

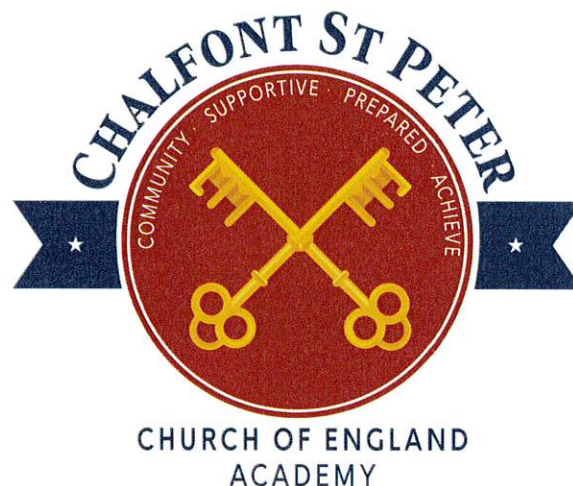


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Headteacher's Welcome

Welcome to the first newsletter of the brand new school year! I would firstly like to welcome back all of our existing families following the summer break and extend a special welcome to new families who have joined us in Year 3 and across the school. The children have started the new school year full of positivity and enthusiasm - it's been so lovely to see them. Likewise, staff have returned in great form, refreshed and motivated for the new school year. Four new members of staff have joined our CSPA family and have quickly become part of our team. Mrs Saldanha (Class 2), Mrs Fletcher (Class 6), Mrs Simmonds (teaching music) and Mrs Jaha (Year 3 learning support assistant).

Our newsletter traditionally provides weekly updates and information as well as an opportunity to celebrate and recognise all that goes on in our school community. This week will be an opportunity to remind you of some key pieces of information as well as sharing some news from over the summer holidays.

The new year provides a wonderful opportunity to refresh, reset and look ahead. We have

many wonderful plans for the children so they flourish during their first or next stage of their CSPA journey. I am so excited for the year ahead and look forward to inspiring our wonderful school to continued joy and further success.

Have a happy and restful weekend!

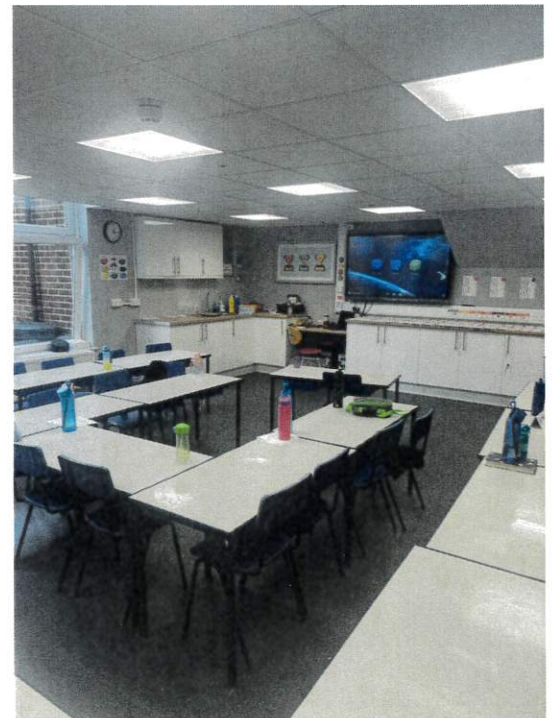
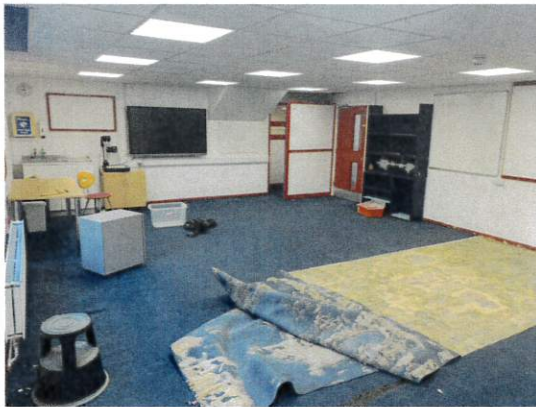
Mrs Alburg

OBE

Many congratulations to Professor Tom Kitching for being made an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (OBE) in the King's Birthday Honours, for Services to International Relations in the field of emerging technology. Tom was recently Science Lead for the recently launched Euclid space mission, and was seconded into Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office as part of a Royal Society programme. Tom is also a governor at CSPA! We look forward to seeing a picture of Tom with his medal when he has been to Buckingham Palace to receive it.

