



Value for April: RESPECT

When we learn about respect in school, we always talk about respecting ourselves, respecting others, respecting the rules and respecting the environment. We have four listening rules in school that help us show respect to others by allowing them to listen and learn. Our listening rules are: sitting still, good looking, listening to all the words and keeping quiet. We use these every day.

Bakery Fun

The children in Year One have had fun with their parents/carers as they took part in workshops making salt dough bread.



Food Glorious Food

Thank you to Lou Lacey who came into Year Three for a cookery demonstration this week. She showed them how to make banana and sultana healthy cookies.



Yo, Ho, Ho!

Our Year Two parents joined their children on Wednesday to hear sea shanties, make pirate poetry and have fun learning together.



Thanks to **Singletons Nurseries** for their generous donation of plants to support our Mother's Day planting last week. We had a superb turn out for our 3 sessions and hope that all our children/parents/carers enjoyed making the flowering gifts.

We are delighted to be part of Catshill in Bloom which **Singletons** is sponsoring.

Dear Parents and Carers

I had the privilege of leading our half-termly Home Learning assembly on Thursday and once again was delighted by the many wonderful and varied contributions from the children in Years One to Four.

The children can do any project linked to their topic with some suggestions sent home as inspiration. We always celebrate every contribution and are pleased that the children are 'Locking in the Learning at Home'. Thank you to all of you who help your children by supporting them with their creations, providing the materials and talking to them about what they have learnt.

Some of our pupils bring several pieces of work so a special well done to them. If your child is reluctant to take part in home learning, please see your child's class teacher for some ideas to support them further.

With best wishes
Mrs Georgia Plant
Head of School



Letters Home

All letters home can also be found on our website www.catshillfirst.co.uk.

The following letters have been sent home over the past 2 weeks:

- ★ Family Learning letter to Year 1
- ★ After school club letter (Years 1-4)
- ★ Easter Egg competition
- ★ Collection for Catshill Baptist foodbank
- ★ KS2 Little Red Riding Hood Play letter
- ★ Blackwell Residential letter to Year 2
- ★ Year 1 Visit to Bodenham Arboretum

ATTENDANCE YEARS 1 - 4

TARGET 96%

	W/c 25.03.2019	
School Attendance	93.7%	☹️
Classes above 96%	3BS & 3S	😊
Class with Most Lates	2CF	☹️
Class with Least Lates	3BS	😊
	W/c 01.04.2019	
School Attendance	94.9%	☹️
Classes above 96%	2CF, 4J & 4M	😊
Class with Most Lates	2CF	☹️
Class with Least Lates	1M (no lates!)	😊

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

Year 4 visit to Bishops Wood Field Centre - The children had lots of fun planning a Viking invasion as well as learning crafts such as spinning wool by hand and making brooches and clay boats.

EYFS assembly - It was lovely see so many parents/carers at our assembly. The Early Years children were really excited to show their pictures of their parents/carers. Teachers were really proud of the children singing their songs so confidently. Well done to all our Early Years children!

Year 4 Hi 5 Netball tournament - All the children went with wonderful positive attitudes and worked brilliantly as part of a team. They used skills developed in the PE sessions and we were really proud of their performance.

Great Fire of Catshill - Year 1 recreated the Great Fire of London in the Forest School area with help from Mrs Plant and Harry. We heard extracts from Samuel Pepys diary written by the children, and sang 'London's Burning' in rounds.

New Forest School fencing - Harry has put up a new fence on KS2 playground, this is to mark the boundary of Forest School and to keep everyone safe. Please also be mindful and ensure children are kept away from Forest School's fire pit.

What's coming up?

- ★ Key Stage Two play - Little Red Riding Hood will take place on Tuesday 9th April at 9.15 am and 6 pm
- ★ Key Stage One and Key Stage Two (Years 1-4) will all visit Catshill Methodist Church next Wednesday for an Easter celebration
- ★ Meeting for parents of Y2 pupils who would like to find out more about the Blackwell residential in October 19
- ★ Attendance assembly on Friday 12th April
- ★ We are hoping to have a small gift from the Easter Bunny for all who are at school on Friday
- ★ 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 organise allocation for next year. Please return your forms by **Friday 24th May**. We take children from age 3 onwards.



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Staffing Update

We say thank you and farewell to Mrs Abi Astbury in the office today as she leaves for a new role. We'd like to thank her for her hard work and commitment to our school. She will be sadly missed and we wish her well in her new school. Most of you will recognise her replacement as we welcome Mrs Amanda Ranford back to our office team.

Dates for your Diary

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8	9	10	11	12
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Violin lessons ★ Badminton 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ No Swimming ★ Football club ★ KS2 Play 9.15 am and 6 pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Family Learning ★ Guitar lessons ★ Church visit ★ 4M Forest school ★ Y2 Blackwell Parent meeting ★ Drama 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Easter Menu ★ Reading club ★ Ball games 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Phonics in the forest ★ Book Bus (all day) ★ 3S Library visit ★ 1B Forest School
EASTER BREAK				
29	30	1st May	2	3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Term starts ★ Violin lessons 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Y4 Swimming ★ Football club ★ Mindfulness colouring club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Family Learning ★ Andy Seed (Author) in ★ Guitar lessons ★ Drama club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Andy Seed (Author) in ★ Choir ★ Athletics/ Summer Sports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Phonics in the forest ★ Bags2Schools collection ★ Y3 to Morrisons ★ Book Stop ★ 3BS Forset School
6	7	8	9	10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Bank Holiday - School closed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Y4 Swimming ★ Rec 2019 school tour ★ Football club ★ Mindfulness colouring club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Family Learning ★ Guitar lessons ★ Drama club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Class Photographs ★ Andy Seed (Author) in ★ 1M assembly ★ Choir ★ Athletics/ Summer Sports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Phonics in the forest ★ Y3 to Morrisons ★ Book Stop ★ 3S Forest School
13	14	15	16	17
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Dates to remember

Term dates

- ★ Tuesday 9th April - KS2 Play
- ★ Class assemblies - EYFS - 27th March, 1M - 9th May, 1B - 13th June, 2F - 4th July & EYFS - 11th July.

- ★ 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**
- Holidays will not be authorised during term time.*



Please be punctual!

Is your child here and on time for five to nine?



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