



## Our value for November is Respect



‘A positive feeling or action shown to someone or something’

In assembly we have been thinking about how we can show respect to different people and different things such as listening to others, picking things up from the floor, making sure rubbish goes into the bin and using kind words to each other. Lots of the classes have earned Praise points for ‘Being Respectful’ this week- well done to them!



## Remembrance Day - Poppy Appeal



We hope you have seen our beautiful display of poppies at the front of the school. Each class or year group has made a wreath and we think they look beautiful.

In order to raise money for the poppy appeal, each class has a selection of poppy merchandise for sale. Suggested prices range from 50p to £1.50



As we begin the new four-week national lockdown, I am writing to confirm that Catshill First School and Nursery will continue to remain open for our pupils.

We believe that this lockdown will, if anything, make school even safer because it will reduce the contact our children and staff would have had with adults who would previously have been going out to work, travelling or socialising.

There will be no major changes to the measures that the school has put in place (although we will continue to make small adjustments as appropriate).

Although our children are in a bubble at school, we do ask that you are mindful that play dates, sleepovers and parties are not permitted within the lockdown rules. The impact of the national lockdown and our in-school measures will be undermined if pupils are allowed to socialise during the evenings or at weekends. We are asking for parents to help us with this. None of us want the sacrifices that we are making for the greater good to be pointless.

Similarly, please do not send your child into school if they are unwell, and particularly if they have Covid symptoms. We are doing everything we can to keep the school safe and we need parents to help us with this also.

As always, I want to finish by thanking you for your support, kindness and patience. Your smiles, words and messages of support and thanks mean a lot to the staff of our school.

My very best wishes to you all – to the key workers who are again keeping the wheels turning and to those of you who are playing your important part by staying at home.



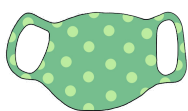
## CHILDREN IN NEED 2020

On **Friday 13th November** we will be raising money and taking part in activities for the annual Children in Need day. Children may come to school in own clothes, sports kits or other clothes that are suitable for taking part in sporting activities (as some children have PE/Forest School on that day), for a suggested donation of £1.



Classes will be joining Joe Wicks for the last part of his 24 Hour PE Challenge via YouTube at 9:05am on this day to complete the final 20 minutes of the challenge together. We will advise next week of any other fundraising activities that may be taking place.





## Face Coverings and Social Distancing

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have supported us by wearing face coverings and keeping their distance when dropping off or collecting children from school.



### Blackwell Adventure Residential 2020/21

Following the Government announcement of a second lockdown and further restrictions due to the coronavirus pandemic, we have made the reluctant decision to cancel the Blackwell residential visit for the children at Catshill First School and Nursery that was due to take place this academic year.

We do intend to resume our residential opportunities next academic year and hope that the current Year 3 children will be able to have the opportunity to go away to Blackwell when they are in Year 4.

We will look at how we can offer our Year 4 pupils some fun and challenging experiences in the summer term, if restrictions allow.

**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](#)



### A Message from Shirley Webb - Councillor for Catshill

Catshill residents are invited to get involved in a community survey and have their say on the place in which they live. The survey asks participants about day to day life in the area, likes, challenges, opportunities and aspirations as well as focussing on health and well-being. And there is a separate one for young people too.

Instigated by Bromsgrove District Council and the Worcestershire County Council's Public Health the survey will help to inform partner agencies about services which are in place and how, by working together, any improvements can be made.

The closing date is 14 December and we need to encourage anyone living and/or working in Catshill to have their say so we can ensure this is community led. Please follow these links to the surveys.

[Main Survey](#)

[Young Persons Survey](#)

**Flu vaccines will be taking place across for Reception to Year 4 classes on Friday 20th November. Reminders and additional forms have been sent to those who have not yet returned them and these MUST be completed and sent back into school at the beginning of next week, even if you do not want your child to have the vaccine.**



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### 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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