackerwich for your guidance, encouragement, enthusiasm and support in a multitude of ways - for helping us to avoid the many pitfalls in the educational jungle - for preparing us in advance for the plethora of paperwork required for the Quinquennial Review - for always being one step ahead so that Sydenham is in the forefront of educational advance.

Thank you for always being available to listen to our problems both professional and personal, and for always being able to offer wise advice. Thank you for your ready sympathy and strong support in times of personal adversity.

Thank you for your enthusiasm and your pride in our achievements - for the trouble you have always taken to write those much appreciated



"Thank you" notes after every production, performance or event that we have undertaken.

Thank you for the laughter you have brought to Sydenham - for your sense of humour and sense of fun and for your ability to enjoy a joke against yourself.

Thank you for your generosity, material, mental and spiritual to which many would be pleased to testify.

Thank you for your spirit of optimism which always sees a way ahead through our deepest despair and despondency.

Thank you for being you.

In the months to come we will inevitably look back a little and with deep gratitude, but we promise not to do it too often, and instead will look ahead to the future with the same energy and enthusiasm which has been the hallmark of your career.

Vera M. Kelly  
Deputy Headmistress

## SENSE OF HUMOUR.

Mrs. Zackerwich has been Headmistress at Sydenham for 15 years. This means that for nearly everyone, including staff, she is the only Head we have ever known at this school. We feel that when she leaves, a part of Sydenham will leave with her.

It is a great shame that in your first years in the school, there is very little contact with her. Many girls do not realise who she is until well into their first term, seeing her only occasionally in the corridors or at assemblies. One first year girl even mistook her as being a dinner lady! This shows how

so many of the caring and important things she does for Sydenham go largely unnoticed, preferring to lead by giving her full support to others and not necessarily taking the praise herself.

Mrs. Zackerwich has always taken a great interest in the arts at Sydenham. She makes sure timetables are organised to give both staff and girls time for rehearsals and almost always manages to attend the first night of every dance and drama production staged in the school. She accompanied the large group of people who took our production of "Scapino" to the Edinburgh Festival last summer, giving them her full support.

The school enjoys her sense of humour. She joins in the fun on Mufti Days by dressing up as a school girl. We will be very sorry to see her leave and wish her many happy years in retirement.

With love from all at Sydenham.

The Head Girls

## **GUIDE, MENTOR, FRIEND.**

It is a frightening responsibility to become the Head of a large comprehensive school; not so bad in the ILEA, but daunting nevertheless. You need advice, information and reassurance, you discover that being the Head of a school is a great deal more complicated than you ever thought as a Deputy Head.

Because Forest Hill School and Sydenham School were already twinned, I rapidly discovered that I had a guide, mentor, friend and fellow conspirator. Mrs. Zackerwich already had a vast experience of the workings of the Authority. She knew which forms to fill in, and which



forms to throw away. She knew how to get action from County Hall ("Start at the top, and get them to work down to the person who is actually responsible.") She had sources of money and funding which eluded other Heads. She had had a clear sense of her own priorities which enabled her to lose difficult directives without trace. She used her own initiatives on "initiatives".

Every so often, the Heads in this Division, or the Heads in the Authority, gather together for meetings and conferences. A massive collection of shell-shocked secondary heads is a formidable sight at the end of the summer term. Mrs. Zackerwich always sat in the front row, literally at the feet of the speaker, giving them an occasional buzz on her hearing aid if they were mumbling or straying from the point, and waiting for "Question Time". Then she would strike, a devastating and incisive question delivered with formidable charm. She had two favourite topics. One was a very sceptical attitude to the functions and workload of almost everybody else, except Heads. This was nearly always directed at senior members of the Inspectorate. The other was to bring mathematical accuracy to the details of any argument. Once there was a poor man who tried to explain that the unemployment rate in a certain group was 40% in 1979 and was now three times greater!

I have always admired her flair as a Head ever since I discovered she had a fridge in her room to keep her Martini cool during a long hot summer. Her greatest qualities were her sense of proportion and her sense of fun. She could, at least with other Heads, always see the humorous side of a crisis. She told hilarious stories of school life, frequently against herself. She always seemed to be enjoying her job, and she communicated that

sense of balance and proportion to her colleagues.

The Heads of Division 7 will miss her very much. We would like to say a very sincere "Thank You" and we would like to wish her every good fortune and success in the future.

The boys, parents and staff of Forest Hill School value the co-operation between the two schools and would like to join in those good wishes. I would like to add my personal deeply felt thanks and best wishes to a splendid friend and excellent colleague.

