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Headteacher's Welcome

The children have continued to impress me with their excellent behaviour and attitude to learning during their first full week back at school. Everyone seems to be really embracing a fresh start and seem determined to make the most of every minute!

Today parents in Year 3 and 4 will have received confirmation that there will be a second Family Bingo night to accommodate some families who missed out on tickets for the 29th September - please check your email for details. I am really grateful to some school staff and parent organiser Mrs Gale for giving up two

Friday nights in a row to make this happen... If **anyone** can share the load and help on the bar at either event (Fri 29/09 or Fri 06/10) we'd be so grateful - please email pta@cspacademy.org.uk or let your Class Coordinator know (list of names further down).

This week the newsletter includes:

- Spotlight on success in the local community
- Chocolate Treat Friday winners
- Termly parent presentation sessions
- Year 6 Leavers data
- Class Coordinators
- Communicate with Classlist
- Absence procedures: what to do if your child is ill
- Reading and English news: Author visit & recommended reads
- Sports news: clubs now live
- Busy Living BLAST
- Parking plea
- Parenting resource: 100 things to do before 12yrs old
- Year 6 walking home reminder
- PTA news
- Calendar dates
- Community events
- Values prayer: thankfulness

Lastly, well done to all of the Year 6 children who sat the Secondary Transfer Tests (11+) this week. You all approached the tests with fantastic confidence, maturity and true CSPA determination, I'm very proud of you!! Make sure you all enjoy plenty of downtime this weekend to celebrate!

Mrs Harrison

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Our half term Value:

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

THANKFULNESS



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'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.



Summer theatre project

Following on from last week's theatre success, Evie (Year 3) also took part in the Pips Dance Academy Matilda Jr show along with her older brother Arthur, who is now in Year 7. Evie's family said that both children had the most amazing experience! Well done children!!








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 the first winners of the new school year:

 Emoji - Download for free – Iconduck **Y3:** Tilly, Daisy & Casper

 Emoji - Download for free – Iconduck **Y4:** Bonnie, Raushan & Poppy S

 Emoji - Download for free – Iconduck **Y5:** Matthew, Olivia P & Ryan

 Emoji - Download for free – Iconduck **Y6:** Ava, Eashan & Ryan



Reminder: Y4 + Y6 Parent Presentations & Meet the Teacher

Come along next Wednesday to listen to your child's Year Leader talk through the topics for the term, share information about any forthcoming trips and also explain the year group's timetable and routines including PE days and homework. You will also have a chance to meet the teacher and look around your child's classroom.

To help parents of siblings, we have staggered the dates (see poster) and timings of presentations. **Please note that the Y6 presentation will start at 4:00pm.**

3:25pm - classrooms open

3:30pm - Y4 presentations + Y6 classroom look

4:00pm - Y6 presentations + Y4 classroom look

The presentations will all be uploaded onto our [school website](#) for future reference and any parents who are unable to attend.

Well done Year 6 Leavers!

At the end of last academic year our Year 6 children (now Year 7) worked really hard to secure a set of fantastic KS2 SATs results yet again placing us well above national data. The results are also a testament to our superb teaching team, engaging curriculum and fantastic pastoral care. Well done everyone!

| | CSPA 2018 | CSPA 2019 | CSPA 2022 | CSPA 2023 | NATIONAL 2023 |
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| % of pupils achieving the expected standard in reading, writing and maths | 77% | 83% | 68% | 85% | 59% |
| Reading attainment | 86% | 91% | 78% | 89% | 73% |
| Writing attainment | 88% | 88% | 86% | 84% | 71% |
| Spelling, punctuation and grammar | 82% | 84% | 76% | 86% | 72% |
| Maths attainment | 88% | 89% | 76% | 92% | 73% |

Class Coordinators

Our Class Coordinators do a brilliant job of helping to share information between home and school, drum up support for PTA events and also encourage communication between families.

If you don't know your Coordinator, or want to get more involved in your class, search for them on Classlist and drop them a direct message!

This year's Class Coordinators are:

Y3c1: Vacancies (x2)

Y3c2: Christy Lade & Kristen Wagner

Y3c3: Vacancies (x2)

Y4c4: Helen Sheehan & Helen Lord

Y4c5: Maxi Huxford & Helen Lord

Y4c6: Joe & Vicky Williams

Y5c7: Liz Hounsell & Nicola Owen

Y5c8: Jeanette Koski & Danielle Lester

Y5c9: Katie Barr & Kristy Lade

Y6c10: Amy Richards & Katie Arrowsmith

Y6c11: Aimee Creed & Jennifer Jobson



Y6c12: Flora Lender & Clare Samuels


If you would like to take on one of the current vacancies, please get in touch!

Communicate with Classlist

If you have not yet signed up for Classlist you can easily download the app via the Apple App Store or Google Play, or search for www.classlist.com in your browser. Search for our school name and you'll soon be able to access all of the above features.


