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## School Newsletter 13.10.23

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**Friday, 13th October 2023**



### Headteacher's Welcome

If you follow our school on Instagram and have watched our latest reel you might have seen what a busy week we have had at CSPA!

Last Friday we were preparing to welcome an additional 110 people to the second of our PTA Bingo events, which was a brilliant night. Thank you again to staff and parent volunteers, especially Mrs Gale for helping to make both Lower School Bingo nights happen and for raising **£1,780.31** for the children! As well as Bingo this week there has also been a class assembly, a football final, a trip to Neasden Temple, a walk around the local area, a sports event at Davenies, Y6 ISEB tests, not to mention a famous children's author visiting! You can read

about the events below, and see some photos on Instagram [@cspa\\_head](#)

Next Friday we finish for half term however before then we're squidding in 'Arts week', two parents' evenings, a PTA hot lunch, flu vaccinations, a theatre show and our usual busy curriculum timetable! Busy, busy, busy! Next Friday also marks my last day before starting maternity leave.

This week the newsletter contains:

- Spotlight on success in the local community:
- Chocolate Treat Friday winners
- Curriculum news: c4 assembly, an author visit, Y3 trips, International Eve
- Year 6 11+ results advice
- Sports News: Girls football, Y4 Superstar event, Club reminder
- Open Morning dates
- Parents' Evening reminder
- Home resource: talking about difficult topics
- CSPA absence procedures & flu vaccination reminder
- PTA news including NEXT PTA MEETING DATE
- Calendar dates
- Community events
- Values prayer: thankfulness

Have a happy and restful weekend,  
Mrs Harrison

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### **Our half term Value:**

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

**T H A N K F U L N E S S**



THANKFULNESS



**'Always be thankful.'**

1 Thessalonians 5.16

QUOTES  
& QUESTIONS

It is not happy people who are thankful; it is thankful people who are happy.  
*(Anon)*

Write your troubles in the sand, but carve your blessings in stone.  
*(Anon)*

? Think about your friends. Which of them always seems thankful and happy?

? What do you think this proverb means? Try to put it into your own words.

Every day may not be good, but there is something good in every day.  
*(Alice Morse Earle)*

When eating a fruit think of the person who planted the tree.  
*(A Vietnamese proverb)*

? At night do you look back on the day and remember the good things?

? What would you like to achieve in your life, that will make future generations thankful?

## 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.



## Scouts Bucks Big O Orienteering Event

Last weekend Sebastian, Osian, and Felix (Year 4), and Bradley (Year 5) entered as a team of 4 in the Scouts Bucks Big O orienteering event. On the Cubs course they managed a speedy time of 27 minutes earning them a high-achieving 3rd spot, of 57 Cub Scout teams who took part from around the county.

I know a number of other Cub Scouts from CStP Academy were there including teams that took 5th and 8th places - well done to them all.

*Andy Greenwood*

*1st Chalfont St Peter Scout Group*

## One Day Event

Nancy (Year 5) took part in a One day Event last weekend with her pony Stanley. They started with a dressage test, followed by Show jumping and then a cross country course and she placed 3rd! Her first try at something like this and they were fantastic! Well done Nancy!





**Golden Rule**

The one rule for all of us in school is:

*Everyone will act with gentleness  
and respect to others at all times.*

*We will keep ourselves  
and others safe.*

## 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 Harrison, a certificate and a HUGE round of applause in Collective Worship.

Well done to:

**Y3: Laila & Jessica L-H**

**Y4: Tommy, Darcy & Teddy**

**Y5: Izel, Celina & Sophie**

**Y6: Will R, Eva & Milan**



## Curriculum news



**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!**



## **Class Assembly: Y4c4**

Today we were all treated to a wonderful celebration of Year 4 Class 4's learning, with x39 Class 4 parents also joining our 9:10am worship. The children showcased their learning and brilliant writing skills in English, acted out a funny Tudor 'Crime and Punishment' scene, showed us plan views of helpful hedgehog habitats and performed with their handmade musical instruments! What a jam packed assembly. Thank you to the children and staff in Class 4 for sharing your fantastic learning with us!