David Stanbury  
Headmaster, Forest Hill School

## CARING ATTITUDE

I first met Mrs. Zackerwich during her time at Abbey Wood, but it has been during the most recent years at Sydenham that I have had the opportunity to know her better and to appreciate her qualities to the full. She has always wanted to ensure that within the school community young people and adults alike should have the best possible opportunities. Staff moving to another school through promotion inevitably say how sorry they are to be leaving Sydenham. Pupils speak fondly of their time at school.

There is no doubt about her caring attitude and her availability to staff and pupils at times of need. There is no doubt about her desire to develop the curriculum and to foster pastoral care. The result is a happy school with staff that support each other in a variety of curricular as well as extra curricular activities; with parents who feel strongly that they are a vital part of the school community and who work unstintingly for it; and with pupils who are highly motivated.

Miss J. McLaren  
District Inspector



# **SCHOOL NEWS**

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**CONGRATULATIONS** - to Tina Gettrup 401 who has been granted an ILEA Award for clarinet, and Ines Cavill who has been granted an Award for the flute. The following girls from 401 have passed clarinet examinations of the Royal School of Music: Nicola Glanville Grade 5, Tina Gettrup Grade 4 (with Merit), Nicola Parnell Grade 3.

**KILLER DUCKS** - Is the intriguing title of the school Christmas production, again written by our own Mr. Kightly.

**APPOINTMENTS** - Mr. Persad was recently appointed as Director of Computer Education, and Miss Lolley as Head of Mathematics.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL** - Gillian Stewart 6R is the new Chairman, Dawn Hoad 6W is the Secretary, and Marie Burton 5P2 is Treasurer.

At a recent meeting the Council put forward a particularly useful suggestion concerning the arrangements for school lunch queues which it is hoped to implement in the near future.

**OUTWARD BOUND** - Selina Jones 4W was awarded a place on this course at Rhownair for 3 weeks.

**TENNIS COACHING** - We were fortunate to be asked to send 34 girls from the 2nd to 7th years for a half day of tennis coaching by Jo Durie earlier this term.

**PAINTING PRIZES** - Dianna Joseph 3R2 and Sharon Simon 3Y each won £25 for their entry in a painting competition organised by a society concerned with prevention of theft. £50 was also given to the school which will be used to buy something special for the Art Department.

**SCHOOL RULE** - A reminder to parents that no girl is permitted to take to school cigarettes, lighters or matches. Four girls recently had to be suspended for contravening this rule.

## COMPUTER NETWORK INSTALLED AT SYDENHAM.

By Dennis Persad  
Director of Computer Studies

The ILEA has always been in the forefront of the development of the use of computers in schools and was one of the first education authorities to provide facilities for pupils to gain some knowledge of the use of computers.

Over the years, there have been many changes in the computer field and with the development of the microcomputer, many schools have bought their own computers and have been able to buy additional equipment under the Department of Industry Scheme. In the last year the Authority has provided schools with computer networks, ie. three 480 Z microcomputers under the control of one server and an 8" disc drive. Sydenham has recently received its network and we have provided a room and made funds available for the provision of three additional stations.

By the end of the Christmas Term, the school will have a Computer Laboratory equipped with six 480 Z computers and stations, and two 380 Z stand-alone computers which may be moved into classrooms if needed.

The Authority has made many programs available and programmers are engaged on the writing of new ones. Almost all the major publishers are now publishing software and in the next few years we can expect to see many more programs on the market.

It is hoped that during her five years at school every girl will get the opportunity to use a wordprocessing package, and girls who are following a Business Studies Course will have some



experience of the workings of a modern up-to-date office.

A great deal of work is being done in the field of Design and Technology and the role that computers have to play in the control of complicated equipment. D & T is now a part of the curriculum of the school and we can expect to see new and exciting developments in this field.

In the coming years there will be many major changes and innovations in the computer field we we plan a major campaign to ensure every girl has the opportunity to become familiar with computer equipment. The emphasis will not be on programming, but on the use of computers as a resource for learning in every discipline, and the various ways microcomputers can be used at work and in the home.

## **QUEEN MOTHER ASKS ABOUT SYDENHAM SCHOOL.**

Mrs. Wallman who is responsible for careers teaching at Sydenham, recently attended the 1983 Conference of the National Advisory Centre for Careers for Women, and was also invited to attend the Golden Jubilee tea-party after the Conference. This was also attended by the Queen Mother who has been patroness since 1933.

