



Fortnightly Newsletter

Value for March: Equality

Knowing that equality is about showing different people the same amount of respect, the children of Catshill have been showing this in lots of different ways. The best way we can show equal respect for all is following our four listening rules so that everyone gets an equal chance to learn. They are: good looking, sitting still, keeping quiet and listening to all the words.

Eco Council Litter Pick

Our wonderful Eco-Council spent some time on Wednesday helping to make our school grounds look better. Well done to all of them for improving our grounds and thinking of our environment. Mrs Jones organised the event along with Harry our caretaker. They were supported with equipment by Councillor Shirley Webb.



Values Council Visit Catshill Middle School

We were very proud to be invited to Catshill Middle School to help them launch their own Values Council. Mr Rivett and Mrs Wainman took our 14 members to meet with several children, Mr Thompson (the Head of School) and Jeremy (from the Welcome Hall Church). We held a formal meeting where we shared the history of our Values Council, what we had achieved so far this year and what our favourite values are. It was amazing to see our pupils leading the Middle School children through discussions and helping them start their journey. We look forward to inviting them to us in the future.



Chocolate Easter Bunny

Once again, the Lions Club have generously donated a 2kg deluxe chocolate bunny worth over £50 for us to raffle in order to raise money for our school. We want to raise more than our total of £300 from last year. Tickets (you will be asked to choose the bunny's birthday) will be on sale soon at £1 each.

Dear Parents and Carers

The last two weeks have been filled with lots of learning opportunities and I have seen some fabulous pieces of work from the children. Well done to all those who have received one of my special stickers or had their work stamped.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents and carers who ensure that their children are at school and on time every day.

Mr Essenhigh, the Governors and I are worried that our attendance levels remain a cause for concern because there are still too many children who are not attending as regularly as they should. Lateness is also an issue for some families. It is a parent/carer's statutory duty to make sure their child is in school.

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

- ★ Year 1 Bakery Afternoon
- ★ Mother's Day event
- ★ Year 2 Pirate workshop

ATTENDANCE YEARS 1 - 4		
TARGET 96%		
W/c 11.03.2019		
School Attendance	96.4%	😊
Classes above 96%	2F, 3S, 4M & 4J	😊
Class with Most Lates	1J	😞
Class with Least Lates	2CF & 2F	😊

	W/c 18.03.2019	
School Attendance	95.8%	☹️
Classes above 96%	1B, 2CF, 2F & 4J	😞
Class with Most Lates	1J & 2CF	☹️
Class with Least Lates	2F	😄

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

Blackwell Meeting - Many thanks to those Year 3 parents who joined us for the parent meeting held for the upcoming Blackwell residential in October. We hope you found it informative. There will be another parent meeting held for Year 2 parents on 10th April.

Share Learn and Play - We're so happy to see even more parents/carers coming along to this session. Recently, there has been lots of reading and reading games taking place. The children have really enjoyed these sessions and we hope the parents/carers have too!

Comic Relief - The children had a fantastic day in their own clothes and some with their red noses too! We raised an amazing total of £243.27, so thank you all for your generous donations.

Andy Seed - We were pleased to have author Andy Seed join us again on Monday. He has been working with children in their classes. Once again we are proud of the lovely writing they have produced.

3S Assembly - 3S made Mrs Stacey very proud with amazing line learning and confident speaking. They spoke about what they have been learning about during their 'Scrumdiddlyumptious' topic including the Journey of a Banana and the story of Dustbin Dad. Well done 3S!

What's coming up?

- ★ Year 4 visit to Bishops Wood Field Centre - Monday 25th March
- ★ EYFS assembly - Wednesday 27th March - 9:05am
- ★ Year 4 Hi 5 Netball tournament - Wednesday 27th March
- ★ Mother's Day Planting - Friday 29th March - 9 am, 10 am or 2.30 pm
- ★ 1M Bakery afternoon - 2nd April - 2pm-3:15pm
- ★ Y2 Parent Workshop - Wednesday 3rd April - 9am - 10am
- ★ 1B Bakery afternoon - Thursday 4th April - 2pm - 3:15pm
- ★ Year 3 Groups visiting Catshill Library - Weekly on Fridays
- ★ Family Learning - every Wednesday 9 am - 11 am, everyone welcome

*** Please vote for Catshill First School and Nursery's entry in Hobbycraft's Easter Bonnet competition. You can vote in store at Webbs. ***

Nursery September 2019

If you have a child due to start Nursery in September 2019, please complete an

application form (available at the school office) so that we can begin to organise allocation for next year. We take children from age 3 onwards.

Baby News!



We are delighted to tell you Mrs Jones gave birth to a gorgeous, bouncing baby boy on 2nd of February. We are over the moon for her.



Mum and baby Louie are doing very well. We send them all our love and wish Mrs Jones and her husband all the very best.

Dates for your Diary

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
25	26	27	28	29
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Y4 to Bishops Wood ★ Violin lessons ★ Badminton 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Y4 Swimming ★ Football 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ EYFS assembly ★ Family Learning ★ Guitar lessons ★ Hi 5 netball tournament ★ 4M Forest school ★ Drama 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Hello Summer - Seaside Menu ★ Reading club ★ Ball games 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Phonics in the forest ★ Mother's Day event ★ 3S Library visit ★ 1B Forest School ★ Book Stop
1st Apr	2	3	4	5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Violin lessons ★ Badminton 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Y4 Swimming ★ 1M Bakery afternoon ★ Football 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Family Learning ★ Y2 Parent workshop ★ Guitar lessons ★ 4J Forest school ★ Drama 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ 1B Bakery afternoon ★ Reading club ★ Ball games 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Phonics in the forest ★ 3BS Library visit ★ 1M Forest School ★ Book Stop
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EASTER BREAK				
29	30	1st May	2	3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Violin lessons 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Y4 Swimming 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Family Learning ★ Andy Seed (Author) in ★ Guitar lessons 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Phonics in the forest ★ Bags2Schools collection ★ Y3 to Morrisons ★ Book Stop
6	7	8	9	10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Bank Holiday - School closed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Y4 Swimming 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Family Learning ★ Guitar lessons 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Class Photographs ★ Andy Seed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Phonics in the forest ★ Y3 to Morrisons

Dates to remember	Term dates
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Tuesday 9th April - KS2 Play ★ Class assemblies - EYFS - 27th March, 1M - 9th May, 1B - 13th June, 2F - 4th July & EYFS - 11th July. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ End of Spring term: Friday 12th April ★ Start date for Summer term: Monday 29th April ★ Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May ★ Half term week: Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May ★ End of year: Thursday 18th July ★ Start of new year: Wednesday 4th September <p><i>Holidays will not be authorised during term time.</i></p>
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;">  <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Please be punctual!</p> <p>Is your child here and on time for five to nine?</p> </div>  </div>	

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'.

