



Catshill First School and Nursery

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Our value for October is Responsibility

We all want our children to be responsible because we want them to become responsible adults. Over half term you could encourage new ways for your children to show responsibility. Do you encourage them to tidy up at home? Do you let them do some things for themselves? Do you let them sort some things out on their own?

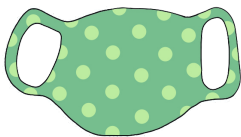
If your child or anyone in your household tests positive for covid over the half term holiday, please use our dedicated email address to inform school.

covid@catshillfirst.worcs.sch.uk



All Parents and Carers are asked to wear face masks on our school site from **Monday 2nd November**

Worcestershire County Council have issued new guidance which will come into effect for all schools after half term.



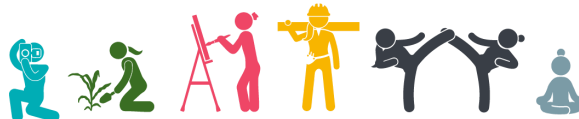
Parents and carers across the county are asked to wear face coverings when dropping off and collecting children from school. The new advice from Public Health follows recommends that face coverings should be worn on and around school sites.

This extra measure is being introduced to keep the whole school community safe, especially those who are most vulnerable. At the beginning of the week, there were 30 schools across the county with full or partial bubbles closed, which means now more than ever we need to work together to keep children in school. Dr Kathryn Cobain, Director of Public Health at Worcestershire County Council, said: "I'd like to ask for the support of parents and carers to keep to the social distancing guidelines at all times, when dropping off and picking up your children. "We strongly advise wearing a face-covering if you're unable to keep apart, by doing this you can help prevent the spread of the virus. Let's continue our hard work and remain in the lowest tier of measures."



Sports, Hobbies and Interests Day

It was lovely to see the wide range of activities, hobbies and sports that are enjoyed by the children outside of school and for them to share their enthusiasm with their classmates. Thank you for sending in lots of lovely pictures of the children and we have displayed these around school and hope to share on our social media in due course.



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Please consider the safety of our children and show courtesy to our neighbours when you park. If you see parking that you believe to be unlawful or dangerous, the police ask that you end all details to them using this [link](#).

Can we also remind you that the school car park is for staff use only at all times and those that require the use of the disabled bay. Do not park on the staff car park. Also we ask that you use the designated pathways and do not walk through the car park on your way into and out of school as this poses a serious risk.



Well done to the 191 students who have been awarded their Bronze Certificate today for achieving 50 or more epraise points and 30 students who have received their Silver Certificate for 100 or more epraise points.



A further well done to 215 students who have achieved 97% or greater attendance over this half term. An Attendance Accolade will be awarded to you on epraise soon.

Well done to Isla (2M) who was our Amazing Autumn Raffle winner and took home the huge chocolate bunny! Thank you to all who took part and helped raise an amazing £118 for extra school resources.



We are delighted to share the news that Mrs Baiden-Smith has had a baby boy and we send her and her husband our love and good wishes.



We also send our good wishes to Mrs Banks as she starts her maternity leave and look forward to sharing more baby news soon!



The Wednesday Wave

Do you know an older person, someone who is isolating or anyone who is still shielding? Give them a wave on Wednesdays. Find out more: [The Wednesday Wave](#)



Family Learning are providing a number of courses free to all parents and carers that would like to access them. If you are interested follow the links below to find out more and register.

[Art in Your Heart Course](#)

[Marvellous Me After Lockdown Course](#)

[Time for You Course](#)

[Thinking about Employment Course](#)



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Halloween celebrations will look slightly different this year and we hope that whatever you choose to do you have fun and keep safe. Worcestershire Children First have put together a fun Halloween Activity pack that can be accessed [here](#) which gives lots of fun and safe ideas for all the family.

For a special Halloween GoNoodle fitness fun session use this link <https://jmp.sh/MJr2Xhq>

Healthy Snack and Lunch

At playtime, we ask that children have a healthy snack and remind you that we are a nut free school.



Please swap crisps and chocolate for healthy snacks at playtime. Some ideas would be carrot sticks, fruit/cheese strings, yogurt tubes, 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.

Some children's lunchboxes are filled with many unhealthy choices. Talk to your children about what they might like to eat at lunchtime to avoid the chocolate and crisps options every day. For example, wraps, rice cakes with cheese or ham, sandwiches, cucumber and pepper strips, yoghurt or maybe jelly pots with fruit in. These foods, along with plenty of water, will help your child to stay alert and focused during the afternoon. The NHS Change 4 Life website has some great ideas for healthy snacks and lunchbox ideas and can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>

We thank you for your cooperation with this and will be monitoring the situation over time.

Flu vaccines will be taking place across for Reception to Year 4 classes on Friday 20th November and your child will have come home with their consent form this week. All forms MUST be completed and returned by Friday 6th November, even if you do not want your child to have the vaccine. Thank you.



E-safety Reminder

We will keep this reminder about e-safety on our 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](#).



****Please find a link [here](#) to our weekly school lunch menus.****



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