Newsletter
16th January, 2020

Important Dates

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Reading at Catforth
To celebrate reading this half term, we are having a “#shelfie Wall of Fame”.

The idea is that children take a selfie with their favourite book and/or their bookshelf. If you send them in to the school email address bursar@catforth.lancs.sch.uk then we can print them out and display them in the school hall. Teachers will also be joining in and there will be a #shelfie competition to match the bookshelf to the teacher!

What better incentive do you need to tidy your bookshelf??!

Reading Volunteers
As we are promoting reading even more so than usual this year, we are trying to make sure that all children have as many opportunities to read aloud as possible during the week. To help with this, we are looking for anyone who has a free hour or two during the afternoons to come in and listen to children read. Please see Mrs Brewer in the office if you can help out. Training can be given if necessary. Thank you.

Fitbits
Lots of children seem to have got a fitbit for Christmas or a recent birthday. This is great and is really helping our children to increase their activity levels. However, these are proving to be quite distracting to some pupils and are interfering with their learning. Teachers are working with children to try and ensure that they are using them sensibly, but if parents could also speak to children, that would be a great help. Could you also ensure that your child’s fitbit isn’t linked to your phone. Thanks for your help with this.
**Plans for a new classroom**

Many of you will have seen the plans for a new classroom and library, which have been displayed in the school entrance. These have been revised, so please come and have a look at how the plans have changed. This is an ambitious project for a small school and we are going to need help from parents and the community to bring our plans to fruition. We are hoping to have more information about how you can get involved very soon.

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**PTA Events**

Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Fair and Raffle and to the PTA for organising it. It was a really enjoyable event and managed to raise an amazing total of £1344.81, which will go towards our school improvement plans.

Fundraising events for the spring term are as follows;
1. Running a pop-up charity shop in Kirkham for 2 weeks from 10th–22nd February. This is a new venture, which it is hoped will be successful. The PTA plan to sell everything except electrical goods, so clothes, toys, books, bric-a-brac, furniture etc. Another opportunity for a good tidy out ~ details of what to do with your donations will be given soon.
2. Café and Cake Sale. Tuesday 3rd March 2.30pm. Come along for a chat and a brew before the children are released!! Donations of home-made cakes especially welcome.
3. Easter Bingo Tuesday 31st March time to be confirmed. We are hoping to hold this event in the village hall as we did last year as it is always very popular.

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**100% attendance awards**

Well done to all the pupils who achieved 100% attendance in the Autumn term and received their book token, certificate and badge, which they are all wearing with pride.

**Lions Class**
- Dexter
- Luna
- Thomas
- Lola
- Ibby

**Tigers Class**
- Johnny
- Gracie
- Callum
- Chloe
- Lily
- Mohammad-Ali
- Teddy
- Thomas
- Ted

**Panthers Class**
- Xavier
- Logan
- Isabella
- Joel C
- Annabel
- Tyler
- Sophie
- Bilal
- Jason
- Lucas
- Issy
- Ruby
- Charlie
- Billy

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**Sing Together ~ King George’s Hall Blackburn**

Every year we, along with a number of other schools, take part in the Sing Together concert, organised by Blackburn Cathedral Choristers. This year's concert is on Thursday 5th March at 6pm. The children will travel to King George’s Hall by coach after lunch and spend the afternoon rehearsing in readiness for the concert at 6pm. Parents are invited to come along and watch and tickets are available from the King George’s Hall website or by ringing them on 01254 582579. Children are practising in school and the concert is always a highlight of the Spring Term for the children. More details will be sent out nearer the time.

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**Healthy Eating**

We have been really pleased to see that with the new year, children’s packed lunches are looking healthier than ever. A huge thank you to all our families who are supporting our healthy eating initiative and for all your efforts in encouraging your children to make healthy choices and providing an impressive selection of healthy alternatives for your children. We will continue to support children with this in school.