## **Stationary reminder!**

To help your child fully access the curriculum, please ensure that they are equipped with glue sticks, scissors, pencils and rulers, especially with Arts week occurring next week!

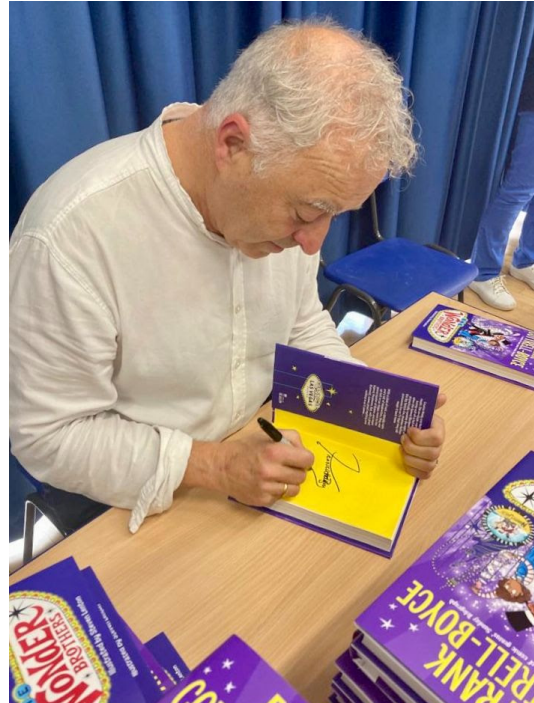
## A famous Author visits CSPA!

On Wednesday, we were very excited to welcome famous children's author and script-writer Frank Cottrell-Boyce to Chalfont St Peter Academy. Also known for his spectacular 2012 Olympics Opening Ceremony and the more recent Platinum Jubilee 'Paddington and the Queen' sketch, Frank delighted the whole school with memories from his own childhood, as well as extracts from his books for children, including his latest adventure, called "The Wonder Brothers". Our pupils enjoyed the opportunity to ask Frank lots of interesting questions about his life and writing and were able to receive their pre-ordered, personally signed copies of "The Wonder Brothers" from Frank himself after the event. [Click HERE](#) to order your a copy of the book.

Frank also encouraged the whole school to enter the BBC 500 Words 2023 Story Competition, where he is one of the judges, looking forward to reading their creative compositions and choose a winner! [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

We would like to thank Frank Cottrell-Boyce for taking the time to visit our school and giving us all a very entertaining and inspirational afternoon.

*Mrs Newton (English Leader)*



## Year 3 Trips

This week Year 3 were lucky enough to go on two trips! For our first trip we ventured out into Chalfont St Peter after being sent a very mysterious letter from Zaki Moon (Alien Supermarket Creator), who informed us he would like to

flatten our village. Year 3 did not like the sound of this and decided the best option would be to visit our local area in order to create a poster of protest. Year 3 enjoyed using our tally charts to mark how our local area uses its land.

On Thursday, we were treated to a visit to the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Neasden. We thoroughly enjoyed walking about the Mandir, where we got to see some beautiful shrines and sacred places. We were also invited to stay and watch the Arti Ceremony. We learnt some amazing facts, like, the temple took 3 years to construct and all of the pieces of marble were handcrafted!! We also learned about the reason for the temple's construction and what it means to be a guru. We attended an Understanding Hinduism exhibition where we saw more beautiful shrines, statues and images, and we learnt more interesting facts about Hinduism. Here are some quotes from the year 3 children.

Matilda - *"I liked exploring the whole place, you can tell it was very special."*

Aura - *"I liked the carved statues and seeing the river in the exhibition."*

Jessica - *"I liked using our worksheets and exploring the museum."*

Laila - *"I liked the carvings and patterns on the walls and ceilings."*

Aveer - *"I liked exploring the Mandir."*

Cadence - *"I liked learning all about Hinduism."*

*Miss Gilbert & the Year 3 team.*





## Reminder: Celebrating culture: International Evening

We will be reviving our much loved school International Evening which will take place on Wednesday 8th November. The event promises to be a wonderful chance to celebrate the diverse range of cultures and countries we have across our school community with delicious food, entertainment, games and activities for all ages. More information will follow, but save the date today!

