



## Important Calendar Dates

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12<sup>th</sup> September – PE starts  
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15<sup>th</sup> September –  
Deadline for booking  
school lunches

21<sup>st</sup> September – Meet  
the team 3.30-5pm

13<sup>th</sup> October – Flu Jabs

18<sup>th</sup> October – Individual  
school photos

# Catcott News

## Version 1 – 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022

### Little Things Mean A lot

As we come to the end of our first week at school, I have been reflecting on the huge journey we have all been on in the last five days. For the first time since the beginning of the pandemic, we are embarking on what we hope will be a 'normal' year.

Much of the last two years has been about big changes, this week we began by thinking about the little things. Using the song, [Little Things Mean A Lot](#), we talked about the difference we can make in the lives of others with little things such as saying good morning, holding doors for others and even helping a lost Headteacher find her way back to her office! I have experienced such kindness from families during my first week and wanted to thank you all for this.

For me, one of the most important parts of my day is welcoming families at the start of each day, if you have any queries, concerns or questions please come and see me. I am in the playground or at the gate at the start and end of each day and hope to meet you all over the next few days and weeks.

### Maybe

At the beginning of this week, I shared a beautiful book in assembly called 'Maybe'.

For those who haven't heard of it, it is a wonderful tale of possibility, the belief that anything is possible. The staff and children have been thinking this week about all the things they would like to achieve and the people they would like to become.

**'You are the only you that there ever has been or ever will be.  
You have so much to offer'**

Kobi Yamada

## PE Days

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All children will be doing PE on Mondays.

Additional Sport/Swimming Days:

Reception – Thursday

Year 1 – Thursday

Year 2 – Thursday

Year 3 – Swimming on Tuesdays

Year 4 – Tuesday

Year 5 – Friday

Year 6 – Thursday

### House names

As we start a new year, we have asked the children to suggest names for each of our houses. The four colours, red, yellow, green and blue will remain but we would like each house to have an identity of its own.

At Catcott, our incredible environment and locality are true driving forces in our curriculum, therefore we would like the names to be significant to the local area. The children and staff have had some fantastic suggestions.

Please follow the link below to vote for your favourite or suggest an alternative:

[House name suggestions](#)

### Happy Birthday – To you!

I'm sure we would all agree that birthdays – particularly when you are young – really are the most special days.

Children often bring sweets to school to celebrate with their friends and classmates. In addition to what already happens, I would like to introduce the tradition of wearing your own clothes (mufty) on your birthday.

This applies to staff and children, if your birthday falls in the holiday you may choose a day either before or after the holiday to wear your own clothes.



## Email Address

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We have a new office email address which is:

[office@catcottprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@catcottprimary.co.uk)

This is due to a server migration at County Hall.

## Homework

We are currently reviewing our approaches to homework and would appreciate hearing from families what their experiences of homework have been so far, please follow the link to share your ideas [Homework survey](#)

For the first half term children will be bringing home the following homework:

- Reading
- Spellings

## Outdoor learning.....Coming soon!

We are planning some exciting developments in our approach to learning outdoors, further information to follow next week.

## School Lunches

Please ensure all lunches are booked online by 15<sup>th</sup> September 2022. If your child is in receipt of Universal Free School Meals (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2), or Pupil Premium Free School Meals then these must also be booked online.

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***Thank you for a brilliant first week. Please continue to email us with any questions; remember 'there is no such thing as a silly question'.***

*Yours sincerely,*



***Laura Constanza***

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