



## Whole School Attendance Figures

9th – 13th January

92.03% Attendance

The attendance rate was 85.7% across all schools in the week commencing 12th December. At Catcott, our attendance was 89.72% which makes us above the national average.

# Catcott News

Version 16 – 13th January 2023

## Weekly Roundup

It's been another busy (and wet) week in Catcott, hopefully the sun will soon return and remind us that Spring is on its way.

This time of year can often be a challenge, we leave and return home in the dark, it is often cold and wet, and Spring seems a long way off. During this time of year, coughs, colds, covid and flu are all prevalent and we can all feel just a bit under the weather. If your child is unwell, please keep them at home and let them rest until they are better. Hopefully the germs will pass quickly, and everyone will feel better soon.

## Reminder

The deadline for school admissions is Sunday 15th January.

[Citizen Portal - Sign in \(somerset.gov.uk\)](https://www.somerset.gov.uk/citizen-portal)

## Communication Survey

Thank you for taking the time to answer our question about communication. We received 77 responses in total. ParentMail was the most popular choice so we will send all letters through here.

### 1. How would you like to receive letters from school?

[More Details](#)

<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Class Dojo	23
<span style="color: orange;">●</span> Parent Mail	33
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Email	21



## Parent Survey 2023

We would be very grateful if you could complete this short survey to share your views on our school.

The Parental Survey is a chance for us to look at what is going well, how we have improved on areas that have been a concern in the past and also a chance to look at current challenges and issues that we may or may not know about. Once we have collected all of your responses we will share the results and our next steps.

In the last comment box, please type your child's school house and they will be awarded one dojo point!

### Parent Survey 2023

## Team Points



## Bikeability

It was a bit of a soggy start to Bikeability this week. The Year 6 children all made an excellent start on Tuesday, sadly the weather and poor lighting meant that the second day had to be postponed. The session will be added to next week. I look forward to seeing them all out and about on their bikes soon.



## Staff Profile

Get to know...

**Miss Ellis**

Who am I? - Year 2 Teacher

**A bit about me....**

I was born in North Devon and ever since I was tiny, I knew I wanted to be a teacher. My parents were both teachers so I was born to follow the same path! I currently live in Taunton and everyone who knows me calls me the 'energizer bunny'. I very rarely stop! I enjoy playing tennis, running, going to gym and exercise classes, playing badminton and spending time with my friends and family. I am a big lover of food, if you give me cheese, chocolate or cake I will not be able to stop!! I also really want a dog one day, fingers crossed! 😊

My Favourite Book	Butterfly Lion – Michael Morpurgo
My Favourite Colour	Turquoise
My Favourite Hobby	Tennis
My Favourite Subject	PE and Writing
My Favourite Disney Movie	'Inside Out' and 'Up' (I can't decide!)

## School in a Bag

On Tuesday we were joined by Zoe Fox from School in a bag (SIAB). This amazing charity raises money all year round to give bright red rucksacks full of educational resources, eating, drinking and hygiene equipment to poor, orphan, vulnerable and disaster affected children worldwide to enable them to write, draw, colour, calculate, express themselves, eat, drink, wash and above all, learn.



Children helping children...

The children are taking the lead on this one, they have been discussing their fundraising ideas in their classes and will take them to the next School Council meeting. The School Council will write to you with their plan very soon, I'm just hoping it doesn't involve the Headteacher in a baked bean bath!

[\(26\) School in a Bag video - learn all about us! - YouTube](#)

## Bear Hunt – Reception

I'm sure I saw a bear in Reception class this week! The children have been very busy reading the story, building story maps and searching for bears!



## Maths and Science – Year 4

The children in Year 4 have enjoyed being scientists and explore States of Matter. We looked at how the water reacts when mixed with oil and how the bubbles of gas are formed in a Lava Lamp. We also had an enquiry question " Do gases weigh anything?". The children loved thinking scientifically and find answers by observing and analysing.



## Opal – Outdoor Play and Learning

Look out for an introduction letter next week! More information and links can be found on the school website.

