



## Fortnightly Newsletter

### Value for March: Equality

Last week the Values Council helped show what equality means in our Values Assembly. We learned that equality means treating people with equal respect, no matter how they are different. We also thought about how equality is not the same as fairness as some people need different help to succeed.



## WORLD BOOK DAY

We've had a wonderful day celebrating reading today. Thank you for supporting your child(ren) with their book character costumes. The different outfits were wonderful, we are always so impressed by the creative ideas that everybody has.



Our day started with a whole school assembly where Gareth Warton from Morrison's presented us with a wonderful gift of books from the store. Thank you Morrison's.

Mrs Fannon and the School Council held a book sale over two days and raised a superb sum.

All children have been given a World Book Day book - we hope they enjoy them. The children have spent the day finding out about different authors, sharing books and having some reading fun. Ask them to tell you what they've done.

Look on Twitter and Facebook for more of our World Book Day photos.



### Late collection (at the end of the school day)

We are finding that numbers of parents/carers picking children up late is increasing. ☒ This is causing congestion at the School Office and resulting in queues.

From **Monday**, children will wait at individuals classrooms for at least 10 minutes, they will then be brought to the glass corridor door between the school and Tulip Tree Centre. They can be collected from the glass door. Parents/carers will be asked to sign out any children being picked up late. Whilst we understand that there are emergencies that cause lateness, we do urge parents/carers not to rely on this pick up point.

## Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the second half of the Spring Term. The sun has been out (sometimes), flowers are beginning to bloom and blossom is starting to appear on the trees. The children have all started their new topics and are enjoying their learning.

This week (when it hasn't been raining!), our Reception children have been enjoying some new playground equipment. The firm favourite has to be the interlocking scooters. They are also having fun with the colourful balance boards, new hoops, bean bags and skipping ropes.

With best wishes

Mrs Georgia Plant  
Head of School



### 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](http://www.catshillfirst.co.uk)

- ★ KS2 residential to Blackwell Adventure centre (Year 3)
- ★ Supporting your Anxious Child Workshop letter
- ★ Book Sale
- ★ Red Nose Day and Comic Relief
- ★ Red Nose Day competition

ATTENDANCE YEARS 1 - 4		
TARGET 96%		
	W/c 25.02.2019	
School Attendance	96.3%	😊
Classes above 96%	1M, 1J, 3BS and 4M	😊
Class with Most Lates	1J	😞
Class with Least Lates	3S - No lates!	😊
	W/c 04.03.2019	
School Attendance	96%	😊
Classes above 96%	1B, 1M(100%!), 2CF, 3S 3BS & 4J	😊
Class with Most Lates	2F	😞
Class with Least Lates	1M & 3S - No lates!	😊

## What's been happening at Catshill First School & Nursery?

**Ks1 Maths Workshop** - thank you to all those parents who were able to come along to our Maths workshop on 28th February or have asked for the handout. It was lovely to see so many parents there and we are pleased to say all the feedback we had was very positive. If any parents are wanting to develop Maths skills with their child please see Mrs Stacey.



**Family Learning** - sessions have continued with a practical resources to make to support children's maths theme. Please do join this friendly group - they welcome new members.

**Parent Volunteers** - a warm welcome to all the new parent volunteers who have recently started to work with us. We appreciate your additional help.

**Library Visits** - groups from Year 3 are continuing to visit the library this half term.



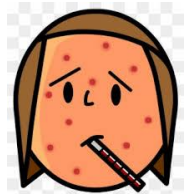
**Year 2 Pirate Day** - the children arrived back from the holiday to a fun-filled day of learning linked to their pirate topic. They took part in pirate activities, dressed up and did some pirate challenges. They will be inviting parents to a pirate themed workshop in a few weeks time. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Building work** - you may have noticed that the builders have been in and are replacing the guttering around the Tulip Tree Centre. They will be finishing this off over the weekend.

**Forest School area** - our groundwork team have pruned, cut back and improved lots of the different areas of our Forest School. They have also dug a new fire pit for us. These improvements are all part of our redesigns and upgrading of this space.

**Hi 5 netball tournament** - unfortunately this was postponed due to bad weather. It has been rearranged for Wednesday 27th March.

**Chicken Pox** - we've had lots of cases recently (mostly in our Nursery and Reception classes). Please keep children off school until the spots have scabbed over.





## What's coming up?

- ★ Family Learning - every Wednesday 9:00 am - 11 am, everyone welcome
- ★ Year 3 Groups visiting Catshill Library
- ★ Year 4 Dodgeball Festival - Wednesday 13th March - 9:30 am - 12:15 pm
- ★ Comic Relief - Friday 15th March
- ★ Author Andy Seed in - Monday 18th March & Friday 22nd March
- ★ 3S Class assembly - Thursday 21st March - 9:05 am

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## Dates for your Diary

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Violin Lessons</li> <li>★ Badminton</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Y4 Swimming</li> <li>★ Reception Share, Learn and Play</li> <li>★ Football</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ KS2 Dodgeball tournament</li> <li>★ Family Learning</li> <li>★ Guitar lessons</li> <li>★ 4M Forest school</li> <li>★ Blackwell Parent/Carer Briefing</li> <li>★ Drama</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Reading club</li> <li>★ Ball games</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Comic Relief</li> <li>★ 3S Library visit</li> <li>★ 1B Forest School</li> <li>★ Book Stop</li> </ul>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
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<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
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<b>1st Apr</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
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<b>EASTER BREAK</b>				

Dates to remember	Term dates
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Friday 15th March - Comic Relief</li> <li>★ Friday 29th March - Mothers Day Bulb Planting</li> <li>★ Tuesday 9th April - KS2 Play</li> <li>★ Class assemblies - 3S - 21st March, 1M - 9th March, 1B - 13th June, 2F - 4th July &amp; EYFS 11th July.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ End of Spring term: <b>Friday 12th April</b></li> <li>★ Start date for Summer term: <b>Monday 29th April</b></li> <li>★ Bank Holiday: <b>Monday 6th May</b></li> <li>★ Half term week: <b>Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May</b></li> <li>★ End of year: <b>Thursday 18th July</b></li> <li>★ Start of new year: <b>Wednesday 4th September</b></li> </ul>
 <p><b>Please be punctual!</b> Is your child here and on time for five to nine?</p> 	<p><i>Holidays will not be authorised during term time.</i></p>

Following feedback from parents, we are now using our Facebook page more to share our information for parents/carers. Please look for us and like our page: 'Catshill First School and Nursery'.



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