



The children have all settled in well to their new classes and I have seen some lovely learning going on. Highlights in the last fortnight have been: - Nursery and Reception children have started full-time and are enjoying all the inside and outside activities. Year One have used observation skills to make pictures of themselves using different materials and have sketched their friends (with amazing details). Year Two have made rock monsters and huge mixed-media monsters in the playground. Our Year Three children are loving their book, 'Lord of the Forest' and have enjoyed researching 'predators' in the computing suite. Year Four said their best bit has been making and testing their Roman chariots.

It was lovely to ask the children what they have liked so far because they were so enthusiastic about a wide variety of subjects. What a super start to the year!

Mrs G Plant – Head of School

Smoking There is no smoking permitted (including e-cigarettes) on the whole of our school site. Please avoid smoking around the entrance gates and surrounding area.

Uniform Could we remind parents and carers to ensure that all items of uniform are clearly labelled at all times – sometimes names that are written on can wear or wash off, similarly with iron-on labels.

PE Kits Please remember that PE kits should be in school at all times and only taken home at the weekend or half term – this is to allow for extra or unscheduled PE sessions that may occur.

Forest School As part of our Forest School activities this year, we will be making Scarecrows and ask if you have any old clothes that would be suitable could you please send them into school in a bag. Please also ensure that if your child is taking part in Forest School their clothes are in school that day in a named bag.

Dinner Supervisor Vacancies We currently have vacancies for lunchtime supervisors at the First School to join our friendly teams providing children's supervision during the lunchtime break. If you have just 1 or all 5 lunchtimes a week free and would like to join us, please call into the office for an application pack.

School Start Time Whilst we have a flexible start time between 8.45 and 8.55 we do not have staff on duty in the playground before this time. We ask that parents/carers remain with their child until they have gone into school or that they are in the care of another responsible adult.

Dogs As you are all aware dogs are not permitted anywhere on the school grounds but we also ask that if you have your dog with you in the areas surrounding school that they are kept under close supervision and control at all times.

School Photographs

The school photographer will be coming in to take individual photos of the children on Thursday 27 September. If you wish your child to have their photo taken with siblings who do not attend this school (or attend Nursery but are not in on this day) then you may bring them in at 8:00am for this purpose.

Children who do not attend Nursery on this day and do not have a sibling at the school may attend at either 9:30am or 1pm for their photograph if you wish.





Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 26 September

KS2 Football Tournament

Thursday 27 September

School Photographs
Falconry Visit – Year 3

Friday 28 September

9.00am – 10.00am
Macmillan Coffee Morning

Tuesday 2 October

5.30pm – 6.30pm
EYFS Open Session for prospective parents

5:30pm – 8:00pm

Open Evening at Catshill Middle School

Wednesday 3 – Friday 5 October

Year 3/4 residential to Blackwell

Monday 15 & Tuesday 16 October

9.30am – 10.30am
EYFS Open Sessions for prospective parents

Thursday 18 October

Bikeability Year 4

Wednesday 24 October

3.30pm – 5.30pm
Parents' Evening

Thursday 25 October

5.30pm – 7.00pm
Parents' Evening

Friday 26 October

Sports, Hobbies and Interests Day

Friday 26 October

Break up for Half Term

Monday 5 November

Children return to school



ATTENDANCE YEARS 1 – 4

TARGET 96%

	w/c 10.09.18	
School Attendance	95.8%	
Classes above 96%	1M, 2CF, 3BS	😊
Class with Most Lates	4J	☹️
Class with Least Lates	3S with NO LATES	😊
	w/c 17.09.18	
School Attendance	96.1%	
Classes above 96%	2CF, 3BS, 4M, 4J	😊
Class with Most Lates	1J	☹️
Class with Least Lates	3S	😊

'Ellen Lolly' We are pleased to see parents and children using our lollipop lady who is positioned near the shop and bus stop.

Please be mindful of parking to not block visibility or people getting by with pushchairs.

We'd love to see more of you using her to support your crossing.

Letters Home

The following letters have been sent home over the past 2 weeks. All letters home can also be found on our website www.catshillfirst.co.uk.

- ★ Curriculum Newsletter/Home Learning
- ★ Dads & Lads – Year 3 & 4
- ★ School Governor
- ★ Falconer Visit – Year 3 only
- ★ Macmillan Coffee Morning

GDPR Regulations

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