It's been a busy summer!

If you follow us on social media, you will have seen the documented progress of our refurbishment work this summer. With thanks to the money raised by the PTA last year, we were able to refurbish the Year 4 classrooms, main corridor and meeting/office areas. These areas have had new flooring, new storage areas, decoration and updated resource areas. We are delighted with the result and this work has made such a difference to our school environment. Members of staff have worked tirelessly during the summer holidays during the work itself and following its completion. When you have the opportunity to see it, I hope you are impressed and will continue to support our long term refurbishment plans - more to follow in an upcoming PTA newsletter. Take a look at the before and after photographs below!





A wonderful group of parents have been just as busy improving our garden areas in school. Led by Mrs Koski, parents started the work prior to the holidays and have continued over the summer. The outcome of all the hardwork is amazing. These outdoor spaces further enhance the look of the school environment by providing outdoor learning/reflective spaces for the children. One garden area is also going to be dedicated to Tim Mears, one of our longstanding governors who passed away last year. I have so many to thank and I don't want to miss anyone so if you have been involved in any way - thank you, thank you, thank you!

I would like to give special thanks to Mrs Koski for working with such enthusiasm to coordinate the whole project, to Mr Lester for creating the raised bed, to Grant and Stone in Chalfont St Peter for donating the materials needed for the raised bed, Shane's Nursery, Yalden's Nursery and Smith's Nursery for giving us discounted plants. It's so wonderful to be part of such a special community!



