



Newsletter

3rd September, 2024

Important Dates

Week beginning Monday 9 th September	After school activities begin (please see club letter)
Monday 9 th September	Welcome meeting Tigers Class 2.30pm
Tuesday 10 th September	Welcome meeting Panthers Class 2.30pm
Thursday 11 th September	Welcome meeting Jaguars Class 2.30pm
Wednesday 18 th September	Phonics meeting for Reception parents (afternoon)
Saturday 21 st September	PNE half time penalty shoot-out for children in Y6
Tuesday 24 th September	Let's Go Sing - first visit to school.
Week beginning Monday 23 rd September	Catforth's Week of Kindness
Friday 27 th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning (details to be confirmed)
Tuesday 1 st October	Poetry Day
Weds 2 nd - Fri 4 th October	Panthers Class away at PGL Winmarleigh
Monday 7 th October	Mrs Knox returns after maternity leave
Wednesday 16 th October 2.30pm	Harvest Assembly
Friday 18 th October 3.15pm	School closes for half term holiday

WELCOME

For existing pupils and families ~ welcome back to school for another fabulous year at Catforth!
For new pupils and families ~ it is our absolute pleasure to welcome you to Catforth. We are very much looking forward to getting to know you all and hope you will be very happy with us.

A very warm welcome too to our new Deputy Headteacher Miss Lightfoot, who joins us as class teacher for Panthers Class, our Year 5s and 6s.

A warm welcome also to two existing members of staff who are changing roles and joining our class-based teams as Teaching Assistants to provide some additional support for the children's learning. Miss Dewhurst (Amanda) will join Tigers Class in the mornings, having previously served lunches for a number of years (she's served her last roast dinner!). Mrs Atkinson (Rachel) will join Jaguars Class in the mornings and will continue to serve lunches but will no longer be cleaning.

A very warm welcome also to our new cleaner, Mrs Hickey and our new kitchen assistant Mrs Patel, who are very much looking forward to joining the Catforth team.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Children are looking very smart in their new school uniforms. Many thanks to all our parents and carers for your hard work with this, it is very much appreciated. Please ensure that all items, especially jumpers, fleeces and cardigans, have children's names in them so we can return them to the right person when they have gone astray. If it's not been done already, please ensure that all nail polish and tattoos have been removed, thank you.

Our 'Pre-Loved Uniform' rail has been re-stocked with some very good quality items. If you are still in need of anything have a look what's there and make a donation. Thank you.

Children should bring PE kits and wellies into school this week please – again please make sure everything is named. Teachers will let you know when your class will have PE, so please make sure earrings are removed on PE days for health and safety reasons.

Class Welcome Meetings

As we begin a new school year, we would like to invite our parents and carers into school to meet your child's new teacher and see their classroom. Teachers will be sharing important information about the curriculum, key learning outcomes and year group expectations in Reading, Writing and Maths, information about how you can help your child with their learning and homework, information about class routines and organisation and who's who in school, as well as being an opportunity for you to ask any questions you might have or share important information (confidentially) about your child and family. Meetings will be taking place as follows:

TIGERS CLASS ~ with Miss McLeod Monday 9th September 2.30pm

JAGUARS CLASS ~ with Miss Mallett Thursday 12th September 2.30pm

PANTHERS CLASS ~ with Miss Lightfoot Tuesday 10th September 2.30pm

Poetry Day

We will be celebrating all things poetry on our Poetry Day, Tuesday 1st October. As part of our celebrations, children are invited to enter a competition by reciting a favourite poem that they have learnt off by heart. To enhance their recital, children can dress as a character or something that represents their poem.

For those who would rather not perform in front of others, there is another competition to enter. Children are invited to write their own poem on the theme of FRIENDSHIP. The poem should be neatly presented in their own handwriting (if possible) and illustrated. Further details nearer the time.

PGL Winmarleigh

As part of their learning in PE, our Year 5s and 6s visit PGL at Winmarleigh every year in October to take part in outdoor and adventurous activities. Their visit this year will be from Wednesday 2nd to Friday 4th October. (We're looking forward to a nice quiet week in school 😊)

NSPCC Kindness Challenge

As part of their fundraising efforts, the NSPCC are holding a 'Week of Kindness', which includes asking children to take part in a series of sponsored challenges related to kindness. We think this is a lovely idea and the perfect way to ensure kindness is a priority in our first term - what better way start the new school year? Each class will organise something to raise funds and hopefully the whole school will take part to get us all thinking about different ways to show kindness, including to ourselves. The official week is the first week of October, but as Panthers Class are at Winmarleigh on their residential trip that week, we will hold 'Catforth's Week of Kindness' during the last week of September.

Let's Go Sing

Children in Jaguars and Panthers Classes will be taking part in Let's Go Sing again this year. This represents an important part of the music curriculum and is such a fabulous opportunity for children to take part in an inspiring event, singing with hundreds of other children, on stage in front of a large audience. Musicians from the organisation visit school throughout the year to help us learn the songs and give us hints and tips about how to sing well. The concert itself will be held at the Winter Gardens in Blackpool on Monday 10th March. Further details about tickets etc will be shared nearer the time.

Data Collection

It is important that we hold up-to-date information about your child, including contact details and we are required to check annually that the details we have are correct. This week, we will be sending home a data sheet for your child, which shows the information we have. It is important that you check this, make any amendments necessary, and return it to school AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, so that we can update our records and ensure that we are providing the best care for all our children.

Your help with this is greatly appreciated ~ thank you in advance ☺