

Dear School Community,

We just wanted to introduce ourselves as your new PTA team for this year. We are fortunate to have two amazing Chairs this year as voted for at our AGM; Emma Vigar who is the mum of Izzy in Year one and Helen Harding who is mum to Seth in year 4 and Angus in year 1. Staying on for another year is our treasurer Paul Blundell dad of Molly in year 4 and secretary Cassie Watson, mum of Lian in year 6 and Evan in year 3.



We had our first PTA meeting of the year last week and were so pleased that so many of you were able to come along, share your ideas and get involved. The more volunteers we have, the more fundraisers we can hold for the school, so this year is looking like it's going to be a fantastic one.

We are pleased to announce that our first event of the year is our ever popular Halloween Disco which will be held in the school hall on Friday 20th October. Reception and Key stage one children will have their disco from 5:30pm to 6:30pm and Key stage two will be from 7pm to 8pm. Tickets cost just £4 each and include a hot dog, chips and drink. There will be prizes for best costume and best dancing so get practicing those moves! Tickets are available now to purchase through parentmail. If anyone wishes to volunteer on the evening, please let us know, it's great fun! Please also bring your carved pumpkins into school on the morning of the disco for a competition, just 50p an entry.

In November we will once again be hosting a movie night, this will take place on 16th November, straight from school. Tickets and information will be sent out nearer the time.

After the huge success of the Summer Fayre, we were keen to replicate this and are holding a Christmas Fayre on Friday 8th December. We hope to fill the school once again with games, stalls, food, drink and lots of fun! Anyone interested in having a stall, please get in touch.

We will be serving mulled wine and mince pies at the Christmas plays and nativities and of course will hold our very popular raffle.

Also in the pipeline is an adult only event on 24th February, something along the lines of Pop Up Rock Up for those of you fortunate enough to be at that amazing night a few years ago. Music, food, drink and NO KIDS!! Definitely one to put in the diary!

Our Eggs and Bake On event will of course be back again at Easter.

After the success of last year's sharing assemblies, these will be held again towards the end of the school year and the PTA will be serving bacon baps, teas and coffees.

We hope to end the year with a Summer Fayre which will be open to the whole community on Saturday 13th July. We're looking for bands, stallholders, food traders, a bar, games and I'm sure lots more. Let's start praying for sunshine now!

Catcott Village Association will be working closely with us on our Christmas Fayre and Summer Fayre and we in turn will be supporting their fantastic Open Garden event on 23rd June – watch this space for more details.

We hope that the success of all the above events will enable us to once again pay for school trips for each year group, allow for extra funds to be ploughed back into each classroom, contribute towards more equipment in the playground and generally be used by the school for the benefit of each and every child at Catcott School. We will keep you updated throughout the year as we hope to smash the targets we've set ourselves this year.

We've just launched a brand new Catcott School PTA Facebook page so please give us a like and follow for updates.

We look forward to your support in the above, whether it's attending the events, helping your child to take part, volunteering for us or just spending money! It all counts. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 10th October, 7:30pm at The Crown, Catcott – please join us, we promise lots of laughs 😊



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