*Mrs Nicholas (French Teacher)*

# Read This

## Y6 Secondary Transfer Test (11+) results - 4pm today

You may recall that in the meeting held in June, I gave some advice based on my experience over the years in managing the secondary transfer process and I would like to reiterate some key points in the hope that this will help to ensure a smooth process and to support you in protecting your child's wellbeing.

- Consider carefully when and where you look at the results. The playground, the car park or on the way home are not ideal. A much better option is in the

comfort of your home and surroundings.

- Remember that the results are addressed to you. Think carefully about how you share them with your child. My advice is always for the parent to look at them first so you can carefully consider your reaction before sharing the results with your child.
- Think carefully about how much information your child needs. Giving them too much about the results can lead to issues for us back in school as children compare themselves with each other.
- Consider your use of language carefully. Please avoid using the words 'pass' and 'fail'. The impact and pressure on the children knowing they have 'failed' can be very damaging and we want all children to see the positive aspects of any result they gain.
- The temptation to get onto the phone or social media will be high, but please consider that not all families may have received the results they were expecting. Remember the results are private and confidential to you.

I welcome Year 6 parents to make an appointment to meet with me following the outcome of the Secondary Transfer Test should it not be what you were expecting and you would like to discuss the options you have. You can do so from Monday morning by calling the School Office. I will allocate various times in my diary throughout next week and the Office will be able to make you an appointment.

**There is no need to call/email on Friday afternoon/evening.**

*Mrs Alburg (Assistant Headteacher)*

## **Year 6 Residential Trip to Rock UK**

Please be reminded to complete the google consent form and visit Parent Pay for Year 6's residential trip to Rock UK, if you have not already done so, by Friday 20th October to secure your child's place. Details were sent out on the 25th September and a reminder on 9th October. If you have any worries do not hesitate to contact Mrs Alburg via the school office email.

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## Sports News



Our school is well known for our inclusive and competitive approach to Sports. Keep up to date below with all of the latest fixtures and events.



### Girls' Football

On Saturday, 7th October we enjoyed a fantastic morning for our Year 6 girls to showcase their talent in the 2nd round of the ESFA national tournament.

After a slow start in game one we ended up losing 2-0 to Farnham common. Knowing we had to pick up a minimum of 4 points from our final 2 games we played game 2 against St Mary's Beaconsfield a lot better, drawing 1-1 in a game we probably should have won! Here was the must win against St Joseph's... 3-1 victors when the pressure was on. Into the semi finals we go! Up against favourites to win the entire comp, GX, we started very quickly, scoring after 1 minute! The quality eventually showed as they came from behind to win 3-1 and they went on to beat Butlers Court in the final! Well done to Penny, Eva, Amelia, Anna, Livvy, Sophia and Emma.

*Mr Briant (Games Teacher)*



## Year 4 'Superstars Event'

Last week a team of 10 Year 4 children represented the school in a Sports Superstars event at Davenies School. They had great fun taking part in a range of sport themed games, they showed huge enthusiasm throughout the event and worked as a supportive team. They were fabulous ambassadors for the school and were great company throughout the event.

*Mrs Valentine (Year 4 Leader / Assistant Head)*



## Change to Extra Curricular Clubs: reminder

Please be reminded that there is no netball club or craft club on next Thursday because of Parents' Evening but Gym Squad training will be on.

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## Reminder: CSPA Open Mornings

Please signpost anyone you know looking for a September 2024 place to one of our forthcoming Open Mornings! Mrs Harrison and Mrs Alburg will also be visiting Jordans Infant School on Tuesday, 17th October at 9am.



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## Open Mornings

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
at 9:00 am

Come and see what makes our school so special and why our children perform above national results in the KS2 SATs and 11+



SCAN TO BOOK

[web: www.cspacademy.org.uk](http://www.cspacademy.org.uk)    [@cspa\\_head](https://www.instagram.com/cspa_head)

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## Reminder: Parents Evening appointments

The first Parents' Evenings of the academic year will be held next week on Monday 16th and Thursday 19th from 4-7pm. You can book your appointment on SchoolCloud.

