



The Crypt School Parent Teacher Association

Parents, Teachers and Friends

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NEWSLETTER 2016

WELCOME

I first got involved with the Crypt School PTA back in 2007, when my eldest son started as a new year seven and 9 years later, he is completing his 2nd year at university whilst my youngest son is now coming to the end of year 10, on the run up to his GCSEs! In that time I have helped out at countless car boot sales donning a florescent yellow jacket directing traffic and helping buyers and sellers; the majority of uniform fitting days picking and packing, meeting and greeting; parent information evenings, as well as numerous social events serving drinks, mingling and spreading the word about the aims of the CSPTA.

Whilst there is a core of parents and carers who seem to get involved with many events, there are an equal number of Mums, Dads and carers of current and ex pupils who regularly get involved with either just the annual uniform sales, the school uniform shop on Monday lunchtimes, the Sunday cars boot sales in the Spring and Summer months or refreshments on social or music evenings. Whether helping regularly or on an ad-hoc basis, all assistance in supporting events that raise additional funds to support the learning experience for the students of the Crypt School is gratefully received and I thank everyone who has offered their time.

That said, as our children progress though the school and come toward the end of their time, so do their parents and carers. We always need people to get involved so please get in touch or have a chat with one of us. There are plenty of opportunities to meet us at school and we look forward to seeing you. Come along to one of our monthly meetings or email us on the address above.

In my tenure as committee member, Vice Chair and Chair, I've met and made many friends with both parents and staff and enjoyed every minute. The CSPTA has given the school well over £150,000 in recent years which has been used to purchase specialist equipment for science and sport, lighting for drama, 3D printers and miscellaneous other items as well as the more prominent purchases like the canopy for the quiet area and of course, the two mini buses. This year's fund-raising? It could be our most prominent yet. Our funding aims are to support the building of a new pavilion.

At the end of this school year I will be standing down as Chair. I'm no longer able to give the same level of commitment I've previously given and that the role deserves, owing to current work engagements. It is a good time to hand the reigns over to someone with fresh ideas to steer the committee forwards. However, I will not disappearing altogether! I shall still be helping out with Car Boots and other events and look forward to seeing you all soon.

Kalvyn Griffiths
Chairman

AGM

The AGM took place in March and the following officers were elected:

Chair	Kalvyn Griffiths
Vice Chair	Phil Seyers
Treasurer	Tony Smith
Secretary	Vacant – since taken on by Linda Lapington

Further responsibilities are as follows:

Uniform Shop	Sue Grist
200 Club	Jane Pritchard
Refreshments	Bev Hicks & Lee Roach
Car Boot Sales	Phil Seyers

THANKS

Sally Coleman stepped down as Secretary this year. Many thanks go to her for all her hard work. We had a vacancy for a couple of months, but are very pleased that Linda Lapington has now taken on the role. Thanks Linda!

Great thanks also go to all who have helped out this past year with:

- Refreshments
- Uniform Shop
- Car Boot Sales

Your support is vital and we welcome helpers at future events and monthly meetings both are open to everyone; please come along.



200 CLUB

The 200 Club is open to all and we now have over 300 participants! It particularly suits parents and carers who want to support the CSPTA but live just too far away to help out at sales and functions.



Numbers cost £1 each and there is no restriction on how many you can buy. Half the monthly takings are paid out in prizes.

Club fees are made via Standing Order and the form is available on the CSPTA section of the school website:

<http://www.cryptschool.org/pdf/csa/200-club-form-v1.1.pdf>

Please complete and return to the school or make a payments for 12 months in advance by cheque or cash.

Draws are made monthly at the CSPTA committee meetings and the winners are notified by post.

The 200 Club raises over £3000 yearly, all of which goes to benefit Crypt students.

QUIZ NIGHT



Thank you to all who came to the PTA Quiz in April. A great time was had by all and the event raised £174 in the process.

Many thanks go to our:

Quiz-Masters - Sean and Clay and their impressive technological wizardry with support from Helen, Theo and Max.

Caterers - Lubna and Marlene who made delicious, tasty bhajis for the interval.

CAR BOOT SALES

Sunday Car Boot sales are a big fundraiser: approx. £3000 - £4000 per year.



We've had lots of positive comments this year already:

"... have more of these sales, you all do a wonderful job in hosting such a magnificent event."

"Had a great day selling today, really good value at only £5 a car, all of the helpers do a brilliant job."

Helpers are needed for:

- Taking money on the gate
- Organising parking

Sunday helpers be prepared for an early start or be a Saturday afternoon helper setting-up cones and barriers - it only takes an hour.

