



Value of the month: Our value for July is FRIENDSHIP
Lots of our children tell us that they miss their friends and not seeing them has been a hard part of the coronavirus lockdown.
Can you find a way to show a friend that you care?



Transition September 2020

You will have all received letters this week containing details of how our return in September will look, barring any changes imposed by the Government.



To summarise the transition:

- **New Nursery** children have been invited to attend 2 Stay & Play sessions week commencing Monday 7th September. Usual hours will commence from Monday 14th September.
- **Existing Nursery** children will attend their usual hours from Thursday 3rd September.
- **New Reception** children have been invited to attend a story time session on either Thursday 3rd **OR** Friday 4th September and then 2 transition days the following week on either Monday/Tuesday (7th & 8th) **OR** Thursday Friday (10th & 11th).
- **Years 1 - 4** will attend a transition day on either Thursday 3rd **OR** Friday 4th September as advised. They will then return to school full time from Monday 7th September.
- On Wednesday 2nd September selected children will be invited to school for an enhanced transition meeting.
- All children will be in school for their usual hours/full time from Monday 14th September

Staff News

Today we say goodbye to Jo Cook who has been a Teaching Assistant in our Early Years setting in Reception. We wish her all the best for the future



A reminder that end of school year reports are available to collect from the school office. Please be aware that social distancing measures must be adhered to and that only one person at a time will be allowed to enter the reception area of the office. The office will be open to collect them from 9am to 3pm until Friday 10th July. Any PE Kits or medication that may remain at school still can also be collected at the same time.

Bubble Closure

Please be prepared for sudden closures, we will close any bubbles where there are any children with Covid 19 symptoms. If your child shows any signs of having the virus, all family members must isolate and the child must be tested as soon as possible.



Free School Meals

Has your situation changed? Do you think you might be entitled to Free School Meals? Free School Meal Vouchers are still being issued to eligible families. It has been announced that this will continue over the six week summer holiday. If you believe that you might be entitled, please use this link to apply [Apply online | Applying for Free School Meals](#)



****Reminder that school will close to all pupils on Friday 17th July. During the summer renovation works will be taking place in preparation for our reopening in September****



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Out of school learning will continue to be provided until the end of term

We will continue to update our online learning every week. The tasks are for the children not accessing school and are there as a choice to supplement the learning for those who are coming in for part of the week. Please use the link below to find next week's activities (updated on Friday).



[Out of School Learning](#)

Remember, if you want to catch up with something that was set before, all previous weeks' learning has moved to the year group pages.

Other pages include our video stories and challenges [Story Time](#) or activities to support well-being [Well-being](#). Our [SEND page](#) has more links for pupils with Special Educational Needs. **On this page you can also find details of a virtual dyslexia workshop hosted by Chadsgrove School.**

The Speech and Language team have added to their wonderful resources (not just for those with speech needs) [Resources for Children's Speech and Language](#). There's a great new resource included which helps children to deal with coronavirus anxieties.

We are also happy to promote the new BBC bitesize daily lessons [Home](#) and the online lessons from Oak National Academy [Schedule](#)



Some parents, whose children have been in school throughout lockdown, have asked about end of term gifts for staff. Please do **not** feel any need to buy gifts for staff, we do not have any expectation for this. Of the children who have returned to school, many have not had their usual class teacher and we would not want families to go to the expense of buying thank you gifts or worrying about how to say thank you.

If you still feel you'd like to do so, our school has an [amazon wish list](#) where you can purchase books for the school or we are always happy to receive tea/coffee/goodies to share in the staff room in September.

As you are aware we have been developing our Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) policy ahead of its implementation in September 2020. The policy has been written in collaboration with other schools and within the PSHE association guidelines. It is intended to complement the policy for Catshill Middle School.

Before ratification by the Governing Body, we invite parents to read and comment on our draft policy which can be found here [Relationships and Sex Education Policy - draft](#)

Please sent any questions or comments to Mrs Coleby on (please use RSE Policy as the subject)

Next week is **Worcestershire Virtual School Games week** - a week that will recognise and celebrate the hard work and achievements of schools, families and of course our young people. It will involve **daily** broadcasts at **10.30am starting on Monday 6th July**. Each day, they will share photos and videos from the challenges, announce results and provide a 10 minute 'shake up' activity to get everyone up and moving and having fun! There will also be some special guests along the way. More information and access to all the activities can be found [here](#).



Book Amnesty - we are asking parents and children if possible can you please return any school reading books before Friday 17th July so that we can ensure everything is cleaned and in place for our return in September. Books can be dropped into the office or brought in with your child if they are currently attending school. Thank you.



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E-safety Reminder

We will keep this reminder about e-safety on our weekly newsletter as we know that the use of internet and technology has increased. Please continue to be mindful of the dangers of being on-line as well as the advantages. Please see our school website for further details [eSafety](#) or use the support on the Think You Know website [Thinkuknow - home](#).



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