



School Newsletter 15.12.23

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Headteacher's Welcome

Welcome to the final newsletter of this term and the final one of 2023! This week has been non-stop with so many things bringing Christmas joy and excitement. If you had the pleasure of watching our Year 4 children perform 'Superstar' you were treated to an amazing performance. The children were incredible and were perfectly led and supported by Mrs Valentine and the Year 4 team. It was wonderful and I certainly enjoyed every moment! If you haven't seen it already, our productions feature in the Bucks Free Press so grab a copy and share it with loved ones!

Today has been full of the Christmas spirit! The children looked amazing in their Christmas jumpers and festive accessories, Class 1 presented the most wonderful assembly, Year 5 were visited by staff and residents, Betty and

Doreen, from the Mulberry Court Care Home to present prizes for a Christmas jumper design competition and we've enjoyed a delicious Hot Lunch. What a day!

As this is the last newsletter before the end of term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your generosity this term. I am grateful to our parent community for your kindness and support, whether donating your time, money or both, but also for your ongoing support in helping to make CSPA a thriving place to be. Similarly, I would like to thank our governors who work tirelessly for the good of the school, building its success and helping CSPA to move forward. Finally, I would like to thank the staff team. I cannot emphasise enough what a dedicated team of staff we have here at CSPA and I am thankful everyday for all they do to make our school a wonderful place.

In challenging times, our school community has been so generous. As you read in last week's newsletter, the PTA have already raised a record amount for the autumn term, we have given to charities such as the local foodbank and Liberty's Legacy, we have packed shoeboxes of gifts to give to children around the world and our productions (Year 4 and 6) have raised in the region of £1,000 for the school. Thank you so much!

Lastly, I would like to wish Mrs Lipscombe all the very best as she gets ready to leave CSPA at the end of term. Thank you once again for your years of service and commitment to the school, Mrs Lipscombe, and we wish you well in your future. In January, we will be further developing our IT provision at CSPA with additional computing lessons for the children. More news about this exciting new opportunity will follow next term.

This week's newsletter includes:

Success in the Community
Chocolate Treat Friday
Class Assemblies
Curriculum news (Religious Education)
Year 4 Nativity
Mystery Reader Yr5
Year 3 Christmas Lunch
Chiltern Foodbank
Co-op Community Fund
PTA news and events
Hot Lunch and Wear a Christmas Jumper Day
Save the Dates
Community Events
Parent support
Governor advert
Value prayer

I wish you all a happy, restful and thoroughly enjoyable Christmas. When it arrives on Tuesday (don't forget we finish at 1:30pm), have a super break and see you on Friday 5th January 2024!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Alburg

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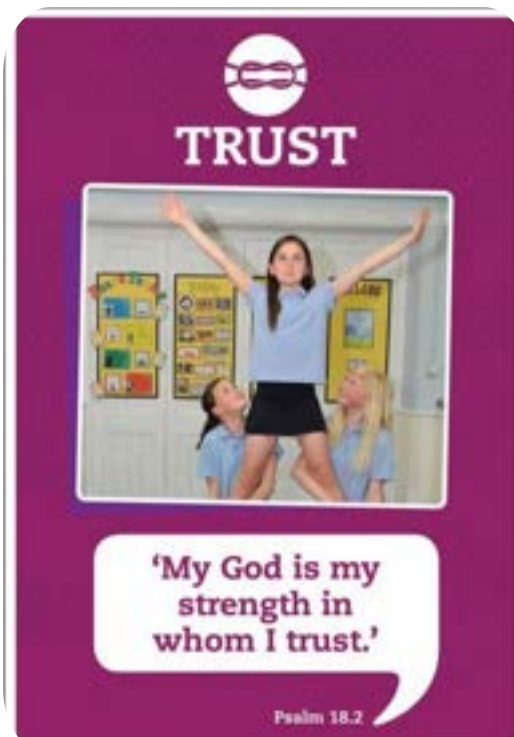
Our half term Value:

This half term we will be focussing in school on the value

TRUST



[CLICK HERE](#) to access fun activities for you to do with your family together alongside topics to stimulate discussion and reflection about **TRUST**.



Sharing success in the local community

Jesus said *'I have come that you may have life in all its fullness'* (John 10:10). He calls us to a full life in mind, body, heart and spirit. At CSPA, we believe the purpose of education is to nurture and enable every child to thrive and to be the person they are fully capable of being. We are proud of what our children achieve, not only in school but outside of school too!