Much to her surprise Mrs. Wallman was chosen to be presented to the Queen Mother, as a representative of Sydenham (County) School which was one of the founder members. The Queen Mother was very interested in comprehensives and asked a number of questions. Most of the schools represented were independent fee paying schools. Next to Mrs. Wallman was Miss D. Raine, Headmistress of a Caterham School who was a pupil at the original Sydenham County School.

# PYRENEES EXPEDITION REPORT.

The development of climbing skills and those associated with mountaineering in general have evolved at Sydenham over a number of years. There is no doubt that some of the 1983 party increased their personal achievements substantially, and routes were technically more difficult than any undertaken prior to this trip. All credit goes to those girls who successfully coped with an arduous and demanding schedule.

After a long and tiring drive through France we established our base camp at Gedre. Seven girls and 4 staff then left to drive to the Port de Gavarnie and walk to the Breche de Roland Hut. The initial part of the late afternoon and evening was spent on simple snow and ice techniques on the Glacier du Tallion, including use of ice axes and breaking, traversing on snow slopes and belay techniques using snow bollards, dead man and axe and boot

Early the next day the group made an ascent of the Glacier du Tallion in three roped parties using crampons on steep snow slopes. Towards the summit of Le Doigt 2,909 metres, loose snow and scree made conditions unpleasant, two of the party required belaying on the final pitch. The remainder of the route to the summit of Le Tallion 3,144 metres, was on the normal route.

On August 3, a party of 11 ascended Vignemale 3,032 metres, via the Ossoue Glacier. This is the only glacier of any real size in the Pyrenees and demanded use of crampons and being roped in three parties. From the head of the Ossoue glacier, Vignemale was climbed one girl requiring a belay for most of the ascent and descent. Excellent weather



throughout the day made this one of the highlights of the climbing. The group arrived back at the Baysellance Refuge after 8 hours. On the next day the climbing leaders took a smaller less experienced group to the Ossoue glacier.

A few days later the group arrived back at their bivy site shortly before an electric storm. We were subsequently bombarded by thunder and lightening directly overhead and actually hitting the ridge adjacent to our site. The site was completely washed out so that the decision was taken to abandon and descend to the Port de Gavarnie. All personal gear was extremely wet, but fortunately we were able to pass a message down from there to base camp at Gedre. Another thunderstorm hit us at 8 pm but towards the end of this thunderstorm the expedition leader arrived having driven through two storms with the minibus to transport our wet and sodden bodies back to Gedre. Conditions were extremely bad all that night - it would have been horrific in the mountains, without tents.

After spending a day drying out we had planned to ascend Aneta, the highest peak in the Pyrenees. A group of 8 girls and 3 staff left Gedre by minibus with this objective, but various delays low cloud and poor visibility and driving rain, together with the illness of two members of the group, meant that we abandoned our original intention. The weather did not improve during the next two days so we returned to Gedre. This was a disappointment. However the climbing ended with several 10,000 + peaks successfully scaled and a greater level of confidence and technical ability given to those who were involved in the climbing at whatever ability.

Jim Rouncefield &  
Steve Walker

## MUSIC IN THE MOUNTAINS.

On the 28th July 1983, 32 of us set out for the small unsuspecting town of Gedre in the Pyrenees. We were in three mini-buses, in convoys, equipped with C.B.'s and stereos blasting from every window. We were on our way, only 30 hours to go, and we would be at our destination. We arrived in Gedre the next day after driving through the night.

Le Taillon was the first mountain which was claimed and Vignemale was the next. About 20 of us were mad enough to attempt it. After a four to five hour walk (up and UP) we made it. Rucksacks complete with tent, helmets and axes were eagerly taken off our backs and emptied. The night was freezing cold so we decided it would be a good idea to get into adjacent tents. This we did, ten people in two tents can't be bad. It was a squash but we did keep warm! We shook the mountains with our harmonious singing, which consisted of a collection of Beattle songs, carols and old time songs. After two days of climbing the glaciers, sunbathing, drinking and singing, we said goodbye to Vignemale and made our descent, where one girl decided to fracture her shoulder in the process!

On our campsite were a group of RAF boys who assured us they were much fitter than us. We put it to the test with the 'Jane Fonda Workout'. They then realised that they were not!

After two weeks of Gedre, five days of which it rained, and five mountains being climbed, we set off for our final week in Biarritz. We met loads of people and made our own little commune on the beach. It all ended too soon and it was time to go home.

