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## School Newsletter 13.9.24

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**Friday, 13th September 2024**



### Headteacher's Welcome

Today in Collective Worship, I asked the children to give themselves a pat on the back and to high five the person next to them for successfully and joyfully completing Week 1. I urge you all to do the same! After the long break, it could be hard as well as exhausting to get back into a routine but the new term and year has started brilliantly!

In my welcome this week, I have to pay tribute to our Year 6 children who sat their secondary transfer tests (11+) this week. They were incredibly focussed, mature and determined. We were so proud of them. Well done Year 6!

This week, we provided the opportunity for you to come along with your children to see their classroom and meet their teachers. Year leaders also provided a presentation of year group information. The Year 3 and Year 5 presentations are available to view later in the newsletter and we look forward to welcoming Year 4 and Year 6 parents on Wednesday 18th September. Each term, you will receive an overview of the term for your child's year

group.

Today, I was able to say well done to some very special children who were the first to receive Chocolate Treat Friday - you can read more later. It is definitely a highlight of my week!

I have kept at the start of this week's newsletter some of the key information/reminders shared last week to give you a little longer to familiarise yourself.

Next week, on Tuesday and Wednesday, we have a photographer and videographer coming into school to photograph/film CSPA in action. We are so excited to showcase the school and our community in preparation for the launch of our brand new website. You can read more about the videography and photography later in the newsletter.

You will have received earlier an email from our Chair of Governors inviting you to consider nominating yourself for the role of Parent Governor at CSPA.

I hope to see you on Monday evening at the 'It takes a village to raise a child' event at the Gold Hill Hub, organised by Mrs Whittall, Headteacher at Chalfont St Peter Infant School. More information is shared below.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone - enjoy the sunshine!

Mrs Alburg

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## **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!

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## 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](#).

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## Attendance

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

[CSPA Attendance Policy](#)

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## 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 last week

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!

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## **Extra-Curricular Clubs and Activities**

Clubs will start in the coming days and weeks. We are proud of the wealth of clubs we offer the children and I am grateful to members of staff for giving their time and energy but due to the number, it does take some time to set up and organise. The timetable will be finalised next week. You can read more information about clubs [here](#).

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## **Reminder: Nut Free School**

This is a reminder that we are a nut free school. Children are not allowed to bring anything containing nuts to school for their lunch or snacks. This includes Nutella.

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## **Our half term Value:**

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

**G E N E R O S I T Y**

## 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.



## Tennis Success

Huge congratulation to Ryan in Year 6 who competed in the Bucks County Closed a few weeks ago and had some great results! He won the 11U boys' singles competition, and was a semi finalist in the 12U boys' singles and 12U boys' doubles. We're very proud of how he competed at the tournament, he showed real grit and determination to get through some tough matches. Here's a photo of him with his trophy!



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## Photography and Videography for our new website

As mentioned in my welcome, next Tuesday (17.9) and Wednesday (18.9) we are having new photographs and videos taken to use on our new school website which we will be launching this Autumn. It has been some time since this was last done and we are excited to be updating our images, showcasing all the wonderful work that happens in school and demonstrating what a happy place it is for our children to learn and our team to work!

Please can I ask children who would normally wear PE kits on a Tuesday and Wednesday to also have their uniform to wear. Just for these two days only!

On Tuesday, please could Year 5 wear their PE kit to school but have their uniform with them to change into. Please could Year 6 wear their school uniform to school and have their PE kit to change into.

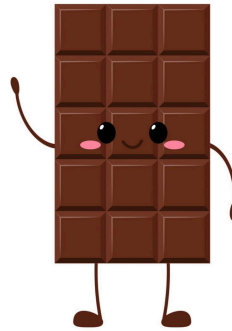
On Wednesday, please could Year 3 wear their PE kit to school but have their uniform with them to change into. Please could Year 4 wear their school uniform to school and have their PE kit to change into.

Prior to your child starting at CSPA we asked for your consent to take and use photographs and video recordings of your child and all your instructions have been noted. If however you wish to change any previous instructions that you have given, please notify the school office by no later than Monday 16th September.

There may be some images captured at the beginning and end of the day as the children are arriving or leaving the school which may show parents and carers on the playground or near the school gates. If you want to ensure that you are excluded from this please notify the school office by no later than Monday 16th September.

I look forward to sharing more updates with you and a date for the launch of our new website soon

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### 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 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.

Congratulations to the following children who received a chocolate doughnut!

Year 3: Ava, Lila, Dexter

Year 4: Aura, Isla W, Casper

Year 5: Charlie M, Carlton, Ivanka

Year 6: Rory, Celina, Sammy B

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Meet the  
**TEACHER**

Thank you for attending the Year 3 and Year 5 Meet the Teacher events. You can view the presentations from Miss Gilbert (Y3) and Miss Badrick (Y5) below:

[Year 3 presentation](#)

[Year 5 presentation](#)

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.

#### 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.

Please note that we have made arrangements for staff to supervise your children in the classrooms during the presentations. This is for CSPA children only. Children can be supervised in the Year 4 classrooms during the Year 4 presentation at 3:30pm and Year 6 children can be supervised in the Year 6 classrooms during the Year 6 presentation at 4pm.

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## **Homework**

Year 3 and Year 5 parents will already be aware following the meeting on Wednesday that the arrangements for homework at CSPA are changing. Teachers will provide more specific information in their meetings but an overview is provided below.