If your child achieves success in the community we would love to hear about it. Please email a summary and any photographs to the School Office to feature here.



Gymnastics Success

Well done to Millie in Class 6 who came 2nd out of 30 children in her Diamond Gymnastics Competition last Saturday. She performed the beam, floor, vault and bar work.



Congratulations to Juliet in Year 5 - see below

BBC 500 Words Team

Congratulations! We're pleased to say that the following made it through to the next stage of BBC 500 Words:

- The Captain's Conscience!

by Juliet B on 10/11/2023

We received thousands of entries and only around 5,000 go through for the second round of judging by the Reading Agency. You should be very proud!

We'll be back in touch with an update when we have selected our shortlisted stories in January.

Thanks,

BBC 500 Words Team



Chocolate Treat Friday!

Every Friday staff recognise 1 child in each class who has **consistently shown the Golden Rule** throughout the week. The chosen child receives a chocolate treat from Mrs Alburg, a certificate and a HUGE round of applause in Collective Worship. This week the children received a festive chocolate roll!

Congratulations to:

Yr 3: Evie C, Thea H, Chloe R

Yr 4: Delila, Max, Charlie M

Yr 5: Artem, Evelina, Charlie F

Yr 6: Chessie, Lewis, Zac R

Achievement (November and December)

Diamond:

Year 3: Zara C, Alice T, Cole D, Neave HF, Casper P, Liam G

Year 4: Joseph K, Olivia H, Darcy P, Jeevan J, Aria S, Tom F

Year 5: Aurelia B, William H, Oliver L, Maya CC, Elliot L, Sophie E

Year 6: Anna S, Ollie S, Eashan M, Emilia N, William R, Kate J

Golden:

Year 3: Suhavi K, Jimmy P

Year 4: Harriet E, Flynn J

Year 5: Chloe B, Sasha B

Year 6: Keseri K, Lola-Rose O

Housepoints: Penn

Year 4 Nativity - 'Superstar'

This week the Year 4 children lit up the church with their wonderful performances in this year's nativity 'Superstar'. They sang beautifully, spoke clearly and thoroughly entertained parents, governors and the rest of the school.

Thank you to all parents who helped to provide costumes and support with learning lines.

Mrs Valentine



CSPA Gymnastics Success

Congratulations to our CSPA gymnastics squad who represented the school at the Milano Gymnastics Championships last Sunday. Thanks to the support and encouragement of each other and from family supporters as well as from Mrs Wright and Miss Badrick, I am delighted to share that the girls team were 5th,

the boys team were 1st and the mixed team were also 1st! Two teams now go on to represent the school and the south of England at the national finals in March. Congratulations CSPA!





Whole School Maths Homework Challenge

Thank you for all of your entries as part of the maths homework challenge. You all worked incredibly hard and it was so difficult to pick a winner from each maths class.

Please see a picture below of all of our final winners!

Aura C, Liam G, Tommy, Charlie M, George B, Olivia H, Isla P, James H, Jeyda K, Elvie, Ollie S, Bethany B.

Miss Badrick



Young Entrepreneurs

Huge congratulations to all of our budding Young Entrepreneurs in what was a wonderfully successful first sale after school on Monday. The event was brilliantly attended with many of the 11 tables selling-out in record time! Congratulations to all the children that took part and thank you again for all of the support needed at home to enable the scheme to run. We look forward sharing the success, in the form of treats for Year 6, in the coming year!

Mrs Bain





Year 3 Visit to CStP Library

Last week, year 3 had a special trip to the library. We were treated to a special opening just for us, which meant the children got to explore the library by themselves. We had a great time and we learnt lots about the library and the books they keep. Some of the children signed up to be library members and others got to borrow books to read! We look forward to our next visit.

Miss Gilbert (Year 3 Leader)







Class Assemblies - Reminders

The class assemblies will be on Fridays starting promptly at 9:10am and finishing at 9:30am. You are welcome to arrive at 9am. The assembly will be shared in our school hall.