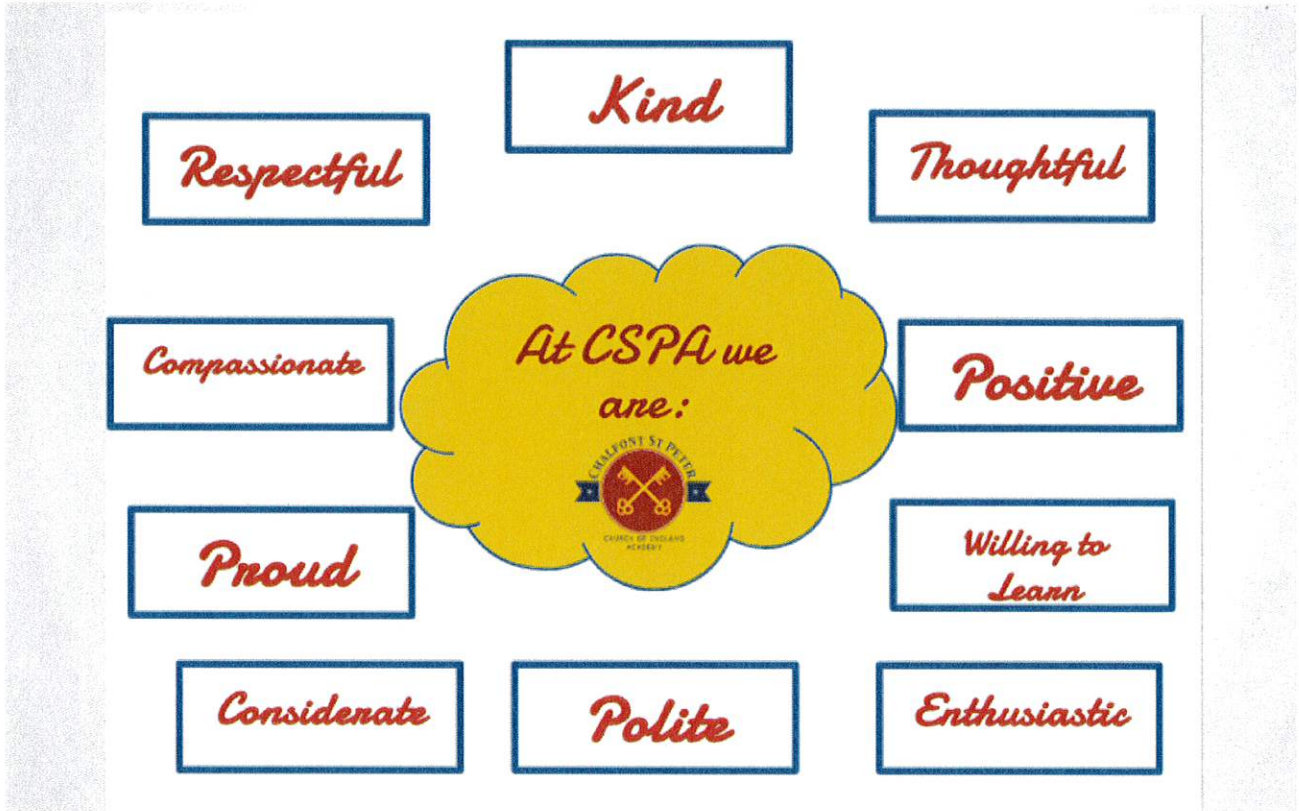
Our CSPA Expectations

Our school is a happy place; together we bring joy to each other and inspire success to be the best we can be.

We have one golden rule:

Everyone will act with gentleness and respect to others at all times. We will keep ourselves and others safe.

At CSPA, we choose not to have lengthy lists of rules but instead have expectations - a way of life at CSPA. We agree together that there are ways to behave and treat people so that everyone can feel happy, safe and proud to be at our school. At CSPA, we are:



We very much value your support with reminding the children of these expectations at home - thank you!

Uniform and PE Kits

The start of the new year is a an ideal time to remind families about our school uniform and PE kit policy. Teachers will give more information about when to wear PE kits in the coming days. For more information about our uniform policy, you can click [here](#).

Attendance

Please remind yourself of our Attendance Policy to ensure that your child has a strong attendance at school.

[CSPA Attendance Policy](#)

Parking

Please may I remind you that in order to keep our children and families safe when arriving and leaving school, we ask that you do not park in Cordon's Close or on the double yellow lines (the police have checked and issued fines in the past), but instead use the Church Lane Car Park. If you don't already have a permit, you will have received one today via email from the school office, which allows you to park for 45 minutes at drop off and pick up times without having to get a ticket. The safety of our children is paramount - reversing and driving so close to the school, where children are crossing the road is very dangerous. Please support us to keep everyone safe!

Extra-Curricular Clubs and Activities

Our timetable for extra-curricular clubs and activities is currently being organised. More information will follow next week.

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Our half term Value:

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

GENEROSITY

QUOTES & QUESTIONS

Real generosity is doing something nice for someone who will never find out. *(Frank A Clark)*

Have you ever been generous without telling anyone?

'If you can't feed a hundred people, then just feed one.' *(Mother Teresa)*


Remember one small way you have shown generosity to one person. (You don't always have to do big things for lots of people.)

A community flourishes when people plant trees under which they will never sit. *(A Greek proverb)*


Use what talent you possess, the woods would be very silent if no birds sang except those who sang best. *(Henry Van Dyke)*

When has your generosity served to help future generations?

Have you ever been put off doing what you are able to do because someone might be able to do it better?



GENEROSITY



'God loves a cheerful giver.'

2 Corinthians 9.7

Sharing success in the local community

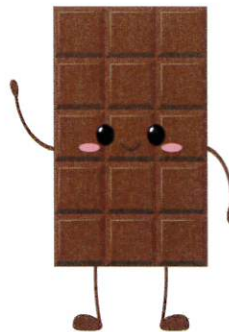
Jesus said *'I have come that you may have life in all its fullness'* (John 10:10). He calls us to a full life in mind, body, heart and spirit. At CSPA, we believe the purpose of education is to nurture and enable every child to thrive and to be the person they are fully capable of being. We are proud 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.





