



# 2020-2021 Welcome to Year 2

## The Year 2 Team:



Miss Fletcher  
Class Teacher - 2F



Mrs Mercer  
Class Teacher - 2M



Mrs Partridge



Miss Wall



Miss Tully



Mrs O'Brien

### Times of the school day

Year 2 is in Key Stage 1.

School starts between 8.45am and 8.55am.

The children in KSI finish at 3.20pm.

Please drop off and collect your child at their classroom door.



*'Here and on time  
for five to nine'*



Regular attenders are rewarded with certificates, stickers and other prizes. Children with 100% attendance across the school year receive an attendance award.



# Curriculum

At Catshill First School and Nursery, we follow the National Curriculum and use topics to enthuse the children in the learning.

The planned topics for Year 2 for 2020-21 are:

Autumn 1 :	Muck, Mess, Mixtures and Monsters
Autumn 2 :	Spellbound
Spring 1 :	Towers, Tunnels and Turrets
Spring 2 :	Land Ahoy
Summer 1:	Shipwrecked
Summer 2:	Secret Garden

Please note that these topics could change if opportunities arise or children's interests take us in a different direction.

# Home Learning

Each half term, we send home some ideas for homework projects that will 'lock in the learning' at home. In Year 2, we also expect children to read regularly at home (5 times per week) and complete other homework that is sent such as spelling/phonics or maths work. We thank parents for their support with this. These are some examples of online resources that can be accessed at home



## E-Safety

We regularly discuss e-safety with our children and monitor their use of the internet in school. At the beginning of term, we will send home an AUP (Acceptable Use Policy) for you and your child to sign. Please discuss this at home and talk about the importance of staying safe online.



## Class Assembly

As well as the Nativity play at Christmas time, we hold class assemblies throughout the year, look out for details in our newsletter and website.



# Key Stage 1 SATS

At the end of Year 2, all children are assessed in Reading, Writing, Maths and Science. Children are given 'tests' and the results of these along with other evidence are used to give an assessment grade. You will be informed of this in your child's end of year report. We will hold parents' meetings to give you further information.



# Food and Drink

Since the introduction of Universal Infants Free School Meals all children from Reception to Year 2 are provided with a free hot school meal. These meals are provided by Shire Services, part of Shropshire County Council and cooked at Catshill Middle School.



A typical menu is a choice from:  
 Roast Chicken Fillet, Stuffing & Gravy  
 Natural Oven Baked Fish Fingers  
 Pasta Neapolitan (v)  
 Seasonal Medley of Vegetables  
 Mashed Potatoes, Roast Potatoes



**A full menu is available on our school website**

Children are provided with a free piece of fruit during the morning and milk is available to purchase through our milk supplier Cool Milk, children who receive free school meals (not universal) are entitled to free milk. If you require information please contact the school office. Water is available freely during the day to keep the children well hydrated.

# Uniform

Our school uniform consists of the following:-

White polo shirt

Royal blue sweatshirt/cardigan. This can be with or without the school logo.

Grey/black trousers (for boys or girls)

Grey skirt/pinafore. Blue and white gingham dress in summer if you wish.

Black shoes. These must be made of a polishable material.

No trainers are permitted.

*Please name all uniform and PE kit.*



# PE Kit

PE kit consists of:  
 white t-shirt;  
 black shorts; and  
 black pumps.

*PE kits must be kept in school at all times during term time.*



# Medicines

Any medicine that your child needs throughout the day should be brought to the school office. You will need to fill in a medication form giving details of the medicine, time and dose required.

The medicine must then be collected by a parent/carer from the office at the end of the day.

# What to bring each day

Checklist:

- Book bag
- Reading diary/book
- Packed lunch if required
- Healthy snack (fruit is provided)



# Website, Facebook & Twitter

Our website can be found at [www.catshillfirst.co.uk](http://www.catshillfirst.co.uk). Here you are able to find any information relating to your specific class as well as general school information, newsletters, home learning etc. You can also follow us on Facebook at 'Catshill First School & Nursery' and on Twitter @catshillfirst

# TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2020-2021

## Keep me handy on the fridge

### Catshill First School and Nursery Term Dates for Academic Year 2020/21

#### AUTUMN TERM 2020

TERM STARTS	Wednesday 2 September 2020
HALF TERM	Monday 26 October – Friday 30 October 2020
TERM ENDS	Friday 18 December 2020

#### SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

Inset 1 – Tuesday 1 September 2020

Inset 2 – Friday 2 October 2020

#### SPRING TERM 2021

TERM STARTS	Tuesday 5 January 2021
HALF TERM	Monday 15 February – Friday 19 February 2021
TERM ENDS	Wednesday 31 March 2021

#### SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

Inset 3 – Monday 4 January 2021

Inset 4 – Thursday 1 April 2021

#### SUMMER TERM 2021

TERM STARTS	Monday 19 April 2021
HALF TERM	Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June 2021
TERM ENDS	Wednesday 21 July 2021

#### SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

Bank Holiday – Monday 3 May 2021

Inset 5 – Friday 28 May 2021

## Absence Reporting

We continually strive to improve attendance for the pupils in our school as good attendance is linked to future success. In any case of absence, it is a parent or guardian's legal duty to notify school of the reason why. We have increased the number of ways that you can get in touch with us to report a child's absence:

#### 1. Our answering service.

This bypasses reception and enables you to leave a direct message, 24 hours a day, on the answerphone informing us of the absence. The number to call is 01527 872913.

#### 2. Email on

office@catshillfirst.worcs.sch.uk

#### 3. Text message.

Please text 07384 578468.

#### 4. By calling into the school office to speak to a member of staff.

Please note these methods of absence reporting should be used in addition to informing the class teacher.

All absences must be reported by one of the methods above by 9.15am.

The information we need is your name, your child's name, your child's class and the reason for their absence. We may still contact you for further information.

Please remember that sickness and diarrhoea require a 48 hour absence after the last episode of either.

If we are not informed and we cannot contact you to establish the whereabouts of your child, we may carry out a home visit.

Many thanks for your support in this matter.

## Safeguarding Team

Designated Safeguarding Lead  
Mr Paul Essenhigh

Deputy Safeguarding Leads  
Mrs Pauline Wainman  
Mrs Georgia Plant

If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact us straight away.

## Leadership Team

Executive Headteacher  
Mr Paul Essenhigh

Head of School  
Mrs Georgia Plant

Assistant Headteachers  
Miss Jessica Jones  
Mrs Helen Ludlow (SENCO)