

**Newsletter**

**20th February, 2023**

**Important Dates**

Thursday 2nd March World Book Day – dress up

Friday 3rd March PTA GLOW DISCO 6pm – 8pm

Wednesday 8th March Dance Competition for Dance Factory members

13th – 17th March British Science Week

Wednesday 15th March Parents Evening – all classes

Friday 31st March School closes for Easter Holidays 2pm

Monday 17th April School re-opens for Summer Term

Monday 1st May School closed – May Day bank holiday

Monday 8th May School closed – Bank Holiday for the King’s Coronation

9th – 12th May SATs tests for children in Year 6

**World Book Day ~ Thursday 2nd March**

To celebrate World Book Day this year, we are having a ‘Legends and Fantasy’ theme (not superheroes). Children can come to school dressed as a character from any Legend or Fantasy book or story that they know and can tell their friends about.

We usually encourage children to try and make an outfit using things they have at home already, rather than going out and buying something new for the occasion as this can be expensive.

**\*\*\*GLOW DISCO\*\*\***

Following on from the success of the recent ‘Movie night’, the PTA have organised a disco for the children on the evening of Friday 3rd March. It’s a ‘Glow Disco’, so wear your best glow-in-the-dark outfits and accessories.

Tickets are on sale for £4 each from Miss Crossthwaite at the office and there will hopefully be glow-sticks available to buy.

There will be a tuck shop on the night, so bring some change if you want to get yourself a treat! FREE drinks will be served throughout the evening.

**Parent Governor Vacancy**

As you may be aware, every school has a governing body, whose role it is to oversee the strategic leadership of the school and provide support and challenge for the headteacher. The ultimate aim of the governing body is to work together to have a positive impact on the attainment, progress and well-being of pupils in the school. At Catforth, our parent governors are currently Mrs Laura Faulkner, Mrs Megan Brown and Mr Ben Hebblethwaite. We have a vacancy for a fourth Parent Governor and will be sending out nomination forms for the role this week.

There is a commitment to attend one meeting per term (minimum of three per year) and these are usually held after school from 4pm and last around 2-2 ½ hours. There is plenty of training available to help you gain the knowledge and skills you need to carry out the role effectively. If you feel you would like to contribute to the successful leadership of our school and have some time to spare for this, please consider putting yourself forward by completing a nomination form when they are sent out. If you are interested in finding out more about the role before taking it any further, you could speak to one of the current governors, or to Mrs Bainbridge.

**PE and Sports News**

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So far this term our teams have taken part in a New Age Kurling competition, a football tournament and a Gymnastics Competition. As ever, they worked really hard and represented our school brilliantly – well done to all the children and the teachers for taking them.

There are a couple of events coming up.

* Girls football league – various Fridays until the summer
* Preston Schools Dance Competition – Wednesday 8th March

SWIMMING

Children in Jaguars Class (Years 3 and 4) are going swimming this term. It’s every afternoon for two weeks starting today – good luck Jaguars!

**Science Week**

We are very excited about our upcoming Science Week. Throughout the week, children in all classes will be taking part in a wide variety of science-based activities. We are hoping the highlight of the week will be our Science Fairs in the school hall. There will be one for the younger children on Wednesday afternoon ~ Lions and Tigers Classes, and one for the older children on Thursday afternoon ~ Jaguars and Panthers Classes.

Children and parents are invited to bring in an investigation, experiment or demonstration of anything at all which links to science. This could be an activity that other people can take part in, a poster showing something you have done at home, a demonstration of a science experiment or anything else that you can think of. It can link with physical sciences, life sciences, engineering, earth and environmental science or maths and computer sciences. The possibilities are endless! If you want to take part but are stuck for ideas, then there are lots of websites with really good suggestions, just Google ‘science fair ideas’ for inspiration! It is a good idea to try your experiment out at home first to make sure it works.

You will need to register your activity for health and safety reasons and to make sure we have enough space for everyone. You can do this by completing and returning the attached form.

**Parents Evening**

Parents Evenings will be taking place for all classes on Wednesday 15th March. Please sign up using our online booking system in the usual way once the appointments are released. There will be an opportunity to have a look at the work in children’s books before or after your appointment.

**Easter/end of term Activities**

We usually have a number of activities relating to Easter or just to mark the end of term during the week before we break up for the holidays. This year, we will be having;

1. Easter Bingo (run by the PTA)
2. Decorated egg competition (decorate at home)
3. Easter raffle
4. Orienteering competition
5. End of term talent show (not a competition, but an opportunity to share your skills and talents)