



Whole School Attendance Figures

23rd-27th January

90.71% Attendance

The attendance rate was 93.9% across all schools in the week commencing 9th January. At Catcott, our attendance was 92.03% which makes us below the national average.

Catcott News

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House Logo Competition

Following our announcement last Friday. Our competition winners have been busy working with Mrs Dunford this week to create digital images of their designs. I'm sure you will agree that they are fantastic.





OPAL AT CATCOTT

The OPAL program is an exciting journey that we are undertaking over the next 12-18 months to develop the Play curriculum and school grounds.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED ALREADY?

Surveys- across the school we sent out surveys to find out what staff, parents and children thought of their playtime and their playgrounds. Thank you to everyone who has completed their survey- your responses are so important and very much appreciated.

OPAL webpage- we now have a page dedicated to OPAL (under the children tab) where you can keep up to date with all the exciting developments as they happen, read more about OPAL and find out how you can help on your OPAL journey.

WHAT ARE THE PLANS FOR THE SPRING TERM?

Lots of exciting things are being planned for the playground- mud kitchens, digging pits, and den building being just some of those things! We will be building new storage to house lots of these things as well. We will be recruiting a children's OPAL council to help bring the children's ideas to life!

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Please look out for letters requesting your help! We will be organising dates for working parties over the next half term, where we would appreciate as much help as possible to bring the children's plans for their playground to life! As we work towards making our playtimes even more exciting, whatever the weather, our first request is for all children to have wellies and waterproof clothing in school everyday- a letter explaining this has been sent home today!

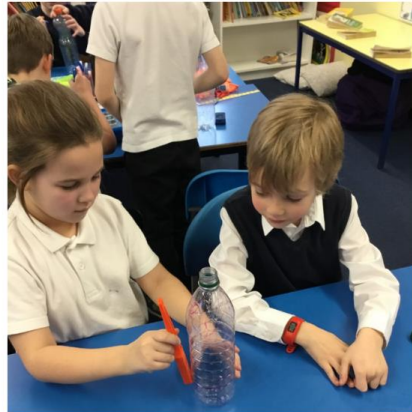
Class Update - Year 3

Year 3 have had a busy week filled with lots of learning. In maths, we have been learning to multiply and divide 2-digit by 1-digit numbers and solving some challenging problems. In our writing lessons, we are creating our own class rags to riches tale- a class vote for this decided our main character would be an intelligent, curious girl called Matilda!

We have also worked as game designers this week, making magnetic mazes with plastic bottles.

In computing, we have been using Scratch to create our own projects containing 3 different, moving sprites. The children did an excellent job with this and came up with some very interesting ideas!

As well as this, the children took part in our hockey world cup enrichment sessions and learnt some new skills in the sport.



Illness

The dreaded winter bugs seem to have caught up with us over the last few weeks, with lots of coughs, colds and sickness bugs around. We are finding that children are finding it harder to fight these bugs and in some cases are getting back-to-back coughs and colds. If your child is unwell, please keep them at home, we look forward to seeing them back in school when they are feeling better.



UK Health
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Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

| | |
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| Chickenpox | at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over |
| Diarrhoea and Vomiting | 48 hours after their last episode |
| Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19) | they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19. |
| Impetigo | their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics |
| Measles | 4 days after the rash first appeared |
| Mumps | 5 days after the swelling started |
| Scabies | they've had their first treatment |
| Scarlet Fever | 24 hours after they started taking antibiotics |
| Whooping Cough | 48 hours after they started taking antibiotics |

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

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| Hand, foot and mouth | Glandular fever |
| Head lice | Tonsillitis |
| Threadworms | Slapped cheek |



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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

Hockey Enrichment Day

This week the children from KS2 have taken part in a hockey enrichment day to align with the hockey world cup, which is currently taking place.

Throughout the day, every KS2 class had their own lesson to practise their hockey skills. They worked on dribbling, passing, stopping the ball and played some exciting games. At the end of the day, the whole of KS2 went outside together for an inter-school tournament. Despite the cold, the children had great fun and showed good sportsmanship while supporting each other.

The overall winning house from the KS2 hockey tournament was... Robins! As you can imagine, the children in Robins were very pleased with their win!



Strike Action

There is planned industrial action on Wednesday 1st February, this is the first of 4 days action and will last for 1 day. We have written to the families of children we know are affected at this point, please be aware that further classes could be affected. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Parents Evening

Bookings are now live on ParentMail for Parents Evening. If you need any support with booking these appointments, please email Mrs Dunford (office@Catcottprimary.co.uk).

Dates: 20th and 22nd February

Times: 16:00-18:40

Team Points



Get to know...

Mrs Atwell

Who am I? -Teaching Assistant



A bit about me....

I grew up on the North Devon coast, spending most of my spare time on the beach. My parents still live there so I visit quite often. I now live in Somerset with my husband and our Labrador's. We have two daughters and two gorgeous grandsons. I enjoy walking our dogs, going to the beach and spending time with with our grandchildren. When I have a bit of quiet time I like reading, knitting and have recently taken up pottery.

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| My Favourite Book | The Magic Faraway Tree |
| My Favourite Colour | Blue |
| My Favourite Hobby | Pottery |
| My Favourite Subject | Reading |
| My Favourite Disney Movie | Chitty Chitty Bang Bang |

Important Dates

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| 30.01.23 | Reception trip to Wild Place |
| 03.02.23 | Dress as a Digit Day |
| 07.02.23 | Safer Internet Day |
| 08.02.23 | Sport Active Fun Day |
| 10.02.23 | Winning House Muffy Day |
| 13.02.23 – 17.02.23 | Half Term |
| 20.02.23 22.02.23 | Parents Evening 16:00-18:30 |
| 02.03.23 | World Book Day |
| 17.03.23 | Red Nose Day |
| 22.03.23 | Year 1 Trip to Noahs Ark Farm |
| 29.03.23 | Year 5 and 6 Trip to London |
| 19.04.23 | Year 4 Trip to Caerleon Roman Fortress |
| 03.04.23 – 14.04.23 | Easter Holidays |
| 21.04.23 | Earth Day |
| 01.05.23 | Bank Holiday |
| 05.05.23 | Coronation Celebration |
| 08.05.23 | Bank Holiday |
| 09.05.23 – 12.05.23 | Year 6 SATS |
| 11.05.23 | Somerset Day |
| 29.05.23 – 02.06.23 | Half Term |
| 09.06.23 | Reception/Year 1 Sharing Assembly |
| 16.06.23 | Year 2 Sharing Assembly |
| 21.06.23 | Sports Day |
| 26.06.23 – 28.03.23 | Year 6 Pinkery |
| 30.06.23 | Year 3 Sharing Assembly |
| 05.07.23 – 07.07.23 | Year 5 Kilve |
| 07.07.23 | Year 4 Sharing Assembly |
| 12.07.23 | 1 st Reserve Sports Day |
| 14.07.23 | Year 5 Sharing Assembly Reports Sent home to Families |
| 19.07.23 | 2 nd Reserve Sports Day |
| 21.07.23 | Year 6 Leavers Assembly |

Yours sincerely,

Laura Constanza

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