By 'A Climber'



## TWO VIEWS OF SCAPINO AT THE FRINGE.

The director of the Netherbow Theatre looked at the mountain of equipment and then at the tired group of girls and adults. It was 8.00 on a Sunday morning and we were hardly at our best. Operation "Get the make-up from a London garage to Edinburgh" had been planned during the early hours of the morning and tempers had been frayed.

"You only have four hours" said the theatre manager - "No problem" we replied, and it wasn't. Set-up, technical side sorted out, and still time for a walk through, testing entrances and exits. The real test was whether or not we could remove the set and store it inside 20 minutes. In the end, to the amazement of the theatre staff, we were clearing our set in 8½ minutes and then helping the next Company in with their set. It was impressive!

The Monday was one of the most traumatic days in my life. For one reason or another, e.g. collecting make-up from the midnight train, we had all been late to bed then up again early to get the crew to the theatre by 8.00, the cast by 9.00. Everything went well until the theatre's technical director informed me that there were nearly 20 complimentary tickets given out. I couldn't understand why. "They're all here" he said. "Who are?". "Well the BBC, Festival Times, Scotsman, etc. etc. It was the first time I had realised that we were playing the big time.

The two hours of the show, running with several changes, were horrible. The play itself I give 6/10. It lacked pace and the reviews themselves were mixed, but the most important one in the Festival Times was terrific.

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We had excellent audiences during the six days and the play went from strength to strength. More important, the girls were going to 2/3/4 shows a day and that gave them excellent experience. Sydenham School made a great many friends, in fact the theatre asked us back next year for two weeks and at a prime time!! We have the will - anybody got £7,000 to spare?

Colin Dean  
Head of Drama

"What's the Edinburgh Festival, and the Fringe?" I hear some of you cry. The Edinburgh Festival is an event that happens once every year. The Fringe is part of this festival for amateur theatre groups to perform in.

We performed "Scapino" at school, then at the South London Theatre Centre in South Norwood, and then in the Fringe up in Edinburgh. All three went really well. We got an extremely good review from the Festival Times (a magazine brought out specially for the Edinburgh Festival) with a special mention for Fay Romans and Sue Brooks (or was it Lonneke Broadribb!) performances. On the whole we had a really smooth run although we did have a few mishaps.

All of us learnt an awful lot in that week, mainly to do with the actual performance of "Scapino" - how to cope with a difficult audience, forgetting lines and moves. And we learnt a lot about each other, and that could have caused problems, but all it did was to bring us together.

I think it has to be one of the best holidays I've ever had, although I must not really call it a holiday because we all (girls, staff, technical, set constructors, etc.) worked extremely hard, but it was worth it. And if the chance came along to do something else in Edinburgh or anywhere else, I would be prepared to work that hard again.

Mandy Moore 7Y



# HOUSE NEWS

## AYLWARD HOUSE

During the past year we have had five new tutors and five others left on maternity leave. Mrs. Tomkins, Mrs. Hack, Mrs. Scotchbrook, Mrs. Dixon and Mrs. Ikuemesi. Our 6th form have become expert at choosing baby presents in Mothercare!

At Easter some of our 1st years had an enjoyable school journey to Swanage. We will not easily forget our cliff walk in a storm force gale. Another group joined the Austen House trip to Marchants Hill and had a pleasant time.

Sheila Bryan  
Housemistress

## KELLER HOUSE

The past year has been an eventful one which included a visit to Woolwich Barracks, where 43 brave souls ranging from 2nd to 4th year undertook a sponsored assault course. This feat included scaling and descending a 12ft wall and a rope swing which deftly deposited each girl in waist-high muddy, cold, water! The group responsible for that afternoon's activity was 402 who deserve our praise for an exceptionally well organised event which raised a total of £274 for charity, £72 of which was collected by Jackie Wenzel of 401 who received a prize for her splendid effort.

Before her departure to Australia this year, Mrs. Hall, my predecessor, gave the House a trophy to be awarded for tutor group effort. The first winners of our Georgie Hall Shield were 302 for their initiative and general helpfulness. They were followed by 402 for their excellent organisation of the assault course and for their willing help on Sports Day.

We have regretfully had to say goodbye to Mrs. Williams who is now Deputy of Aylward House. We thank her for her hard work this year and wish her well in her new job.

G. Collins  
Housemistress

### FERRIER HOUSE

At our final assembly last July we said goodbye to Miss Wilkinson from the Dance Department, Mr. Rouncefield who has been appointed an Advisory teacher, and Mrs. Conwell who left Ferrier House to become Deputy in Austen House. We were also sorry to say goodbye to Mrs. Jaworska and Mrs. Still from the office who were both members of Ferrier House. Miss Pontin was married in the Summer holidays and returned as Mrs. Chanter.

