



Value for October: Community

It is important for all of us to work together with other members of our community. We value all people and celebrate our differences.

We show this value in October when we share through our Harvest celebrations.

ART ATTACK!

The children in Year 3 and 4 who stayed in school this week have had an exciting few days filled with learning new skills, taking part in challenges and developing their knowledge. The theme was Autumn and the learning centred around work by famous artists such as Andy Goldsworthy. They've spent lots of time in our Forest School area and exploring the wider school grounds as well.



Parent Workshops

Thank you to all the parents who have attended any of our recent workshops / information sessions.

The next workshop is on Speech and Language and will be run by Monica Smith, from Worcestershire Speech and Language Services, who works with us in school.

We are also holding open sessions for prospective new parents with children who are due to start Reception (or Nursery) in September 2020.



Dear Parents and Carers

We've had a super fortnight with lots of wonderful learning taking place in every corner of our school.

This week, a large group of Year 3 and 4 pupils have spent 2 nights at Blackwell Adventure for our annual residential visit. They have had opportunities to take part in challenges and activities which have developed all manner of personal skills. They had an evening of orienteering and the egg-drop challenge on Wednesday and a campfire with songs and marshmallows in the dark on Thursday. Lots of wonderful memories will have been made.

With best wishes

Mrs Georgia Plant
Head of School

Harvest Assembly

Our harvest assembly takes place on Wednesday 9th October and we would be grateful for any donations of food to pass onto the local food bank. Some suggestions of suitable items would be tinned goods, cereals, dried foods (pasta and rice) and cooking sauces, though any donations are welcome. Any food brought in will be donated to Catshill Baptist Foodbank. The children have been given a handy bookmark which lists further suggested donations.

ATTENDANCE YEARS 1 - 4		
TARGET 96%		
	W/c 23.09.19	
School Attendance	96.6%	😊
Classes above 96%	1M, 1CJ, 2F, 2FD, 3M, 4J & 4S	😊
Class with Most Lates	3M	😞
Class with Least Lates	2F & 4J	😊
	W/c 30.09.19	
School Attendance	93.7%	😞
Classes above 96%	2F & 4S	😊
Class with Most Lates	2FD	😞
Class with Least Lates	1CJ WITH NO LATES!	😊



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Macmillan Coffee Morning

A massive thank you to everyone who supported this by either sending in cakes, attending the coffee morning, buying cakes after school or all 3! We raised a fantastic **£250!!** Also a special thank you to Mrs Stacey and our parent helpers for all their hard work.

School Lunches

If you wish to order a hot lunch for your child (Years 3 & 4) please send the money in a **named, sealed envelope** on a Monday morning, indicating which days your child wants a hot dinner. Dinners are £2.30 per day/£11.50 per week.

There are 2 special menus for Halloween and Bonfire Night, please see our website for more details.

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

- ★ EYFS Coffee Mornings - Thank you to all who came to find out about Tapestry and have now signed up for their logins.
- ★ Phonics Workshops for Key Stage 1 parents - We were pleased to welcome parents into school to find out about phonics.
- ★ Macmillan Coffee Morning - We raised an amazing £250 for Macmillan due to your support in either attending, supplying cakes or both.
- ★ Blackwell Residential - We look forward to hearing all of the fantastic stories from the children following their residential at Blackwell. Please see our Twitter page for some more amazing photographs.



What's coming up?

- ★ EYFS Open Days for Reception Intake 2020
- ★ Speech and Language Parent Workshop 10th October 9 am and 6 pm
- ★ Non-uniform day to raise money for Oscar - 11th October
- ★ 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
- ★ Year 4 Bikeability

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:

- ★ Speech, Language & Communication Workshops
- ★ Tapestry Account (EYFS only)
- ★ Harvest Festival
- ★ Spooky Disco Ticket Form
- ★ Early Years Coffee Morning
- ★ Forest School Booklet (Nursery Only)
- ★ Non Uniform Day for 'Hand in Hand for Oscar'



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Dates for your Diary October- November 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7th	8th	9th	10th	11th
★ Badminton Club 3:30-4:30pm	★ Swimming Year 4 ★ Football Club 3:30-4:30pm ★ EYFS Open Evening 6pm	★ Harvest Assembly ★ Drama Club 3:30-4:30pm	★ Choir Club - lunchtime ★ Multiskills Club 3:30-4:30pm ★ SALT Parent Workshop 6pm	★ Non-Uniform Day ★ Gold Book
14th	15th	16th	17th	18th
★ Badminton Club 3:30-4:30pm	★ Swimming Year 4 ★ Football Club 3:30-4:30pm	★ EYFS Open Morning 9:30am ★ Drama Club 3:30-4:30pm	★ EYFS Open Morning 9:30am ★ Choir Club - lunchtime ★ Multiskills Club 3:30-4:30pm	★ Gold Book
21st	22nd	23rd	24th	25th
★ Year 3 Falconer Visit ★ Badminton Club 3:30-4:30pm	★ Swimming Year 4 ★ Football Club 3:30-4:30pm ★ Spooky Disco	★ EYFS Coffee Morning ★ Drama Club 3:30-4:30pm	★ Choir Club - lunchtime ★ Multiskills Club 3:30-4:30pm	★ Sports, Hobbies & Interests Day ★ Bikeability Year 4 ★ Gold Book
28th	29th	30th	31st	1st Nov
HALF TERM				

Dates to remember	Term dates
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ EYFS Open Evening - 8th October 6pm ★ EYFS Open Days - 16th & 17th October 9:30am ★ EYFS Coffee Morning 23rd October ★ Spooky Disco - Tuesday 22nd October ★ Sports, Hobbies & Interests Day - Friday 25th October ★ Year 4 Bikeability - Friday 25th October 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ End of term: Friday 25th October ★ Start of new term: Monday 4th November <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Holidays will not be authorised during term time.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please note change to Bank Holiday in May 2020. It is now Friday 8th May.</i></p>
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <h3 style="margin: 0;">Please be punctual!</h3> <p style="margin: 0;">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'