At the end of last term, Samuel F (now in Year 4) and his sister Darcey took part in a fundraising walk across all the bridges in London in support of kidney research with Holly H's Family . He helped to raise over £1500 (including gift aid) for this amazing charity. This was to raise funds and awareness for the charity. He did very well and all his sporting efforts with school the week before helped him prepare. We are so proud of him. Well done.





Golden Rule

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and respect to others at all times.*

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Chocolate Treat Friday!

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



In order to meet your child's class teacher and see their classrooms, we are inviting you to a 'Meet the Teacher' event for each year group. During this time, each Year Leader will be sharing a presentation detailing more information about your child's year group and the year ahead. The arrangements are as follows:

Year 3 and Year 5 - Wednesday 11th September

3:30pm - Year 3 presentation in the hall. Year 5 meet the teachers in the Year 5 classrooms.

4:00pm - Year 5 presentation in the hall. Year 3 meet the teachers in the Year 3 classrooms.

Year 4 and Year 6 - Wednesday 18th September

3:30pm - Year 4 presentation in the hall (including information about the Osmington Bay residential trip). Year 6 meet the teachers in the Year 6 classrooms.

4:00pm - Year 6 presentation in the hall (including information about the Rock UK residential trip). Year 4 meet the teachers in the Year 4 classrooms.

Homework

During the meet the teacher meetings, you will find out more about homework. Homework arrangements and timetable will restart week commencing 16th September.

Secondary Transfer Tests

Year 6 children will be sitting the Secondary Transfer Tests (11+) next week on Tuesday 10th September (practice papers) and on Thursday 12th September. More information will follow for Year 6 parents where relevant and necessary.

Music Lessons

All music lessons will restart next week for children who have confirmed places.

Woodwind - Mondays

Guitar - Mondays

Drums - Thursdays

Keyboard and Cello - Thursdays

ParentPay

To ensure the smooth running of clubs, music lessons, activities and trips at Chalfont St Peter Academy we use a secure online payment website called ParentPay. Parents are asked to make all payments to school via the ParentPay website rather than sending cash or cheques into the school office.

New to ParentPay?

You will need to create your secure online account by visiting www.parentpay.com and using the unique activation username and password which has been sent home via a letter with all new Year 3 children today and emailed to other new families. You will then be prompted to change these to something more memorable and private to you. If you have two or more children at a ParentPay school, you only need to activate one account to create your 'main account' and then add your other children via the **Add a child tab** on your home page.

Already have a ParentPay account?

If you already have a ParentPay account, either with our school or another ParentPay school, you can simply login to that account and add your other children via the **Add a child** tab on your home page. You will need the activation username and password to do this.

Please visit www.parentpay.com and activate your account via the **Account login** area on the home page of the site.

ParentPay holds an electronic record of your payments to view at a later date. Once you have activated your account you can make online payments straight away.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you need assistance. Your support in using ParentPay will help the school enormously, thank you.



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



PTA News

Watch this space for PTA news as we approach our 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!!

It is my intention to share a PTA newsletter to start the new school year which will be circulated to you in the coming days. In that newsletter, I will share a meeting date for PTA members to gather together to look at the year ahead. In the meantime, please save the following dates.

Friday 13th September: PTA coffee morning for new parents - 8:45am - 10am at school.

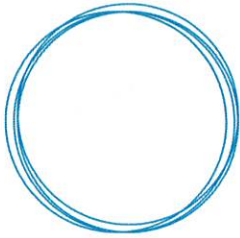
Friday 27th September: PTA Bingo Night for Year 3 and Year 4 - 6:30pm-8:30pm



Upcoming dates:

DATE	EVENT	TIME	YEAR GROUP

Wed 11 Sept	Year 3 and Year 5 - Meet the Teacher and Year Leader presentations for parents	3.30 pm	Year 3 and Year 5 parents
Fri 13 Sept	Year 3 parents' coffee morning	8.45 am - 10am	Year 3 parents
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[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.

Our CSPA School Prayer

Dear Lord,

As we come together, we ask for your guidance
as we make our journey through life,

As we work together, help us to show commitment
and dedication,

As we play together, help us to show tolerance
and kindness,

And as we look to the future, help us to show
determination and courage in all we do,

Lord, we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ your
son.



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