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Headteacher's Welcome

Welcome back to school everyone!! It has been a great start to the new academic year and both the children and staff have returned (or joined us) bright eyed, keen and ready to learn! I am also pleased to confirm that we do not have any Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) in our building which has helped.

This morning it was a delight to have 30 new Year 3 parents join us in school for an informal coffee and chat - thank you if you were able to attend!

As always our weekly newsletter is full of important dates, information and celebratory news. I really do encourage you to find time to read it each week so that you know what is happening in school. This week the newsletter includes:

- Spotlight on success in the local community
- Termly parent presentation sessions
- Welcome to new pupils (Y4, 5 + 6)
- Absence procedures: what to do if your child is ill
- Year 5 Classroom refurb update
- Reading and English news: Author visit & recommended reads
- 11+ final information and reminders
- Sports news: clubs
- Parenting resource: free course
- Year 6 walking home reminder
- PTA news
- Calendar dates
- Community events
- Values prayer: thankfulness

Thank you all for supporting your child to have a happy and successful start to the new school year. Have a good weekend, see you on Monday!

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.



Summer theatre project

During the summer break Zinnia (Year 5) took to the stage in a production of Matilda at the Compass Theatre Ickenham as part of Pip's Dance Academy Summer theatre project. Her older sister, and past pupil, Willow also took part and supported the production backstage. Well done girls - what a great experience!



Triathlon success!

Some of you may recall that at the end of the academic year, Year 6 pupil Edward (now in Year 7) was hoping to raise lots of money for Cancer Research by taking part in a triathlon. As you can see from the photo, he completed the triathlon in the pouring rain and raised an impressive £230, £80 of which came from selling ice lollies with his sister, Isla after school at CSPA. Edward would like to thank CSPA for your wonderful support!





WELCOME MEETING

Y3 + Y5: 13TH SEPTEMBER
Y4 + Y6: 20TH SEPTEMBER

Come along to find out what your child will be learning this term & meet the teachers.

Parent Curriculum Presentations & Meet the Teacher

Come along on the dates above to listen to your child's Year Leader talk through the topics for the term, share information about any forthcoming trip

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:

3:25pm - classrooms open

3:30pm - Y3 / Y4 presentations + Y5 /Y6 classroom look

3:50pm - Y5 / Y6 presentations + Y3 / Y4 classroom look



New Pupils - Welcome to CSP Academy!

Along with our new Year 3 children, the following children have also joined our school this week! If you are a parent of a child in their class, why not reach out via Classlist to say hi!

- Aiden Y4 class 6
- Arthur Y5 class 8
- Simar Y6 class 12



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

Classroom Refurbishment: Year 5

This summer we carried out a refurbishment of our Year 5 classrooms, replacing the flooring, reinstalling cloakrooms and repainting all of the walls and woodwork. As you can see from the before/after photos below, the rooms look brilliant; we are delighted with the fresh new look and the children are enjoying the additional space created. We would like to thank Mr Eggleton (Site Manager) and Mrs Hughes (HR Manager: Academy Operations) for all of their hard work in making this project happen! Thank you also to our school community who contributed approx. £25,000 towards the cost - we are really, really grateful and look forward to showing you the new look rooms during the forthcoming 'Meet the Teacher' sessions!

Class 7 before and after:



Class 8 before and after:



Class 9 before and after:





Reading and English news



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.



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!

Secondary Transfer Tests (11+)

Next week some of the Year 6 children are sitting the Secondary Transfer Tests. Year 6 parents: if your child is sitting the test and you have not yet registered to receive your child's result by email, a reminder letter should have come home with your child today - please check their bag and register asap!



If you wish for your child to be WITHDRAWN from the tests, please email the school so that we can remove them from the testing process.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view a copy of the STTS presentation held in June.

Sports News

Extra Curricular Clubs - coming soon!

We are in the process of setting up our extra curricular clubs programme and hope to have this up and running in the next week or two!



Parenting resource: free parenting programme 3s to 11s

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.

Buckinghamshire Council offer a free 10-week 'cognitive-relational programme' giving you new listening and communicating skills to use with your 3 to 11-year-old. It also helps you understand behaviours and improve the emotional health of adults and children in the family and strengthen relationships.

The Nurturing Programme at a glance:

- runs for 10-weeks
- parents attend without children
- childminder can be provided for under 5s
- tailored program for parents of children with SEND

Topics covered: the Nurturing Programme covers:

- Ages and stages in children's development
- Communicating clearly: using I statements
- Family rules, rewards, penalties and discipline
- Feelings...and what we do with them
- Behaviour to ignore
- Helping children grow up and keeping them safe
- Calming Down

[CLICK HERE](#) to find out more and register your free place.



Year 6 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



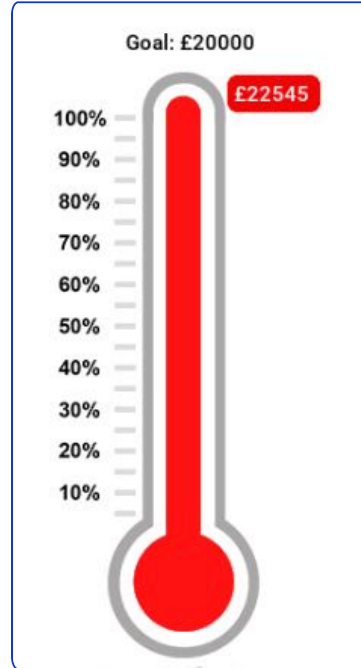
PTA News

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!!

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!!



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

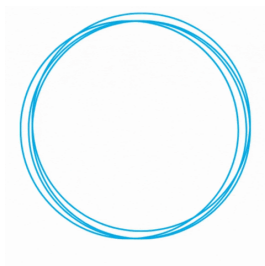
Information will be coming out on MONDAY about how to secure your place via ParentPay for the hotly anticipated lower school Bingo night, on Friday 29th September. These tickets always sell out really quickly so if you want to come along, don't hesitate to buy your ticket and make sure you've activated your ParentPay account!!



Upcoming dates:

DATE	EVENT	TIME	YEAR GROUP

Tues 12.09	Year 6 11+ practice tests	morning	Year 6
Tues 12.09	Kudos Athletics starts	3:20pm	registered chn
Wed 13.09	Parent presentations / meet teacher	3:30pm	Years 3 + 5
Wed 13.09	PFO starts	3:20pm	registered chn
Thurs 14.09	Year 6 11+ tests	morning	Year 6
Wed 20.09	Parent presentations / meet teacher	3:30pm	Years 4 + 6



PTA event dates: reminder

Lower School Bingo: Friday 29th September (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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