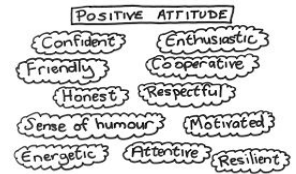




Value for November: Positive Attitude

Which of the qualities of a positive attitude do you and your child/ren have? Being positive includes being: confident, enthusiastic, friendly, cooperative, honest, respectful, motivated, energetic, resilient, attentive and having a sense of humour!



RECEPTION WALKS AROUND CATSHILL

Over the last few weeks all of our Reception children have been enjoying walks around the local area looking at the world we live in and the people in our community.



They have also visited the Library at looked at the fantastic range of books, been given a special reading pack and enjoyed storytime.



The Book People - Big Book Boost

All children are bringing home a leaflet tonight from The Book People which details how you can help earn books for our school when doing your Christmas shopping (or even just shopping for yourself!). Every time you place an order online over £10 with The Book People, they will donate £1 to school to spend on books. All you need to do is select our school at checkout. Find them at www.thebookpeople.co.uk/bigbookboost.

Please feel free to share this good news with family and friends and help us get lots of lovely books for the children to enjoy.



Dear Parents and Carers

It has been lovely to see so many of you at our Parents Evenings over the last couple of weeks. Thank you for understanding that we had to postpone last Thursday's meeting due to the severe weather conditions. If you have not been able to meet with your child's teacher, please do try to make an appointment after school or even over the phone to discuss their progress.

Thank you to those parents who attended our Reading Workshop this week. We shared how reading is taught in school, including the love of reading. Parents were able to give some valuable feedback too. If anyone would like further information, please see Miss Fletcher or ask via the school office.

Our Christmas events will start soon, this year at the nativities, we will be collecting for Catshill Baptist Foodbank. All donations welcome.

With best wishes

Mrs Georgia Plant
Head of School

Healthy Snacks

At playtime, we ask that children have a healthy snack and most parents support this. However, we have noticed that some children are bringing in crisps and chocolate for snacks at playtime again. We would like to see these items replaced by a healthier option. Some ideas would be carrot sticks, fruit/cheese strings, yoghurt tubes, cereal bars, boxes of raisins or maybe breadsticks. All KS1 children are given a free piece of fruit each day and if we have any spares, we give these to the KS2 children.



What's been happening at Catshill First School & Nursery?

- ★ Parents Evening - It was great to see so many parents come along to the two parents evenings we have held at school, we hope you found them helpful.
- ★ Children in Need - What an amazing and colourful day we had supporting and raising money for Children in Need. Thanks to your generosity, we raised a fantastic £280!!
- ★ Book and Cook- Reception children and their parents have been enjoying getting hands on with food taking inspiration from books they have been reading.
- ★ Library Visits - Several children from Reception and Year 3 have been enjoying visits to Catshill Library during the school day to look at the wide range of books and enjoying storytime.



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ATTENDANCE YEARS 1 - 4		
TARGET 96%		
	W/c 11.11.19	
School Attendance	96.4%	😊
Classes above 96%	1M, 1CJ, 2F, 2FD, 3M & 3BS	😊
Class with Most Lates	3BS	😞
Class with Least Lates	4J WITH NO LATES!	😊
	W/c 18.11.19	
School Attendance	95.2%	😞
Classes above 96%	2FD	😊
Class with Most Lates	4S	😞
Class with Least Lates	2F & 4J WITH NO LATES!	😊

What's coming up?

- ★ Christmas 2019 Dates sheet coming home tonight with details of all upcoming events.

Recently there has been an increase in children bringing in toys, games and other items from home into school. Unless specifically requested items from home should not be brought into school as they can cause disruption during learning time and also cause upset if lost or broken. This also includes trading cards and mobile phones. School will not be responsible for damage to or loss of any items brought in.



Letters Home

All letters home can also be found on our website www.catshillfirst.co.uk.

The following letters have been sent home over the past 2 weeks:

- ★ Christmas Workshop
- ★ Reading for Fun Workshop
- ★ KS1 Nativity Letter
- ★ Nativity Costume Letters
- ★ Family Fun Session (Reception Only)
- ★ EYFS Nativity Letter
- ★ School Council Book Sale



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Dates for your Diary - November/ December 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
25th	26th	27th	28th	29th
★ Badminton Club 3:30-4:30pm ★ Christmas Sewing 3:30-4:30pm ★ Book & Cook Reception 3:30-4:15pm	★ Swimming Year 4 ★ Football Club 3:30-4:30pm ★ Christmas Choir 3:30-4:40pm	★ Drama Club 3:30-4:30pm	★ Choir Club - lunchtime ★ Gymnastics Club 3:30-4:30pm ★ Christmas Workshop 3:30-4:30pm	★ Gold Book
2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
★ Badminton Club 3:30-4:30pm ★ Christmas Sewing 3:30-4:30pm	★ Swimming Year 4 ★ Football Club 3:30-4:30pm ★ Christmas Choir 3:30-4:40pm	★ Drama Club 3:30-4:30pm	★ Choir Club - lunchtime ★ Gymnastics Club 3:30-4:30pm ★ Christmas Choir to Catshill Library	★ Gold Book ★ Flu Spray Rec - Year 4
9th	10th	11th	12th	13th
★ Year 4 to Christchurch ★ Badminton Club 3:30-4:30pm ★ Christmas Sewing 3:30-4:30pm	★ Swimming Year 4 ★ Football Club 3:30-4:30pm ★ Christmas Choir 3:30-4:40pm	★ KS1 Nativity - 9:30am ★ EYFS Nativity - 2pm ★ Drama Club 3:30-4:30pm	★ EYFS Nativity - 9:30am ★ KS1 Nativity - 2pm ★ Choir Club - lunchtime ★ Gymnastics Club 3:30-4:30pm	★ KS1 Nativity - 9:30am ★ EYFS Nativity - 2pm ★ Gold Book
16th	17th	18th	19th	20th
★ KS2 Carols for Parents - 2:30pm	★ School Council Christmas Fayre ★ Christmas Dinner	★ Class Christmas Parties		★ Last day of term

*****PLEASE NOTE THAT CLUBS FINISH W/C 9TH DEC - NO CLUBS LAST WEEK OF TERM*****

Dates to remember	Term dates
★ Christmas Workshop - 28th November ★ Nativities - Wednesday 11th, Thursday 12th & Friday 13th December ★ Last day of Term - 20th December	★ End of Autumn Term: Friday 20th December ★ Start of Spring Term: Tuesday 7th January ★ End of Spring Term: Friday 14th February ★ <i>Holidays will not be authorised during term time.</i>
<div style="text-align: center;">  Please be punctual! Is your child here and on time for five to nine? </div>	Please note change to Bank Holiday in May 2020. It is now Friday 8th May.

Following feedback from parents, we are now using our Facebook page more to share our information for parents/carers. Please look for us and like our page: 'Catshill First School and Nursery'



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