We were pleased to welcome Mrs. Turner who was on Sydenham staff last year, but joins Ferrier House as 4R1 tutor, and Miss Weir who takes over 3R2. Mrs. Dean will no longer have a tutor group as she becomes part-time following the birth of her baby, so Mrs. J. Smith has taken over 3R1.

P.A. Eldridge  
Housemistress

### RYDER HOUSE

Mrs. Bone, Deputy Housemistress and tutor of 6/7W left us to have her baby and we welcomed Mr. Horsfall as a Deputy House-person and tutor of 6/7W.

On the sports field we were never without a team for any activity - on one occasion a pupil who had never done judo before, took part in the competition - we still are not sure whether it was house spirit or stupidity! Miss Rollings left us to go to Australia and we said farewell to Miss Kilgallon and Mrs. Harris in July.



Our teams did outstandingly well on Sports Day and we came 2nd overall - a higher position than the House could remember ever having reached before!

Yvonne Pilkington  
Housemistress

### THORNDIKE HOUSE

The girls supported many school events enthusiastically and their success once again at judo, athletics, netball and hockey proved that the previous 2 years were no 'flash in the pan'.

1983 was again a year when one of our number was Head girl, Yvette Stanley graced the position with sense and dignity having contributed much over the years to Sydenham.

P. James  
Housemistress

### AUSTEN HOUSE

The year culminated in sad farewells to our Housemistress, Mrs. Davies, who had been at Sydenham for 16 years and spent 9 of those as Head of Austen. We arranged several parties in her honour and at our final House assembly our "surprise" guest was Miss Wingrove (Mrs. Noble). Mrs. Davies will be missed for her understanding manner, twinkling sense of fun, her utter good naturedness, and above all for the way in which she respected people in all situations and allowed them to retain their dignity. We wish her the long and happy retirement which she has earned and deserves.

During the course of the year individual tutor groups organised interesting sponsored events to raise money for our chosen charity, which is Charlton Park School for physically handicapped children.

Eve Spicer  
Housemistress

# THE NEW PTA COMMITTEE

At the Annual General Meeting on October 10th, a new Committee was elected for the PTA which is listed below:

Chairman:	Doreen Burr	291 2686
Vice-Chairman:	Zig Levy	274 3615
Secretary:	Mrs. M. Clamp	693 1911
Treasurer:	Mr. Smith	

## Parent Governors

Elizabeth Ray	699 0357
Iris Gibbs	697 4604
David Thomas	659 5151

## School Council

Mrs. Pat Russell  
Mrs. Clamp  
Mr. Kamara

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## Committee Members

Mrs. M. Spires	Mrs. Thomas
Mrs. M. Weedy	Mrs. Duckett
Mrs. J. Lea	Mrs. Everitt
Mrs. B. Reid	Mrs. Burns
Mrs. R. Blainey	Mrs. Grant
Mrs. Clyde	Mrs. Russell
Mrs. Verillo	Mrs. Withers
Mrs. Eccleston	Mrs. Miller
Mrs. Nicolaidou	Mrs. Jacob
Mrs. S. Gettrup	Mr. & Mrs. Smith
Mrs. Spinks	Mr. & Mrs. Marratt
Mrs. Dixon	Mr. & Mrs. Garner

## Staff Representatives

Miss S. Rees  
Miss B. Hotham  
Mr. T. Hickman



# **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.**

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Monday 9th January	Staff Return Schl. 9.00 Girls " " 10.20
Friday 13th January	Old Girls' Reception 7.30
Monday 23rd January	PTA Committee Mtg. 7.30
Wednesday 25th January	5th Yr. Parents' Evening
Thursday 26th January	Austen House Evening 7.30
Friday 3rd February	Staff Conference School dismissed 1.00
Wednesday 8th February	Ryder House Evening 7.30
Tues/Wed 14th & 15th February	"Masks & Dance"
Monday 20th - Friday 24th February	HALF TERM
Monday 27th February	Staff Return Schl. 9.00 Girls " " 10.20
Wednesday 29th February	3rd Yr. Parents' Evening
Monday 19th March	Staff Conference. School dismissed 2.25
Wed/Thurs/Fri 4th, 5th, 6th April	CSE Play
Tuesday 10th April	2nd Yr. Parents' Evening
Wednesday 11th April	Schl. Breaks up for East
Monday 30th April	Staff Return Schl. 9.00 Girls " " 10.20
Monday 7th May	MAY DAY Holiday