To give you prior notice, the dates of each class assembly are shared below:

Year 3	Class 1:	Friday 15th December 2023
Year 6	Class 11:	Friday 19th January 2024
Year 5	Class 9:	Friday 26th January 2024
Year 4	Class 5:	Friday 9th February 2024
Year 3	Class 2:	Friday 1st March 2024
Year 6	Class 10:	Friday 15th March 2024 – change of date*
Year 5	Class 8:	Friday 3rd May 2024
Year 4	Class 6:	Friday 17th May 2024
Year 3	Class 3:	Friday 21st June 2024
Year 6	Class 12:	Friday 5th July 2024

*Please note change of date for Class 10 due to the Spring Fayre.

To ensure that we do not exceed the hall's capacity and be compliant with fire regulations, we ask that a maximum of two members of each family attend the assembly. Siblings not of school age can attend but will need to sit on adults' laps. There is no need to register your attendance, please just arrive at 9am via the school office. Please note that the rest of the school will have the opportunity to also enjoy the assembly at a later time that morning.

We look forward to seeing you and welcoming you to our class assemblies.

 **Curriculum news** **The CSPA Curriculum****Curriculum Subjects**

In this section you can find out just a small amount of the high quality teaching and learning that happens inside, and out, of CSPA!

Don't forget to explore our CSPA curriculum on our website.

This week let's focus on Humanities. Click [here](#) to go to the Humanities Page. Here you will find more information about our intent for our Humanities curriculum, the curriculum map and of course our desired impact for all pupils.

Year 5 Mystery Reader

"On Wednesday, my mum came in for Mystery Reader. I was so shocked that she came as I wasn't expecting her. She read the Christmasaurus and a Christmas Carol by Tom Fletcher. She has a special connection with the author, as Tom's wife Giovanna Fletcher knows my mum from a trek in Scotland with her. I love his books as they are very funny and Christmassy. My favourite book in the series is the Christmasaurus and the Naughty List. I recommend this book to people because it is fun, imaginative and extremely christmassy. This Christmas the new Christmasaurus book is called Christmasarus and a Christmas Carol.

Isla, Class 8



Year 5 Christmas Jumper Design Competition

The Year 5 children were visited by residents Betty and Doreen, and staff from Mulberry Court Care Home today to present Izzy, Kseniia and Daisy prizes for success in the competition with Daisy as the overall winner! Well done girls!



Year 5 Christmas Sewing

Year 5 have also been busy with some festive sewing. Look how proud they are of their festive creations!





Year 3 Christmas Party Lunch

As is traditional, Year 3 would like to hold a party lunch on Monday 18th December. So instead of their usual packed lunch, we invite the children to bring in some party food to share such as cooked mini sausages, crisps, a plate of sandwiches, cut up fruit or individual cakes. In the past we have not found it necessary to allocate certain foods to individual children as we usually have a good balance of sweet and savoury items. Please do not send huge amounts as we always have too much food! Each class will have a buffet table of shared food but please be reassured that Covid measures will be in place such as hand washing and careful supervision of the food table to ensure that items are not touched and put back! If your child has food allergies, please talk to their class teacher beforehand to indicate your wishes – it may be that they need to bring in an individual festive lunch. Please could your child also bring a paper plate. If they would like to bring in table decorations or crackers for their table these would be very welcome too. We will supply some fizzy drinks for the party. In the afternoon we will play party games together in the hall.

Please could we remind you that as a nut-free school, we do need all parents to check that all food sent in does not contain any nuts - we know they can sometimes be hidden ingredients, so would be very grateful if you can double check!

Thank you for your cooperation in advance and we will be asking for 2- 3 parent helpers per class through our class coordinators. We ask that helpers can be available in school for 11:30 am until 12:30 pm.

Year 3 Team

Year 3 Cognitive Ability Tests (CATs)

Following the completion of these tests, the results will be emailed to you in January.



Together we have raised...**£285.83**.....
for our school to spend on **FREE BOOKS**



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HELP US....

We are delighted to be one of the chosen charities for the Co-op Local Community Fund which is raising funds to restore nature to our playground, this will hopefully see new planting, raised beds and planters introduced. The programme runs for 12 months, and we need your support to increase our donations as much as possible.

If you have a Co-op card, please log on and select CSPA as your chosen charity.

<https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/76625>

If you're not a Co-op member and do use the store, please register for a card and select CSPA as your chosen charity. We've currently raised nearly £30 since launching and in previous years other local charities have received in the region of £2,000 - £3,000. The more members who select us, the more funds we'll raise.

