



🌸 Value for October 🌸

Our value for October is Honesty

Teaching Kids About Honesty

Make Honesty a Positive Focus in Your Family.

Set an Example of Honesty.

Don't Ask Questions When You Know the Answer.

Avoid Labeling.

Tell Them How Happy Honesty Makes You.

Praise Honesty.

📌 Covid 19 Outbreak 📌

Having had a number of confirmed cases of Covid 19 across the school, we have been asked by the Local Outbreak Response Team (LORT) to draw your attention to the information below. The situation continues to be monitored on a daily basis.

We would advise any member of your household to take a PCR test if they are showing any of the symptoms below.

Cough
Runny nose
Loss of taste/smell
Raised temperature
Headache
Nausea
Sickness and diarrhoea
Lethargy
Rash on torso

Anyone with symptoms should remain at home awaiting the results in an attempt to manage infection control.

We would also suggest that you consider taking additional precautions to limit the spread of infection by reducing their contacts with others outside the school, avoiding close contact with those who may be clinically vulnerable.

Please keep us fully informed or call us for advice if your child shows any symptoms.

We have a limited number of postal PCR tests in school for those who are unable to attend the test centre.

We are aware that there are other children, in other classes, who are currently awaiting results of tests and thank parents for their vigilance at this time.

The school remains open and providing your child remains well and symptom free, they can attend as normal. This is being kept under review by LORT.

[When Should I Isolate](#)



Black History Month

Black History Month gives everyone the opportunity to share, celebrate and understand the impact of black heritage and culture. In school, throughout October, we are celebrating Black History Month. We are reading books by black authors and finding out about important people from African and Caribbean backgrounds.



School Photographs

Please visit nextGen School Photography at www.nextgenphotos.co.uk and enter the personal access code, as shown on the notification sent home with your child on Thursday 30th September, to enable you to purchase photographs of your child/children. These have been available for viewing from Wednesday 6 October 2021.



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Next week, on Thursday 14th October, we will be holding special Harvest assemblies and focussing on the importance of sharing. Children are asked to bring in items to be donated to Catshill Baptist Church Food Bank from Wednesday 13th October.

Items that you might consider bringing in are:-

Packets & Jars

Tea bags
Coffee
Hot chocolate
Long life milk
Long life fruit juice
Cereals
Rice
Pasta
Savoury rice
Noodles
Pasta sauce
Custard
Jam
Biscuits

Tinned Food

Fish
Meat
Potatoes
Vegetables
Tomatoes
Soup
Baked beans
Spaghetti
Fruit
Rice pudding
Sponge pudding

Toiletries

Toilet rolls
Soap
Toothpaste
Washing-up liquid
Nappies
Ladies sanitary items

Thank you



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Sports, Hobbies and Interests Day

This will be taking place on Thursday 21st October 2021 (last day of this half term) when we celebrate all the different activities that the children take part in, outside of school. Children will be able to come to school in their own clothes and we encourage them to wear something that shows their interest (such as a sports kit or uniform).
A letter with more details will be sent via epraise shortly.

Mental Health Awareness

On Sunday 10th October it is World Mental Health Day, a global awareness day to highlight the importance of mental health. We will be thinking about this in school on Monday. Please see the separate epraise message with some suggestions of things to do at home this weekend and an invitation to send in photos for us to share at school.

[World Mental Health Day](#)

Book Sale

Week beginning 11th October 2021

**The School Council will be holding their first book sales of the school year.
Children will be able to come along to the hall during playtime to get some bargains
2 books for 50p.**

**Key Stage 1 - Tuesday 12th October
Key Stage 2 - Wednesday 13th October
Reception and Nursery - Thursday 14th October**

Morrisons - Good to Grow

Just a reminder that Morrisons are running a scheme called 'It's Good to Grow' where anyone who shops in Morrisons and uses their 'More' loyalty scheme card can earn tokens that can be donated to a school and used in exchange for gardening equipment. Every £10 spent in Morrisons earns 1 token. The scheme runs from 6th September to 24th October with a period of one week after that to donate tokens.

If you do shop in Morrisons and use the More card, please donate any accrued tokens to our school! To do this you must be registered for the My Morrisons app, login and donate tokens to our school. You will need to link your account to our school.



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☂️ Coats, Gloves and Scarves ☂️

A reminder that children should have a suitable coat with a hood in school every day. Unless the weather is really poor, we do try to go outside for playtime and at lunchtime every day. As the colder weather approaches and children bring in gloves, scarves and hats, please make sure these items have names written in as they so easily get mixed up or mislaid.

🌸 Nursery Places 🌸

Just a gentle reminder that if you require a January Nursery placement, applications need to be in by 29 October 2021.

For further details, please visit our [Website](#)

📖 Catshill Children's Choice 📖

Each half term we spend £50 on new books for the school, chosen by our pupils. Please use the attached link to vote for your favourites. **Voting closes Friday 15 October 2021.**

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfchy_S0XOdwg1TWO22zLo3JgOVEvoYhbUhjA8U8l4GTJ5FAg/viewform?usp=sf_link



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Reminders

Parents Evening Booking is now live, Tuesday 12/10/2021 3.30pm to 5.00pm and Thursday 14/10/2021 5.00pm to 7.00pm

Term ends on Thursday 21/10/2021, Staff Training Day is Friday 22/10/2021

Blackwell Residential for year 3 and 4 inviting you to apply for a place on the Blackwell Residential.

The visit is booked for 29th June to 1st July 2022.

To secure a place a deposit of £25 will be required by 1st November.

Unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances the After School Club for Multi Sports for October for 1C and 3S has been cancelled. This will be picked up again after half term, dates to be confirmed.

Please note - Nasal Flu Immunisation Consent Forms need to be returned whether your child is having the drops or not. If another form is needed, please see Lynne in the admin office.

Polite Reminder

Can parents please be aware when collecting children from Catshill First and Nursery School, not to park in front of neighbours driveways or block in other cars. We have also been made aware that The Dock Medical Centre is also being used for parking up when picking up, which is strictly for the sole use of their staff and visitors.

Many thanks

● Car Park - Important Notice ●

The car park at Catshill First School and Nursery is for use by school staff only. The only exception to this rule is when access is required to the disabled parking space.

Children must NOT be on the school car park at ANY time.

All Access to the school premises must be via the pedestrian footpath and NOT through the car park.

Please note the signage on the gate requesting that it is kept closed at all times. This is for the children's safety.



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Things to remember	Term dates
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ W/C 11th October 2021 is week 1 for our dinner menu. You can find the menu on our website https://www.catshillfirst.co.uk/our-school-day/ ✓ ★ Please send all dinner money to school on a Monday ✓ ★ All children have active sessions every day such as PE, Forest School or fun on the Trim Trail. It is important that children attend school wearing suitable clothing and footwear for these activities. ✓ ★ Log on to Rising Stars to access your child's online reading books. ✓ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ This half Term ends Thursday 21st October. ★ Please note that Friday 22 October 2021 is an Inset day and the school will be closed to pupils. <p><i>Please find next year's term dates here Please do not book holidays in term time.</i></p> <p><i>Second half of Autumn Term begins: Monday 1 November 2021</i></p>

