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## School Newsletter 20.9.24

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**Friday, 20th September 2024**



## Headteacher's Welcome

I hope you have all enjoyed a wonderful week - it certainly makes a difference when the sun shines! Please take the time to catch up on our news this week, to read important updates and to be prepared for upcoming events and information. Our weekly newsletter is a great way of keeping in touch and ensuring effective school and home engagement. To help, I have listed below some key items featured in this week's newsletter.

On Tuesday, a photographer came to CSPA to try and capture every aspect of our school in just one day. It was a fantastic day albeit an exhausting one. The teachers and children shone in every way and I was very proud. Katie, the

photographer couldn't praise the school enough and gave some hugely positive feedback. On Wednesday, we were expecting a videographer but he was unfortunately unwell. He has rescheduled for Wednesday 25th September and you can read more about those arrangements later.

Thank you for attending our 'Meet the Teacher' and year group presentation events over the past two Wednesdays. I hope you found them useful and enjoyed seeing your children's classrooms and meeting members of staff. The information shared as well as some additional curriculum information is shared later in the newsletter.

We have now arranged our Open Mornings for Wednesday 16th October and Friday 15th November. Please may I ask you to share these dates with any families looking for current school places (we have places in all year groups) and for future places. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Next Friday 27th September, it is the Year 3 and Year 4 PTA Bingo Night from 6 pm - 8 pm. Following the email sent out yesterday, tickets are now on sale! They are likely to sell out so please visit your ParentPay account asap to purchase to avoid disappointment. For information, the second of our Bingo Nights for Years 5 and 6 is on Friday 18th October and more information will soon follow.

This weekend is the final opportunity to nominate yourself for the role of Parent Governor. Please see email sent to all parents.

Have a fabulous weekend and I look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Mrs Alburg

Key items:

- Open mornings (Wednesday 16th October and Friday 15th November)
- Autumn term clubs
- Videography Wednesday 25th September
- Class assemblies
- Year group presentations
- Y4 Osmington Bay
- Y6 Rock UK - Wales
- Lower school Bingo Night - Friday 27th September
- PTA meeting Monday 7th October 7pm



# Open Mornings

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November

at 9:00am



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Come and see what  
makes our  
school so special  
and see our  
wonderful children  
and staff in action.



## Open Mornings

Please see details about our Open Mornings if you know anybody looking for a school place.

We currently have school places in all year groups (Y3-Y6) and warmly welcome you to our two scheduled open mornings. We also encourage parents with children currently at infant school age looking for a place in September 2025 and beyond to attend our open mornings. There is no need to book.

The timetable for both mornings is as follows:

9am: Welcome

9:10am: School tours with our Year 6 pupils

9:45am: Return to the school hall for refreshments and a chance to meet staff

10:00am: Presentation from the Headteacher

10:30am: Additional school tours (if missed at 9:10am)

Alternatively, you are welcome to book a school tour with the headteacher at another time by calling the school office (01753 883982) or contacting us via email ([office@cspacademy.org.uk](mailto:office@cspacademy.org.uk))

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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 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!

In addition, staff members of our St Peter's Church are finding it difficult to park as often their reserved places in the car park have been taken. Please consider our friends and neighbours and park considerately.

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

Clubs are now starting to be set up with emails being sent to parents where their child has registered an interest. Please note that some clubs are for specific year groups, on a rota basis or by invitation. 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. The timetable and more information about clubs can be viewed [here](#).

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## **Meet our new house captains**



Huge congratulations to:

Gray: Nora and Harry

Hampden: Myles and Zizi

Milton: Isabel and Isla

Penn: Natalie, Abby and Sammy

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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

**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

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## 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.



### **Year 6 Boys - District Football**

Well done to James H, Matthew A, Marshall R, Myles K and Sammy B for being selected to play for Chiltern and South Bucks District Football team.

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## **Year 6 Football Team**

Well done to the Year 6 boys' football team who played away to Seer Green School on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>. They won 2-0 with goals scored by Charlie D and James H.

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## **Videography for our new website**

Next Wednesday (25.9), the videographer has rescheduled following him not being able to come this week. This is all in preparation for the launch of our new school website.

Please can I ask children who would normally wear PE kits on a Wednesday to also have their uniform to wear. Just for one day! I'm sorry to ask again and appreciate your support.

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.