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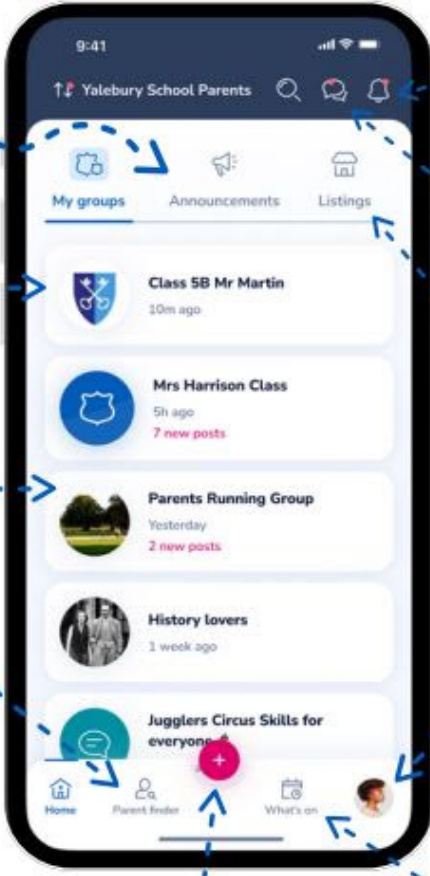
Announcements
Notices and reminders from your PTA, Class Rep or school relevant to your child's class.

My group chats
Post, questions, chat and useful info organised into topic threads: scan for what interests you.

Join or set up an interest group.

Parent finder
Look up a name of a parent or child in your child's class and year. See the who's who of reps and admins. Volunteer to become class rep!

School run map
Opt in to the parent map to find a lift, a cycle buddy, or make friends nearby.



Notifications
Adjust settings to your liking. View latest activity.


Private messages
Chat 1:1 with parents or small groups.

Listings
A marketplace for your school to buy, sell and donate, and list lost & found items.

Profile & privacy
Add a profile and / or a family pic, and icebreaker. Set your privacy preferences.

What's On
PTA events: get and view your tickets in the app. Organise or view private get-togethers and birthday parties.

The magic + button
Start here to create anything: Post to your class, organise a private event, set up an interest group, or list a preloved or wanted item.



Build amazing parent communities
Connect - Celebrate - Collaborate



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



Reading and English news



Reminder: Book recommendations

Our school website now has lots of information about reading on it, including recommended reads for each year group. [CLICK HERE](#) to access the site.



Reminder: Author visit: Frank Cotrell-Boyce

On Wednesday 11th October, children's author Frank Cotrell-Boyce will be visiting CSPA and sharing top tips about how to become a fantastic story writer as well as fascinating facts about the books that he has written. This visit is FREE so there is no charge to parents. During Frank's visit the children will also have an opportunity to have any pre-ordered books signed and dedicated to them.

[CLICK HERE](#) to pre-order a book and guarantee a dedicated signing.

'Mystery Reader' Reading initiative - coming soon!

As part of our work in developing reading across the curriculum and inspiring a love of reading and a wide knowledge of different books, some year groups invite family members in to school to be 'Mystery Readers' who read aloud to the year group. The children have absolutely no idea who it will be each week! Look out for a launch of our Mystery Readers soon!

Sports News

Extra Curricular Clubs timetable: now live!

Our extra curricular timetable and booking information is now available on our school website [CLICK HERE](#).



Wrap Around Care: breakfast and after school clubs

At CSPA we are pleased to work with external provider Busy Living to support families with wrap around care from 7:30am to 6:00pm.

You can book your children in using the online booking system at <https://www.busy-living.co.uk/blastbookings/> booking just the hours you want, up to a full session. You can make bookings up to 8pm the evening before, offering you maximum flexibility. Payment can be made using childcare vouchers, Tax Free Childcare, and credit/debit card.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information about registering.

Parking near Fieldway

We have been notified by one of our neighbours on Fieldway that some parents are already causing a nuisance with inconsiderate parking. The neighbour has asked us to remind you of the following:

- Drop curbs - cars should not be parked over these or the slopping part makes it very difficult to leave and enter driveways
- Corners - cars are parking too close to corners so difficult to get up streets such as Laurel Road and Penn Road safely
- Parking both sides and opposite drives - please avoid to leave room to get emergency vehicles, bin lorries, delivery vans etc through

Thank you for your support and understanding.



Parenting resource: 100 things to do before you're 12

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.

This week we've attached a link Generation Wild's suggested list of 100 things to do before you're 12. From skipping rocks, making mud pies to pitching a tent or using a compass, there is lots to do with no cost and no screen-time!

How many things on the list has your child done so far? [CLICK HERE](#) to view the list.



