



# Newsletter

8<sup>th</sup> October, 2024

## Important Dates

Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm	PTA Annual General Meeting (in school and online)
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2.45pm	Mrs Knox's Welcome Meeting (for parents in Tigers Class)
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2.30pm	Harvest Assembly
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 3.15pm	School closes for half term holiday
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October 9am	School re-opens
w/c 28 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evenings for all classes
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 5.30-7.15pm	Hallowe'en Disco (PTA)
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Book Fair arrives in school for a week
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Children In Need (details nearer the time)
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Maths Meets Art - workshop for parents and children
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Reading workshop for parent volunteers
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Miss Barnes returns from maternity leave
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Catforth Carols at the Village Hall 7pm
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm	Christmas Fair in the Village Hall
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity performance at Crown Lane Church
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	End of term assembly
	School closes at 2pm for Christmas holiday
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	School re-opens for the Spring Term

## WELCOME BACK

It's been lovely to welcome Mrs Knox back to school this week. She will be in school three days a week teaching in Tigers Class from Monday to Wednesday. As she wasn't here when we held our Welcome Meetings at the beginning of term, she is holding a meeting for those parents who would like to come and say 'Hi' and she will also share a little bit more information about the curriculum the children will be following this year. The meeting is next Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 2.45pm.

## FAMILY LEARNING

Thank you so much to everyone who took the time to complete our Family Learning survey over the past couple of weeks. We are planning on offering at least one Family Workshop each half term and will try and choose different days and times to suit the preference of the people who responded. Our first event is for families with children in Tigers, Jaguars and Panthers Classes;

### **Maths meets Art**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 1pm – 3.15pm**

Further details, with information of how to register for this session will be sent out nearer the time.

The next event is just for parents and is **Online Safety** on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January, 1.15-3.15pm.**

## Parent Volunteers

Ensuring children learn to read and become fluent readers once they have learnt to decode is one of our most important priorities. To help with this, regular practise is the key to children making good progress with their reading. We are hoping to recruit some Parent Volunteers to help us with this and ensure that an adult can listen to children practising their reading as often as possible throughout the school week. If you think you would like to help and have maybe an hour or two a week to spare, preferably in afternoon, please speak to Miss Crossthwaite in the office or send Mrs Bainbridge a message on Class Dojo. Full training will be given, along with clear guidance and support.

Grandparents, aunties and uncles are also welcome to volunteer so spread the word!

## School Library

Many thanks to Mr and Mrs Faulkner (Arla and Thea's parents) for their help in giving our school library a good sort out ready for the new school year. Children will be able to choose books to bring home from next week. After that, they will have weekly library sessions, where they can choose two books if they wish. Teachers will tell you which is your child's library day so they can bring books to school on the right day.

## Friends of Catforth Primary School ~PTA

We are very grateful to the PTA for all the super events that they put on for our children and families each year. It takes a lot of time and effort, which is very much appreciated and results in raising funds which benefit all the children in school. We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone who has been involved in any way whatsoever in raising funds, especially members of the PTA committee for organising and running events. During the last year, PTA donations have enabled us to;

- take all the children to the pantomime at Lowther Pavilion at Christmas
- fund the Year 6 Leavers night out
- buy **eight new laptops** at a cost of £4,000 to support the children's learning in computing and other areas of the curriculum.

### Annual General Meeting ~ Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm

All parents and families are invited to the PTA's Annual General Meeting next Monday evening. You are welcome to attend in person at school, or if you prefer you can join us virtually. The meeting link will be sent out on the day via Class Dojo.

The purpose of the AGM is to give members a summary of the PTA's activities during the last year, with an Annual Report and a Treasurer's Report. The AGM is also when new Officers are appointed for the coming year. The Officer roles are;

PTA Chair  
Secretary  
Treasurer

All parents and members of staff automatically become members of the PTA on joining our school. All members are eligible to nominate themselves for any of the Officer roles on the Committee. If you would like to be on the PTA Committee, please speak to any current committee members or a member of staff for more information.

## Poetry Day

I hope you all enjoyed seeing the photos on Class Dojo of children enjoying Poetry Day activities. Well done to all the children who entered the Poetry Competitions. There were some really super entries and a lot of hard work had gone into learning and composing the poems entered.

Everyone received a certificate for taking part, but a special 'Well Done!' goes to our winners.

Tigers Class ~ Soraya for reciting her poem beautifully with actions

Jaguars Class ~ Noah for composing a really lovely poem about Friendship

Jaguars Class ~ Chyna and Ettie for composing and performing their own poem about Friendship

Panthers Class ~ Lola for composing and reading her Friendship poem.