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



**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 delicious slice of triple chocolate cake!

Year 3: Amelie N, James H, Imogen E

Year 4: Cooper, Toby, Alex

Year 5: Ralph, Martha T, Eila

Year 6: Jessica, Juliet, Sophie

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## Class Assemblies

We are delighted to share plans welcoming you to join some of our CSPA assemblies and collective worship. Throughout the school year, every class and their teacher/s will be creating and presenting an assembly to the rest of their year group and you are invited to come into school and watch your child's class assembly. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to showcase their learning, build their confidence and experience performing and presenting in front of others. We are thrilled to be opening our doors and welcoming parents into school for another chance to be part of your child's CSPA journey, build positive relationships and engage with our whole school community.

The class assemblies will be on Fridays starting promptly at 9:10am and finishing at 9:30am. You are welcome to arrive at 9am. The assembly will be

shared in our school hall.

To give you prior notice, the dates of each class assembly are shared below:

Friday 11th October 2024: Year 5 Class 8

Friday 18th October 2024: Year 4 Class 5

Friday 8th November 2024: Year 3 Class 3

Friday 24th January 2025: Year 6 Class 11

Friday 31st January 2025: Year 5 Class 7

Friday 7th February 2025: Year 4 Class 4

Friday 7th March 2025: Year 3 Class 1

Friday 28th March 2025: Year 6 Class 12

Friday 2nd May 2025: Year 5 Class 9

Friday 23rd May 2025: Year 4 Class 6

Friday 20th June 2025: Year 3 Class 2

Friday 11th July 2025: Year 6 Class 10

To ensure that we do not exceed the hall's capacity and be compliant with fire regulations, we ask that a maximum of two members of each family attend the assembly. Siblings not of school age can attend but will need to sit on adults' laps. There is no need to register your attendance, please just arrive at 9am via the school office. Please note that the rest of the school will have the opportunity to also enjoy the assembly at a later time that morning.

We look forward to seeing you and welcoming you to our class assemblies.



Thank you for attending the Meet the Teacher events. You can view the presentations from Miss Gilbert (Y3), Mrs Valentine (Y4), Miss Badrick (Y5) and Mrs Bain (Y6) below:

[Year 3 presentation](#)

[Year 4 presentation](#)

[Year 5 presentation](#)

[Year 6 presentation](#)

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## **Year 4 Residential Trip to Osmington Bay - May 2025**

A presentation was given by Mrs Valentine this week as part of the Year 4 presentation and an email about Osmington Bay has also been sent. You can view the presentation [here](#).

At this moment in time we need to confirm our booking with PGL. To reserve a place for your child, please could you complete the Google form [HERE](#) and make a deposit payment of £50 via parentpay by 1st October. This deposit is non-refundable.

The cost of the trip is £315 per pupil inclusive of travel, full board accommodation and equipment. Should there be any difficulties in making payments, a confidential chat with myself may enable us to secure support where it is needed. If this is the case, please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you have any questions regarding the trip please make contact via the school office.

*Mrs Valentine*

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## **Year 6 Residential Trip to The Summit Centre, Rock UK - June 2025**

A presentation was given by Mrs Alburg this week as part of the Year 6 presentation and an email about The Rock UK Wales trip has also been sent. You can view the presentation [here](#).

If you would like to reserve a place for your child on the above proposed trip to Wales in June next year, please could you complete a Google form by [clicking here](#) and pay a deposit of £60 via Parent Pay by Friday 25th October 2024. This will be non-refundable in the event that the trip goes ahead.

If you have any questions/concerns and you and/or your child would like to discuss the trip with me, I am very happy to do so.

## 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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## **CSPA Garden Re-vamp**

Please see comments below from Mrs Koski about the latest on the CSPA garden re-vamp.

"It's been such a delight to be involved in the CSPA garden re-vamp and to hear all the positive comments from teachers and children alike. Jo and I were overwhelmed with interest and offers of help from the children on Monday. It was particularly heartening to see how intrigued and keen to help the children were. I can only see this interest growing as we continue to work our way around the school and create a new raised bed along the fence line opposite Mrs Bain's classroom and an eco garden in the back corner. Not to mention an Eco Club at some point too! Jo Crutchley (Cooper's mum in Year 4) was an absolute diamond this week when we dug through what felt like concrete in that

raised bed!"

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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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## **Vacancy for Parent Governor**

Further to the letter emailed to all parents on 13th September, we would like to invite all parents and carers to consider standing for election as a parent governor.

