

CHAPEL ALLERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL (CAPS) PARENT STAFF ASSOCIATION (PSA)

NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2025

About your PSA

Welcome to our March Newsletter. We are pleased to be able to update you on some of the work the PSA have done in 2025 and events we have planned in the coming months. The PSA is a Registered Charity and we continually fundraise to help the school provide extra resources to enhance the experience of pupils.

We would be pleased to hear from parents about what else you would like to see the PSA doing, and any other feedback you have. To continue supporting the School as we do, and to help with organising events, we are always looking for new volunteers, whether ad-hoc or longer term. If you can help in any way, please do get in touch at: chapelallertonpsa@gmail.com.



New Playground Equipment and Games



We are pleased to have been able to purchase **£350** worth of playground equipment and games for the children to enjoy during their break times. This includes: pom poms, ribbon wands, tennis balls, skittles, hula hoops, noughts and crosses games, and a parachute! As you can see from the photos above, the children are already enjoying these new additions, and with Spring and warmer weather on the horizon, we hope the children can get the full benefit of these!

Uniform at The Reginald Centre

As part of our drive to reduce waste, save the planet, and shift some of our excess uniform donations, we are really pleased to have teamed up with The Reginald Centre to offer a new uniform collection point. We hope this will also be helpful to those who cannot make it to our Uniform Giveaways at School. We have a few sets of each size of uniform available, all bagged up and ready to go. The uniform is washed and in good condition, with some items being brand new! Just ask a member of staff, who can point you in the direction of our storage boxes. We will continue to replenish these throughout the year.



Theatre Trips



Each year, the PSA subsidises the cost of Theatre Trips for two year groups. On 21 January 2025, we were thrilled to support Y4, who attended the Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe at the Leeds Playhouse. Our very own volunteer Stefanie helped out on the day, and remarked on how well behaved all the children were! We hope they enjoyed it too!

Valentine's Day Treat Sale



On Friday 14 February 2025, we held a Treat Sale in the Small Hall kick start our fundraising towards the refurbishment of the School Hall. On sale were Krispy Kreme doughnuts, homemade baked goods, sweet bags and candy floss, as well as craft packs. Thanks to Joe Salmond in year 5 for inspiring the emoji cupcakes, by sharing the recipe in the excellent CAPS Magazine. We were incredibly grateful to all the volunteer bakers and those who helped on the day, including one of our new Parent Representatives, Naomi Roberts! Most of all, thank you to all the families who battled the queues, and made it to the finish line to purchase a treat! We raised a whopping **£334.50!** Thanks again for your amazing support.

Uniform & World Book Day outfit giveaway

With every parent's worst nightmare (World Book Day) looming, on Friday 28 February we organised a uniform and fancy dress giveaway to try and ease the pain. We had a huge volume of uniform and fancy dress available, and were really pleased to see so much of it being put to good use on the 6 March! Many thanks to the amazing Stefanie who helped set everything up, and arrange the most obscure fancy dress items into passable World Book Day outfits. Since the kids never stop growing, we will look to arrange another uniform giveaway soon. If you have any uniform to donate, do continue to use the green wheelie bin permanently located in the Small Hall (opposite the office).



Wonderlicious Chocolate Competition

This year, to tie in with World Book Day, we organised our first ever Willy Wonka-style Chocolate Competition, where those purchasing one of our special chocolate bars could hope to find a lucky Golden Ticket. We organised over 60 prizes, including a star prize of a £50 voucher for The Flying Pizza Restaurant, vouchers for Armadillo Toys, The Little Bookshop, Ninja Warrior, Little Bees Soft Play, Leeds Dock Water Taxi, Hyde Park Picture House and many more. We also had a number of coveted School Prizes in the mix – including an end of term movie, an extra play time, a bring a toy to School day, a parachute games session and ice-pops for the whole year, to name but a few.

We took nearly 400 pre-orders and sold extras over the two days this event ran. We raised a fantastic **£560!** A big "thank you" to everyone who purchased a bar of chocolate – we hope the children enjoyed this event (and eating all the chocolate), and congratulations to all the lucky prize winners!

This proved to be a very labour intensive event to organise, and so many thanks goes to those who helped to wrap chocolate bars (whilst hungover), write formulas in excel for randomly picking the winners, organise and hand out the orders on the day, and to all our lovely Parent Representatives who helped promote the event. Our thanks also goes to Mrs Pinder for organising the School Prizes, and to David and Molly in the office for all their assistance.



Save the Date!

	<p>Parents Quiz Night & Raffle – Tuesday 25 March 2025</p> <p>Following the success of two Parents Quiz Nights in 2024, we are holding another Quiz Night at The Mustard Pot on Tuesday 25 March 2025. Do grab your friends and family and come along to this fun event, hosted by Larry Budd. We ask people to arrive at 7.00pm for an 8.00pm start, giving you time to order drinks (and food if you wish), before we get started. Winning teams win booze hampers, and there’s a wooden spoon prize too! We hold a small raffle on the night too, and have some great prizes already – including meal vouchers for Pinche Pinche, The Mustard Pot, The Toby Carvery and vouchers for Chirpy, Tarbetts Fishmongers and Caspars Bottle Shop. Please do email the PSA to confirm the numbers in your quiz team asap at: chapelallertonpsa@gmail.com. If you’re up for a laugh but don’t have a quiz team, do let us know and come along and we can put teams together on the night. Many thanks!</p>
	<p>Sprint Sprint – w/c 28 April 2025</p> <p>Our annual Spring Sprint will take place during the week commencing 28 April 2025. This is a sponsored run where the children complete as many laps of the school playground as they can during their PE Lesson. This year, the funds raised will be used to fund improvements to the School Hall. Look out for forms in book bags over the next few weeks.</p>

Easy Ways to Support the PSA

	<p>If you would like to purchase a book for the School Libraries, please visit our Library Wish List, held with The Little Bookshop in Chapel Allerton. The Little Bookshop (thelittlebookshopleeds.co.uk). TLB are kindly offering a 15% discount on books purchased for the school, whether in store or online. If you would like an inscription label to be placed in your book, please confirm this in the “Special instructions” field.</p>
<p>Shop & Give Powered by TheGivingMachine</p>	<p>Do you regularly shop online? Then consider joining “Shop & Give”. If you sign up, and then select the causes you wish to support, then each time you shop at affiliated stores via this site, you are raising money for the PSA. You can sign up at: Support 'Chapel Allerton Primary School' - TheGivingMachine.</p>



Does your employer operate a match funding scheme? Some companies operate schemes where they agree to match a sum of money that their employee has either saved, raised or donated to a charity. If your employer offers such a scheme, please consider the PSA and claim matched funding for any donation you make to the PSA.



Does your company or employer select a charity to support each year? If so, please consider nominating the Chapel Allerton Primary School Parent Staff Association, to help us raise funds for lots of fantastic projects!



Each year, the School organises a Victorian Day and a Greek Day, for years 2 and 4 respectively. We are very grateful to receive any donations of fancy dress that we can offer up to parents in advance of these dates. We have dedicated boxes for these in the Small Hall, or just place them in the Green Wheelie bin in the Small Hall and we will sort these! Thank you.