

 **Newsletter**

 **9th November, 2022**

 **Important Dates**

Thursday 10th November 2.30pm PTA Café and Cake Sale (after school)

Tuesday 15th November PTA Annual General Meeting 7.30pm Ancient Oak, COTTAM

Friday 18th November Children In Need (fundraising to be organised by School Council)

Monday 21st November Closing date for Parent Governor nominations

Wednesday 30th November Growth Mindset Activity Day – All Classes

Wednesday 7th December 6pm Nativity performance at Crown Lane Church

Friday 9th December Whole school trip to the Pantomime

Friday 9th December PTA Christmas Fair

Monday 12th/Tues 13th Christmas Sports Days for Infants/Juniors

Wednesday 14th December Christmas Party day, including School Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 14th December Catforth Village Hall Carol Concert

Friday 16th December 9am End of Term Assembly

Friday 16th December 2pm School Closes for Christmas Holidays

Tuesday 3rd January School re-opens for the Spring Term

**School Council**

This week, we are holding our School Council elections for each year group. Children have been busy preparing their nominations and speeches which they will present to their class. All children will have the opportunity to vote privately for the two people they feel will represent their year group the best. Well done to all those who have put themselves forward and good luck with your presentations and in the election!

Winning representatives will be announced at the end of this week. Their first meeting will take place early next week to plan their first event, which is Children In Need on 18th November – details to follow.

**Catforth PTA**

We have always been blessed with a very active PTA Committee who have worked tirelessly to provide lots of fun events to help raise money for our school – most recently for the new classroom. Now this is completed, we are turning our focus to other areas of school which might not have had as much attention as they needed because we were saving up! One of these is our school library, which is well-used by all our children. The fiction section is in need of some more up to date titles for all age groups and the non-fiction section needs significant investment to ensure it is current. All in all we are looking to spend in the region of £4,000 on library books this year and would like the PTA to raise around half of this for us if possible.

The first fund-raising event of the year is going to be the Café and Cake Sale on **Thursday 10th November starting at 2.30pm** in the school hall. Please come along for a chat and a brew!

The Annual General Meeting of the PTA is being held at **The Ancient Oak on** **Tuesday 15th November at 7.30pm.** We would really like to welcome some new people to the group so if you’ve not been before, please give it a try and find out what you can do to help our school.

FACEBOOK – for those of you who like social media, the PTA have a facebook group **“Catforth Primary School – Parent/Teacher Asssociation”.**

**Christmas at Catforth**  ~ A few important dates to help you get organised

Thursday 1st December **Nativity rehearsal at Crown Lane Church**

 Please collect children from the church at 3.15pm

Monday 7th December **Nativity rehearsal at Crown Lane Church**

 Please drop children off at the church 8-50 - 9am

Wednesday 7th December 6pm **Nativity Performance at Crown Lane Church – all welcome**

 Please bring children at 5.30pm so we can get ready.

Friday 9th December **Pantomine** – Cinderella at Lowther Pavilion, Lytham

 This is a free trip, funded by the PTA.

We will be leaving school as soon as we have done the registers at 9am. Children should bring a drink and a snack for the interval. No fizzy drinks please but anything is fine for a snack.

Friday 9th December 2.30pm  **Christmas Fair**

PTA Christmas Fair to help raise money for library books

 Please come along for some festive fun!

Mon 12th/Tues 13th December **Catforth Christmas Sports**

An intra-school sports event with our three teams competing against one another in events such as ‘Pass the Present’, ‘Snowball Targets’ and ‘Trim the Tree’.

Wednesday 14th December **Christmas Party Day and Christmas Lunch**

Children can come in suitable party clothes. Please make sure if they are coming in pretty party shoes that they have something to change into for playtimes.

**Sports News**

This term we have entered a number of sports events in the Preston Sports Partnership. Our teams have represented us brilliantly and we have been congratulated on our behaviour and sportsmanship during events. Here are the headlines!

Key Stage 2 Multi Skills ~ Third place, with trophy and medals

Year 5/6 football tournament ~ got to the quarter finals and came third

Year 3/ 4 Multi Skills ~ competed in the small schools competition

Year 5/6 Hockey Tournament ~ got to the finals and came FIRST!!

Year 1/ 2 Multi Skills ~ competed in the small schools competition

Well done to all our teams. We will be entering more competitions in the coming months and hope to make sure as many children as possible have the opportunity of representing our school through sport.

**Packed Lunches**

For those children on packed lunches, just a reminder that we have recently sent out information and guidance about healthy packed lunches. Fizzy drinks and sweets, including chocolate bars are not allowed for obvious reasons. Please send a healthy sandwich or other suitable carbohydrate-based food along with some sort of fruit and/or vegetables and limit treats to one per day. Thank you.

**Parent Governor Elections**

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor. Details and nomination forms have been sent home explaining what is involved in the role and how you can put yourself forward if you think you would like to be a governor. If we only have one nomination, then that person is automatically appointed. If we have more than one nomination, then we will need to hold an election – further details of this to follow if necessary.