



Value for October: Community

Our Harvest Festival celebrations were a good way to remind the children how sharing is a good way to show that you care about the community. We collect for the Catshill Baptist Foodbank throughout the year. Thank you for your generosity.

Sports Leader Training

Eight children from Catshill, along with 8 children from Lickey End worked with coach Jon last week to train as school Sports Leaders. They learned how to play some new games, make up their own games and the skills needed to support others to play well.

They told me that the most important things are safety and having fun! They are looking forward to supporting other children to enjoy sporting activities at playtime and lunchtime.

BLACKWELL RESIDENTIAL 2019

Another fantastic residential this year at Blackwell for some of our Year 3 and 4 pupils. They took part in archery, caving, 3G swing, zip wire to name a few and showing great teamwork and courage not least on the crate stack! It was amazing to see the confidence, positive attitude and resilience of our young people and watch their friendships grow and mature with outstanding teamwork.





Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to all the parents and carers who were able to join us for either of our two Speech and Language sessions last week. We have increased the number of our support and information sessions for parents and carers in order to keep you all better informed of the many aspects of learning that we cover. Next week, we begin our sessions aimed at parents of EYFS (Nursery and Reception) children.

You may have recently seen a letter and responded to a questionnaire from Jenny Uppal. In response to the replies, she will be running a new parents/carers group which will focus on a range of issues. The group will start on Fridays after half term.

With best wishes

Mrs Georgia Plant
Head of School

DONATIONS

A big **thank you** to everyone who has donated to the school recently be it items for the school council, food items for our Harvest Assembly or money for our Hand in Hand for Oscar day. We sent a massive amount of food to the Baptist Church for the local food bank and raised a staggering £380.00 towards the fundraising effort for Oscar. We are very grateful for your support.

ATTENDANCE YEARS 1 - 4

TARGET 96%

W/c 07.10.19

School Attendance

94.5%



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Classes above 96%	1CJ; 2FD; 3M; 4J & 4S	😊
Class with Most Lates	3M	😞
Class with Least Lates	1CJ & 2FD WITH NO LATES!	😊
W/c 14.10.19		
School Attendance	96.3%	😊
Classes above 96%	1CJ; 2F; 2FD; 3M; 4J & 4S	😊
Class with Most Lates	3M	😞
Class with Least Lates	2F WITH NO LATES!	😊

Parking

Please consider the safety of our children and show courtesy to our neighbours when you park. If you see parking that you believe to be unlawful or dangerous, the police ask that you send all details including a photograph to operationlollipop@westmercia.pnn.police.uk.

Can we also remind you that the school car park is for **staff use only at all times** and those that require the use of the disabled bay. Do not park on the staff car park.

Also we ask that you use the designated pathways and do not walk through the car park on your way into and out of school as this poses a serious risk.



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

- ★ 4J Music and Drama visit to Catshill Middle School – the children enjoyed a creative session on Wednesday. 4S will visit next half term.
- ★ Nursery Local Walk – our Nursery children walked around the local area finding out about different places to live
- ★ Library Visits – two groups of our Year 3 children have begun this year's visits. They have been learning library skills, they are completing the reading challenge and they all have new library cards so they are borrowing books too.
- ★ EYFS Open Days – It was so lovely to meet lots of new potential parents and children for Reception 2020 and also see some familiar faces!
- ★ Speech, Language & Communication Workshop – We were pleased to welcome parents into school to find out about the work that our Speech and Language team do and share information and techniques.



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What's coming up?

- ★ Year 3 Falconry Visit 21st October
- ★ Spooky Disco - during schooltime for children in EYFS and at 4.15 - 5.30 pm on October 22nd for children in KS1 and 2
- ★ Sports, Hobbies & Interests Day - wear something linked to your interest 25th October
- ★ Year 4 Bikeability - 25th October
- ★ Curriculum Newsletters - information regarding your child's next topic will come home at the end of this half term
- ★ After School Clubs for Autumn 2 - these will start the first week of the new term (week commencing 4th November)

Why not visit the library this week? Children can take out up to 12 books and can print their homework for free.

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:

- ★ Bikeability (Year 4 Only)
- ★ Pumpkin Competition
- ★ EYFS Spooky Disco
- ★ After School Clubs

Dates for your Diary October- November 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
21st	22nd	23rd	24th	25th
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Year 3 Falconer Visit ★ Badminton Club 3:30-4:30pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Swimming Year 4 ★ Football Club 3:30-4:30pm ★ Spooky Disco 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ EYFS Coffee Morning ★ Drama Club 3:30-4:30pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Choir Club - lunchtime ★ Multiskills Club 3:30-4:30pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Sports, Hobbies & Interests Day ★ Bikeability Year 4 ★ Gold Book
28th	29th	30th	31st	1st Nov
HALF TERM				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Start of Autumn 2 Term ★ Badminton Club 3:30-4:30pm ★ Christmas Sewing 3:30-4:30pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Swimming Year 4 ★ Football Club 3:30-4:30pm ★ Christmas Choir 3:30-4:40pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Drama Club 3:30-4:30pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Choir Club - lunchtime ★ Gymnastics Club 3:30-4:30pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Gold Book
11th	12th	13th	14th	15th
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Badminton Club 3:30- 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Swimming Year 4 ★ Football Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Drama Club 3:30-4:30pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Choir Club - lunchtime 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Gold Book



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★ 4:30pm Christmas Sewing 3:30- 4:30pm	★ 3:30-4:30pm Christmas Choir 3:30-4:40pm		★ Gymnastics Club 3:30-4:30pm	
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Dates to remember	Term dates
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ EYFS Coffee Morning 23rd October ★ Spooky Disco - Tuesday 22nd October ★ Sports, Hobbies & Interests Day - Friday 25th October ★ Year 4 Bikeability - Friday 25th October ★ Start of Term - Monday 4th November 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ End of half term: Friday 25th October ★ Start of new half term: Monday 4th November ★ End of Autumn Term: Friday 20th December ★ Start of Spring Term: Tuesday 7th January ★ <i>Holidays will not be authorised during term time.</i>
<div>  <p>Please be punctual!</p> <p>Is your child here and on time for five to nine?</p>  </div>	<p><i>Please note change to Bank Holiday in May 2020. It is now Friday 8th May.</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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