Parent governors are appointed for four-year terms (but may serve for a shorter period if they wish by discussion with the Chair of Governors).

Please refer to the letter emailed out for more detailed information about the role. If you would like to talk about the role, please contact Jim King, Chair of Governors, at [j-king@cspacademy.org.uk](mailto:j-king@cspacademy.org.uk)

Thank you for considering this. We have a great team of governors and, whilst working hard to help make the school a great place, we have a lot of fun.

## How to apply

If you would like to stand for election, please complete the Google Nomination Form by [clicking here](#) no later than close of business **Monday 23rd September 2024**. Please include a short personal statement to support your nomination, no longer than 200 words. In the event of an election, this statement will be viewed by other parents. Nominations must be from parents or carers, with children on roll at the school on the day that nominations close. If there are more nominations than vacancies, there will be an election by secret ballot. Voting papers will be sent to all parents and carers together with details of the ballot procedure.

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# 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**

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## **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!!

## **PTA Meeting**

It is my intention to create and send a PTA newsletter next week but wanted to share a date in advance. This is for our first PTA meeting of the year (more will be shared in the newsletter). The date is Monday 7th October at 7pm. The meeting will be held here at school.

## **PTA Bingo Nights**

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

Tickets are now on sale for the lower school Bingo night. Tickets are likely to sell out so please visit ParentPay asap to purchase to avoid disappointment.

**Friday 18th October: PTA Bingo Night for Year 5 and Year 6 from 6 pm - 8 pm.**

More information will follow.



Dear Year 3 and 4 families,

We are delighted to invite you and your family to take part in our CSPA Lower School Bingo evening on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September from 6 pm - 8 pm** in our school hall.

Tickets will be priced at £5 each and will include bingo cards for every player for 3 games. There will be cash prizes in every game for the first player to complete a line, and the first player to complete a full house. A bar and tuck shop will be available on the night, as well as a fun children's raffle. All monies raised will go towards school projects.

Tickets will go on sale via **ParentPay on Friday 20th September at 1pm**. Please ensure that you list the **names of all attendees** in the notes field when you make your purchase.

Due to the capacity of the hall, tickets are limited and this event is likely to sell out quickly so to avoid any disappointment be ready for when tickets go on sale on **Friday 20th September at 1pm**.

Many thanks

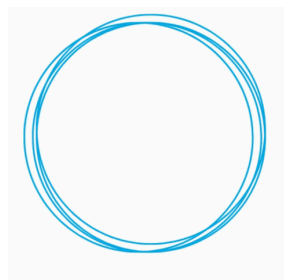
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## Upcoming dates:

| DATE                          | EVENT                             | TIME        | YEAR GROUP          |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Fri 27 Sept                   | PTA Bingo Night - Year 3 & Year 4 | 6pm - 8pm   | Year 3 & Year 4     |
| Thur 3 Oct                    | Individual School Photographs     | am          | ALL                 |
| Mon 7 Oct                     | PTA Meeting                       | 7pm         | ALL parents         |
| Wed 16 Oct                    | Open Morning 1                    | 9am - 11 am | Prospective parents |
| Fri 18 Oct                    | PTA Bingo Night - Year 5 & Year 6 | 6pm - 8pm   | Year 5 & Year 6     |
| Wed 23 - Fri 25 Oct           | Arts Week                         | all day     | ALL                 |
| Mon 4 Nov                     | Parents' Evening                  | 4pm - 7pm   | ALL parents         |
| Thur 7 Nov                    | Parents' Evening                  | 4pm - 7pm   | ALL parents         |
| Sun 10 Nov                    | Remembrance Day Parade            | pm          | ALL                 |
| Fri 15 Nov                    | Open Morning 2                    | 9am - 11 am | Prospective parents |
| Mon 18 Nov                    | Stage Building                    |             |                     |
| Fri 6 Dec                     | CStP Village Fun Night            | Evening     | ALL                 |
| Tues 10, Wed 11, Thurs 12 Dec | Year 6 Production                 | Evening     | Year 6              |
| Week beginning 16th Dec       | Year 4 Nativity                   | tbc         | Year 4              |
|                               |                                   |             |                     |



## SAVE THE DATES:

**Friday, 27th September - 6 pm - 8 pm (PTA Bingo Night - Year 3 and Year 4)**

Friday, 18th October - 6 pm - 8 pm (PTA Bingo Night  
- Year 5 and Year 6)

[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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