[OPAL | Catcott Primary School](#)



Ideas and information for parents and carers of children aged between 4 and 11 years



For all parents

# The Power of Playtime!

Outdoor play, every day, will change your child's life

**Step inside to find out:**

- Why it's important for children to play outside every day
- How you can help change school playtimes
- 3 key ways you can help

**Plus a pull out and keep sheet**

including **8 top tips** for more outdoor play at home and **3 sure-fire outdoor play starters**

**Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) CIC**

*Supporting school improvement through play*

[www.outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk](http://www.outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk)

## Dear parents, carers and guardians

This booklet will give you some easy ideas to help your children be happier, healthier and (even) more physically active than they are now. All this, we promise, with much less effort from you! A big claim for a small book, but we know the Power of Playtime!

What we think of as 'childhood' may seem very different now to your experiences growing up. But although the world may have changed, children are still exactly the same – they want time to play and be with their friends.

All the research says time playing outdoors is time well spent. Children who play outdoors move more, sleep more, eat better, are happier and care about the planet more. They are even less likely to need glasses! However, with busy lives, busy schools, busy roads and busy neighbourhoods, most children don't get to play out anywhere near as much as you, your parents or grandparents did. This booklet will go through how you and your child's school can help turn that around for not just your children, but all their friends too.

Michael Follett  
Director of Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) CIC.



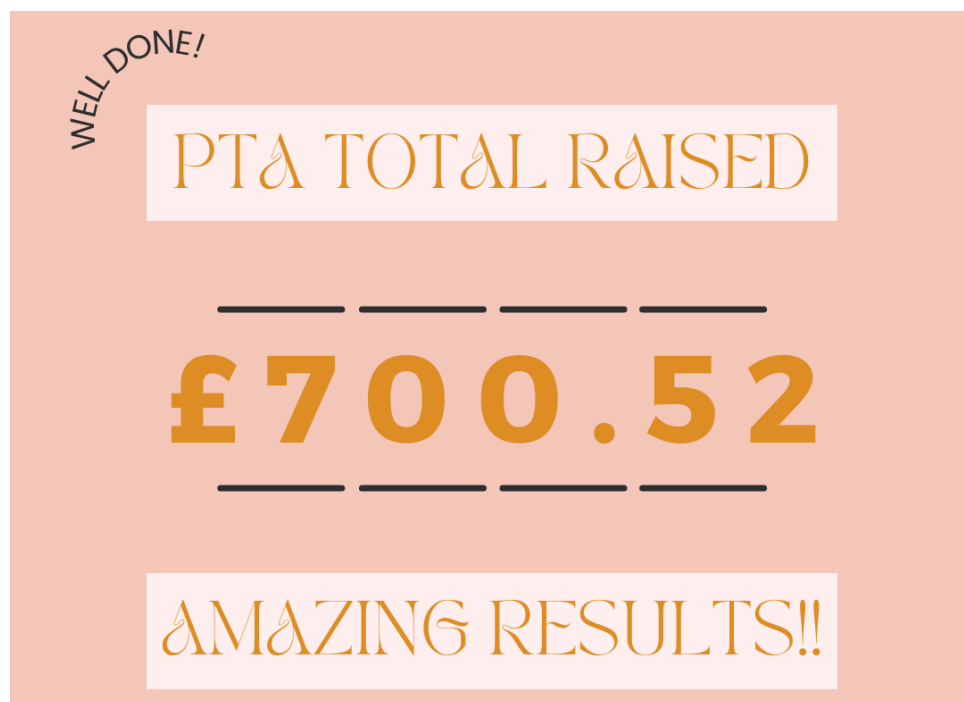
**Michael Follett**

*is author of Creating Excellence in Primary School Playtimes and is the UK's leading expert on school playtimes.*



## PTA FUNDRAISING

The PTA have confirmed that the total raised across Movie Night and the Christmas Hamper raffle was £700.52, a great effort!



## Important Dates

16.01.23 17.01.23	Year 6 Bikeability Group 2
30.01.23	Reception trip to Wild Place
07.02.23	Safer Internet Day
08.02.23	Sport Active Fun 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 <sup>st</sup> Reserve Sports Day
14.07.23	Year 5 Sharing Assembly Reports Sent home to Families
19.07.23	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reserve Sports Day
21.07.23	Year 6 Leavers Assembly

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*Yours sincerely,*

*Laura Constanza*

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