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## Home resource: talking about difficult topics

Each week in our newsletter we share a short article, resource or video to support families with some topics that can often cause difficulties or tensions in the family home.

We've all been on the receiving end of a difficult conversation. But that doesn't make it any easier when you have to have one with your child. [CLICK HERE](#) to access the [NSPCC](#) website which contains advice about how to start the conversations about 'difficult' subjects that you need to have if you want to keep your children safe,



## 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](mailto: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](http://www.cspacademy.org.uk)

## Flu vaccinations on Friday 20th October

Remember to consent or withdraw your child by Wednesday, 18th October. An email was sent to all parents on 22nd September giving more details.

# VACANCY



## 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**  
**7.30am-8.45am for the Breakfast Club and/or 3pm-6pm for the After School Club**  
**Full training and support given.**

**Please email**  
**info@busy-living.co.uk or call 07866 763 716 / 01494 702 702**



## 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 Meeting

You are warmly invited to a PTA meeting on **Wednesday 1st November at 7pm** in the school hall. This is a great opportunity for you to be part of the school community and meet other parents. Please come along to share ideas and learn more about the school. Our meetings are very relaxed and informal, often with some light refreshments including a glass of wine or two! It will be wonderful to see some long-standing members of the PTA there alongside some new faces. I hope to see you on Wednesday 1st November at 7pm, but if you are unable to attend, please email the school office with your apologies and any suggestions, offers of help or comments. Looking forward to seeing you there.

*Mrs Alburg (Assistant Headteacher)*

## Reminder: 1 week left to order!

Once again we are pleased to be joining forces with local company, The Chiltern Candle company to offer families the chance to purchase a hand poured, luxurious vegan natural wax scented candle (£12) that is inspired by the stunning surrounding countryside. In addition, this year we are also offering the diffuser (£20) which lasts for ages and smells heavenly!

These make perfect Christmas gifts and help to raise essential funds for the school. If you wish to buy a candle or diffuser, you will be able to find the item/s on ParentPay next week. Be quick as **the last date for ordering is Thursday 19th October!**





### **Reminder: PTA Hot Lunch**

The first hot lunch of the academic year will be on Thursday 19th October. The final deadline for ordering is Sunday 15th October at the latest. Unfortunately, no orders can be accepted after this date. Please do not request a hot lunch after this date.



## **CSPA Christmas Wreath Making Workshop**

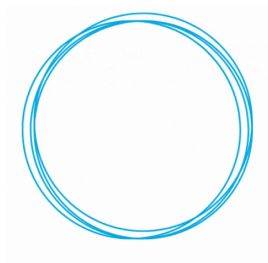
The PTA would love you to join them for a cosy Christmas Wreath making workshop on the evening of Friday 24th November. This will be a lovely start to the festive season where you'll make your own Christmas wreath under the guidance of trained florist Gemma Kelly. We'll supply all the materials you need, all the mince pies you can eat and enough mulled wine to fuel you. All you need to bring is a pair of secateurs and your Christmas spirit!

More details to follow but pop this date in your diary now as spaces will be limited...



## Upcoming dates:

DATE	EVENT	TIME	YEAR GROUP
Mon 16.10 - Wed 18.10	Arts Week	Mon-Wed	ALL
Mon 16.10	Parents' Evening	4-7pm	ALL
Thurs 19.10	PTA Hot Lunch	Lunchtime	ALL
Thurs 19.10	Parents' Evening	4-7 pm	ALL
Fri 20.10	Flu Vaccinations for all pupils	am	ALL
Fri 20.10	Theatre visit - Robin Hood	pm	ALL
Fri 20.10	School closes for half term	3.20pm	ALL
Mon 30.10	School reopens	8:30am	ALL
Tue 31.10	NO Kudos Athletics club	3:20pm	Kudos
Wed 01.11	Open Morning	9 - 11am	Prospective Parents
Wed 01.11	PTA Meeting	7 pm	ALL
Wed 08.11	International Evening	5- 6.30pm	ALL
Fri 10.11	Upper School Bingo	6 - 8pm	Y5 & Y6 - ticket only event
Fri 17.11	Open Morning	9 - 11am	Prospective Parents



