



2020 - 2021 Welcome to Year 1

The Year 1 Team:



Mrs Loveridge
Class Teacher - IL



Mrs Coleby
Class Teacher - IC



Mrs Partridge



Mrs Skidmore



Mrs Warman

Times of the school day

Year 1 is in Key Stage 1.

School starts between 8.45am and 9.00am.
The children in KS1 finish between 3.10pm
and 3.25pm.

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 1 for 2020-21 are:

Autumn 1 :	Marvellous Me
Autumn 2 :	Splendid Skies
Spring 1 :	All Creature Great and Small
Spring 2 :	Enchanted Forest
Summer 1:	Land Before Time
Summer 2:	Bright Lights, Big City

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 1, we also expect children to read regularly at home (5 times per week) and complete other homework that is sent such as phonics. We thank parents for their support with this. These are some examples of online resources that can be accessed at home.



E-Safety

We teach children about safe use of the internet throughout the year. You and your child will be asked to sign an Acceptable Use Agreement before they can use devices in school. Head to thinkuknow.co.uk for more information.



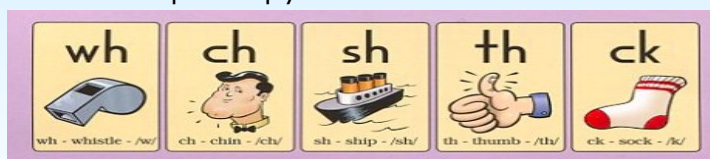
Class Assembly

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.



Phonics

In Year 1, we learn phonics each day using sound buttons. These help children read words with digraphs (2 letters that make one sound). We also use 'alien' words to practise our phonics. These are nonsense words that the children blend without meaning, such as glag and spruck. In June, the children will be asked to read 40 real and nonsense words for the Phonics Screening Check. Look out for details of phonics workshops in the Autumn Term where you will receive resources and tips to help your child at home.



All Year 1 pupils will be assessed in their phonic knowledge in June 2022.

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
 Chocolate and Mandarin Sundae



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 ensure that all uniform and PE kit is clearly labelled.

PE Kit

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



On PE and Forest School days, children must come to school wearing clothes suitable for these sessions.

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. 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

Keep me handy on the fridge

Catshill First School and Nursery Term Dates for Academic Year 2021/22

AUTUMN TERM 2021

TERM STARTS	Friday 3 September 2021 New Reception groups and selected pupils for appointments and visits
	Monday 6 September 2021 Whole school return
HALF TERM	Monday 25 October – Friday 29 October 2021
TERM ENDS	Friday 17 December 2021

SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

Inset 1 – Thursday 2 September 2021

Inset 2 – Friday 22 October 2021

SPRING TERM 2022

TERM STARTS	Wednesday 5 January 2022
HALF TERM	Monday 21 February – Friday 25 February 2022
TERM ENDS	Friday 8 April 2022

SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

Inset 3 – Tuesday 4 January 2022

SUMMER TERM 2022

TERM STARTS	Monday 25 April 2022
HALF TERM	Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June 2022
TERM ENDS	Tuesday 19 July 2022

SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

Bank Holiday – Monday 2 May 2022

Inset 4 – Wednesday 20 July 2022

Inset 5 – Thursday 21 July 2022

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 07786132612.

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

Mrs Helen Ludlow (SENCO)

Mrs Clair Yarranton

Mrs Victoria O'Brien