How you can get involved

Copy and paste this ready-made post to your social media channels with this [image](#) to promote the campaign.

If you're @CoopUK member or customer, you can give the gift of community spirit this Christmas.

Donate to the Co-op Local Community Fund and they will match your donation, so causes like us will benefit! Find out more at coop.co.uk/givethegift



Shoebox Appeal

23,655 Children Will Receive

Good News and Great Joy

Our **Big Shoebox Challenge** has ended, and we are so thrilled to share that, thanks to our generous supporters, over 23,000 children in need will receive a shoebox gift donated online this Christmas!



What to do if your child is ill or absent from school

To report an absence from school, an email must be sent on each day of absence to absent@cspacademy.org.uk

To request a planned absence from school, [CLICK HERE](#) to complete an online Google form. Forms can also be located under the 'parents' tab on our school website www.cspacademy.org.uk

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Childcare Assistant

**Breakfast, After School & Holiday Clubs
Chalfont St Peter**

Busy Living is looking for an experienced person with a background of working within a school or childcare environment to support our breakfast, after school and holiday clubs.

**Hours can be flexible and during term time are
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Full training and support given.**

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PTA News

Watch this space for news of this year's fundraising target! Have an idea of what you would like the PTA to purchase for the children? Come along to the next meeting to share your ideas!!

PTA Hot Lunch and Wear a Christmas Jumper Day Friday, 15th December



Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you for wearing your Christmas Jumper and accessories today - you all looked wonderfully festive! Thank you for your kind donations for 'Liberty's Legacy', a charity which means so much to CSPA.

As many of you know, Liberty was once a CSPA pupil and sadly passed away from Ewing Sarcoma in 2017. Thank you for helping her memory live on, and help others by giving so generously. We will let you know the final amount raised as soon as we are able to!

Hot Lunch

Another successful hot lunch was enjoyed today. This time with a festive touch and with the addition of a Christmas cracker! Thank you if you were able to help out and a special thank you to Mrs Richards for taking the lead once again!





As I mentioned in my welcome, the PTA have so far raised in the region of £4,700 this term. With the Christmas Sales and Hot Lunch profit still to be added, it's been the most fantastic start to the school year. Thanks you to anyone who has taken the time to organise and coordinate an event and thank you to the many parents who have supported them. Thank you!



Upcoming dates:

DATE	EVENT	TIME	YEAR GROUP
Mon 18.12	Year 3 Christmas Lunch and Party	Lunchtime & pm	Year 3
Mon 18.12	Invited helpers' Christmas Reception	9 am - 10.30 am	Invited helpers

Tues 19.12	School Closes at earlier time of 1.30pm for Christmas holidays	1.30 pm	ALL
Thurs 4.1	INSET Day - school closed		
Fri 5.1	School re-opens		
Fri 5.1	Year 3 Stone Age WOW Day		Year 3
Wed 10.1	Year 5 Viking Workshop		Year 5



SAVE THE DATES:

Close for Christmas: Tues 19th December 1:30pm

[Click here](#) to view the full school calendar

[Click here](#) to access the extra curriculum timetable

[Click here](#) to access term dates for 2023/24





Support for parents

Sometimes children can find managing their friendships challenging particularly

at this time of year when the children experience a mixture of excitement and tiredness. Shared below is a link to a helpful web page to support parents in helping to support your children and navigate through the ups and downs of friendships.

[Support for parents](#)

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Would you or someone you know be able to volunteer as a governor at Chalfont St Peter C of E Academy?

Visit our website to find out more about the school and the role of a governor.

Community Events

Please note that Chalfont St Peter Church of England Academy does not accept any responsibility for advertised community events, nor do we endorse them.



Prayer:

Dear God,

Thank you for all the fun and excitement of Christmas.

Thank you for the amazing nativity story, that tells us about the birth of Jesus.

Thank you for sending us your Son, a gift from you into this world.

As we look at the lights on the tree, remind us of the light Jesus brought to this Earth.

When we sing songs and carols, remind us of the hope Jesus showed everyone.

And as we open the gifts and presents, remind us that Jesus was the best gift ever. Help us to share special times with family and friends this Christmas, And to share the light, hope and gift of Jesus to the world.

Amen.

Read more at: https://www.lords-prayer-words.com/times/christmas_prayer.html



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