Year 3 and Year 4 children will receive 1 piece of homework set each week (English and maths alternate weeks). This will be a 30 minute task and will be set on a Monday and handed in on a Monday. Spellings will be set every Monday and tested on a Monday. Regular reading is absolutely key and we encourage children to read to an adult or independently with adult supervision and recording at least 3 times a week.

Year 5 and 6 children will receive 1-2 pieces of homework set each week (English and maths alternate weeks). This will be a 45 minute task/s and will be set on a Monday and handed in on a Monday. Spellings and reading are the same as Year 3 and Year 4.

Another change is that homework will continue to be set on Google Classroom but will be completed in homework books.

We have also reset expectations for children completing their homework with care, effort and on time which you can view in their homework books.

These changes have occurred in response to your feedback requesting greater flexibility and a less stressful time at home, whilst maintaining homework as a valuable tool to support children's progress, development and independence. I have also responded to the feedback from teachers who wanted to reset the value and expectations surrounding homework.

I have already received some very positive feedback!

An email has been sent to new parents today with guidance about setting up Google Classroom. You can view this guidance [here](#)

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## 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](http://www.parentpay.com) and using the unique activation username and password which was sent home via a letter with all new Year 3 children last week 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](http://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.

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### **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)

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## Chalfont St Peter Infant School

*'Learning Together and Celebrating Success'*

**Headteacher: Mrs A Whittall**

Dear Colleagues and members of our Community

Bringing up children is such a wonderful job but it is not easy. Teaching children brings so much joy but can also present many challenges as we help our young people to navigate this ever- changing world and support them to become confident, responsible, kind, respectful and courageous citizens of the future.

I am very proud to be the Headteacher at Chalfont St Peter Infant School and I really love my job serving the families of my own local community. Yet, it has become increasingly clear to me that, as the world is changing and the challenges and pressures on our children increase, we need a joined-up approach to ensure the best outcomes and to help each child to realise their aspirations for the future. This is where you come in.

I would love it if representatives of the community of Chalfont St Peter could join me for an open forum entitled 'It takes a Village to Raise a Child'. This will be held at The Hub in the centre of the village (<https://www.goldhill.org/what-we-do/the-hub/>) at **7pm on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024** and will be an opportunity for stakeholders from the local area to be involved in finding out about the needs of our children in 2024 and beyond, and how we can work together as a community for the best for all. This will be open to parents and carers, but I would also love to welcome local business owners, members of our churches, clubs or associations, and charities, police and health, as well as representatives from the Chamber of Commerce and Bucks CC. It is quite an undertaking, but I believe a very important one to share with all those invested in our wonderful village, to see how we can best support each other in raising the children to be ambassadors for Chalfont St Peter and the wider world.

I would be so grateful if you could let us know if you will be attending this event by emailing my Office Administrator, Mrs Sarah Harding at your earliest convenience on [office@chalfontstpeterinfantschool.co.uk](mailto:office@chalfontstpeterinfantschool.co.uk). We need to know numbers for the venue.

I am really looking forward to this meeting and hope it will be the start of something very exciting.

Very kind regards

Mrs. Alison Whittall

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## **OUR BEAUTIFUL TREES**

Dear Parents,

The Parish Council is on a mission to green our village and improve the air quality so we can all benefit from breathing cleaner air. Alongside this we want to help the environment in so many ways so our children can grow up in a healthier, safer and cleaner world. Trees will absorb pollution and help the environment. (see below).

We are planting trees and shrubs around the Church Lane car park to absorb pollutants where they are often emitted from cars, and in an area which is used so much by all of us, for school, shops, medical services, churches, social activities and also this is where many people live.

Sadly, over summer, one of our particularly beautiful trees suddenly failed, lost nearly all its leaves and we thought it was dead! With the help of expert advice, we have been told that heavy footfall over the roots has compacted the soil, so that the tiny pockets of air normally found in soil are being squeezed out. It is these tiny air pockets that enable tree roots to breathe in oxygen and take up food and water. Without these, the roots will die.

We have therefore screened off an area under both Cherry trees and will in time put in a permanent fence.

We wanted you to understand why we have had to take this step. It is important to all of us, and perhaps especially our children, that we make the environment as healthy as possible, and we are determined to do this with your help. We very much appreciate your support and understanding in our fight to green our car park area.

Children are the future and deserve the best we can do for them in every way.

With very best wishes, Kate Southworth (Parish Councillor)



# 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](mailto:info@busy-living.co.uk) or call 07866 763 716 / 01494 702 702



## 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 date.

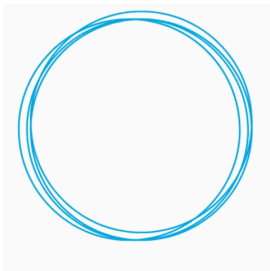
Friday 27th September: PTA Bingo Night for Year 3 and Year 4 - 6:30pm-8:30pm

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## Upcoming dates:

DATE	EVENT	TIME	YEAR GROUP
Wed 18 Sept	Year 4 and Year 6 - Meet the Teacher and Year Leader presentations for parents	3.30 pm	Year 4 and Year 6 parents
Fri 27 Sept	PTA Bingo Night - Year 3 & Year 4	6.30pm - 8.30pm	Year 3 & Year 4



## SAVE THE DATES:

**Wednesday, 18th September - Year 4 and Year 6  
Meet the Teacher and Year Leader presentations for  
parents**

**Friday, 27th September - 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm (PTA  
Bingo Night - Year 3 and Year 4)**

[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

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## 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.*

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## 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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