If you are able to help contact: cspta.carboot@cryptschool.org

We all have a really good time!

Remaining Car Boot Sale dates for 2016:

12 th June	
26 th June	14 th August
10 th July	11 th September
25 th September (reserve date)	

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

The School Uniform Shop is run by the CSPTA and is open from 1pm - 2pm every Monday (term time only).

Order forms are available on the school website.

<http://www.cryptschool.org/pdf/uniform/uniform-order-form-july-2016.pdf>



If you cannot make it to the shop, then please complete an order form and send it with your payment to the School Office with cheques payable to 'The Crypt School'. Orders can be collected from the School Office.

For further details please contact us by email: cspta.uniformshop@cryptschool.org

Reminder – Uniform Fitting Day for Year 7 pupils takes place on 2nd July 2016.

EASY FUNDRAISING WEBSITE

- Register with www.easyfundraising.org.uk
- Say you want to support the "Crypt School Association"
- Download the toolbar
- When you shop, click "activate donation"
- There's no extra cost to you on purchases

From September 2015 to April 2016, 45 people registered and raised £161 while doing their normal online shopping. Just imagine what we could raise if you **ALL** joined in.

There's a great choice of shops like Marks and Spencer, Next, John Lewis, Amazon, hotels, travel agents and more.

You purchase & shops donate to the Crypt School Association. It's a "Win-Win" with no extra cost to you!

REFRESHMENTS

The CSPTA support the school by providing refreshments at concerts, open days and evenings and other events across the year.

The team of helpers, as always, has been very busy this year. Thank you to everyone who has contributed their time and energy supporting the school.



If you are willing to spare a couple of hours please get in touch:

cspta.events@cryptschool.org

...and we'll add you to our contact list.

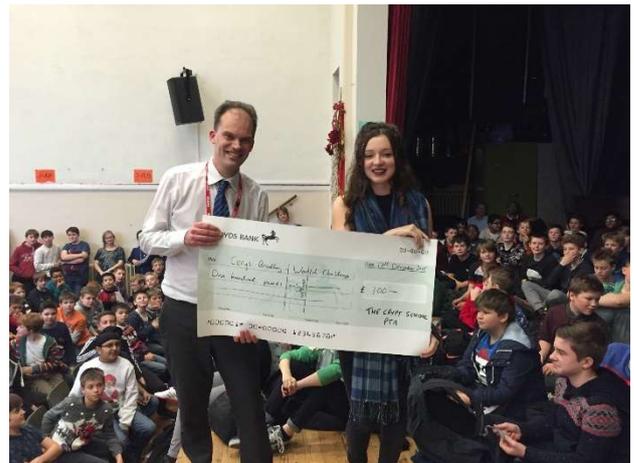
We enjoy ourselves and it's a good way to find out more about what's going on in school by meeting teachers and other parents.

It's also lovely to pass on your experiences at Open Days/Evenings to parents and children who are thinking of coming to our school.

WORLD CHALLENGE

We were very pleased this year to be able to donate £100 to the Cerys Bradley for the World Challenge experience after she worked her socks off helping out at a number of Car Boot Sales last summer.

Here is Phil Seyers, our Vice Chairman, handing over the cheque at a school assembly.



SAVE YOUR FOREIGN COINS

On return from holiday abroad or a school trip? Got a few spare foreign coins jingling around? Send them into school.



Once we've collected enough, they can be exchanged for cash to support the school. A designated bucket in reception awaits your coins – send them in and fill it up!

CSPTA MEETING DATES

Everyone is welcome at our monthly meetings (7pm in the Cooke Centre). We'd love to see you. The next few dates are:

29th June

21st September

19th October

16th November

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jun

- 11th - Car Boot Sale Set Up
- 12th - Car Boot Sale
- 22nd - Refreshments at Music Evening
- 24th - Refreshments at Sports Awards
- 28th - Refreshments at New Year 7 Information Evening
- 28th/29th - Refreshments at Open Mornings

Jul

- 2nd - Uniform Fitting Day for new Year 7
- 9th - Car Boot Sale Set Up
- 10th - Car Boot Sale
- 27th - Mop Up Uniform Fitting Day for new Year 7

Aug

- 13th - Car Boot Sale Set Up
- 14th - Car Boot Sale

Sep

- 10th - Car Boot Sale Set Up
- 11th - Car Boot Sale
- TBA - Refreshments for Speech Day

Oct

- TBA - Social evening for new Year 7 parents
- TBA - Refreshments at Music Evening

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



We always need more people to help, so if you are able put your hand up for even just an hour or so of your time, please get in touch.

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