Reminder: Y6 walking home from school

If your child is in Year 6 and you wish for them to walk home from school without adult supervision, please notify the school in writing via email to office@cspacademy.org.uk



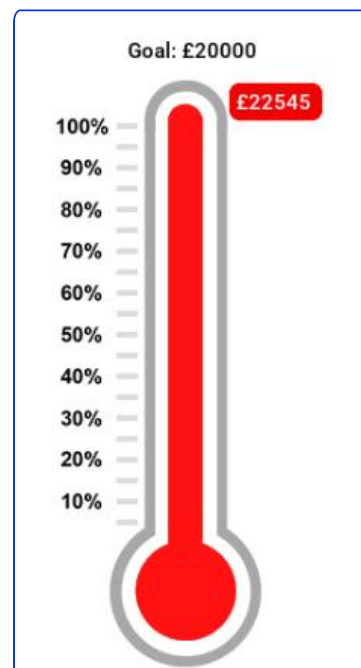
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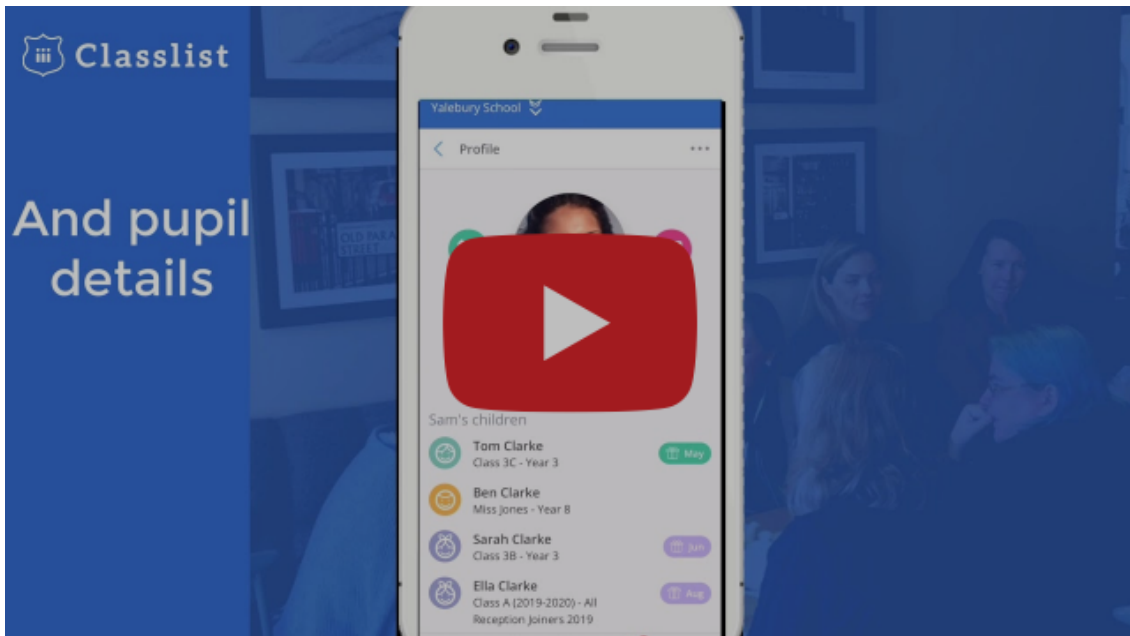
Watch this space for news of this year's fundraising target! Have an idea of what you would like the PTA to purchase for the children? Come along to the next meeting to share your ideas!!

Last academic year, our school community helped us to fundraise over £23,000!

The money you helped to raise went towards the refurbishment of the Year 5 classrooms, theatre productions and IT resources.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!!





Classlist intro

Watch this short 1 minute video to learn about the features of Classlist.



Lower School (Year 3+4) Family Bingo night!

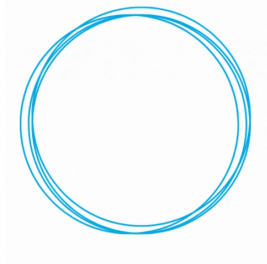
Another night (Friday 6th October) has been added due to popular demand! If you can help man the bar at either event, please email the PTA at pta@cspacademy.org.uk - we really need your help!



Upcoming dates:

| DATE | EVENT | TIME | YEAR GROUP |
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| Wed 20.09 | Parent presentations / meet teacher | 3:30pm | Years 4 + 6 |
| Fri 29.09 | PTA Lower School Bingo Night | 6-8 pm | Years 3 & 4 |
| Tues 03.10 | Individual School Photographs | am | ALL |
| Fri 06.10 | PTA Lower School Bingo Night | 6-8 pm | Years 3 & 4 |
| Wed 11.10 | Frank Cottrell-Boyce (Author) visit | pm | ALL |
| Thurs 12.10 | Year 3 visit to The Neasdon Temple | all day | Year 3 |
| Mon 16.10 | Arts Week | all week | ALL |
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PTA event dates: reminder

1st Lower School Bingo: Friday 29th September
(6pm)

2nd Lower School Bingo: Friday 6th October (6pm)

Upper School Bingo: Friday 10th November (6pm)

PTA Ball: Friday 17th May 2024

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

[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.

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



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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