### SAVE THE DATES:

**Parents' Evening:** Monday 16th + Thursday 19th Oct

**International Evening:** Wednesday 8th November

**Upper School Bingo:** Friday 10th November

[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

## 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.*



**PFO Football Camp and PFO+ Camp**  
*PFO+ the camp for the less sporty and the more creative. Arts, crafts, dance, games, challenges and drama*

**DATE:**  
*Monday 23rd Oct - Wednesday 25th Oct*

**Year Group:**  
*1-7*

**Venue:**  
*Chalfont St Giles Junior School*

**Time: 10am - 3pm**

**Sibling Discounts And Earlybird Available**

**3 Day Camps**

**BOOK NOW AT PFOcamps.com**

**Price:**  
**£25**  
*per day.*

**josh@pfold.co.uk**  
**07805955305**



**Chalfont Park FC**

**CALLING ALL FUTURE LIONESSES...**



**DID YOU KNOW...**  
 Many girls last season had never really tried football before and discovered a passion they never knew they had AND made great new friends along the way!

We're looking for girls to join our youth football club (years 4, 5 and 6), so we can expand upon our dedicated girls football section.

Children of all abilities welcome, including those completely new to football.

**HAVE FUN**   **LEARN NEW SKILLS**   **BE PART OF A TEAM**



Last season our U11 girls won the Bucks County Cup in their first competitive year!

Term-time Saturday 9 to 10.30am training. Extra training available Tuesday evenings. Frequent matches, home and away, Saturday mornings between 9 and 10.30am kick off (depending on fixture).

Chalfont Park Sports Club  
 Chalfont St Peter SL9 0QA

To register interest and receive information, please contact Lindsay Khurana on 07711 333 502

**FREE trial for 2 weeks**

### CHILTERN TABLE TENNIS

**“BEGINNER/IMPROVER” COACHING AT CHILTERN HILLS ACADEMY HP5 2RG**

**Courses aimed at 9 to 15 year olds**

**Daily from 1000 to 1230 from WEDNESDAY 25 OCTOBER to FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER inclusive £27.00**

**Guarantee of not more than 2 players per table – limited number of places available**

**So book now to avoid disappointment**

If you wish to book a place, please forward details of your age, name, em address?, and landline telephone no., together with the £27.00 fee to Mike Atkinson 35 Poles Hill, Chesham HP5 2QR. Any queries please phone 785609.

If you want to pay by BACS, just phone to get required details.

Mike Atkinson

(UKCC Level 2 Table Tennis Licenced Coach)

**CALM LITTLE MINDS**

## OCTOBER HALF TERM CAMP

**When:** Mon 23rd- Wed 25th October  
**Time:** 10.00am-3.00pm  
**Where:** Hazlemere C of E School  
**Cost:** £35.00 per day - *Discounts Available*  
**Suitable for Ages:** 4-10 years  
**Booking:** [www.calmlittleminds.co.uk](http://www.calmlittleminds.co.uk)  
**Email:** [Hello@calmlittleminds.co.uk](mailto:Hello@calmlittleminds.co.uk)

Early bird 9.30am  
£2 per child pay on the day

**B Discover Bucks Museum**  
& Roald Dahl Children's Gallery

Discover Bucks Museum  
Church Street  
Aylesbury HP20 2QP  
discoverbucksmuseum.org  
01296 331441

# October Half-Term

**23 - 28 October 2023**  
Monday - Friday 10am - 2pm  
Saturday 10am - 4pm

Join us this October half-term for a fun-filled family-friendly week of arts and crafts topped off with a spooky family Halloween day on Saturday 28 October.

Discover more at [discoverbucksmuseum.org](https://discoverbucksmuseum.org) or scan the QR code



## Value prayer: thankfulness

Dear God,

We know that you love us and always want the best for us.

Help us to look for the things for which we can give **thanks**.

Amen



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