



Value for December: Courtesy

Children: Please don't forget to say thank you for any presents you are lucky enough to receive.



A huge thank you from all the teachers and staff for all the Christmas cards and presents that we have been given. We have all been overwhelmed and very touched by your generosity which is very much appreciated. THANK YOU!

May we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

We were really pleased to give out an amazing 65 100% attendance certificates for the Autumn term at the Attendance Assembly today. Well done to everyone who managed to achieve one of these and a thank you to all the parents and carers who get their children into school each day and on time. Keep up the good work next term everyone.



Dear Parents and Carers

We have come to the end of a very busy term and I am pleased to look back at the many exciting learning opportunities that have taken place and all the successes and achievements that have been had.

Enjoy your Christmas holidays, I am looking forward to spending time with my family and recharging my batteries and I am sure you all are too.

I look forward to seeing all the children back at school on Tuesday 7th January.

With best wishes

Mrs Georgia Plant
Head of School

Finally, the School Council would like to say thank you for your support for the Christmas Fayre and raffle. The fayre made a whopping £560.00 and the raffle made £365.00

Thank you and once again **Merry Christmas everyone.**

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

- ★ Year 4 to Christchurch - Our Year 4 pupils enjoyed a lovely Christmas service put on by pupils from Catshill Middle School.
- ★ Christmas Plays - It was lovely to see so many parents, carers and relatives come along to support our pupils in their nativity plays across EYFS and KS1, we hope you all enjoyed them as much as we did!
- ★ KS2 Carols - Many thanks to Olivia Withey and the Drama and Choir clubs for their fantastic performances and all of our KS2 children for singing so beautifully.
- ★ School Council Christmas Fayre - Due to your generosity and the fantastic work of Mrs Fannon and The School Council a huge amount has been raised for school projects. Watch this space for further details.
- ★ Christmas Lunch - More pupils than ever enjoyed a festive lunch with their friends and staff on Tuesday. Thank you to Shire Services.
- ★ Class Christmas Parties - All of the classes held their own Christmas Parties on Wednesday with fun games, crafts and snacks and a visit to our very special guest, Father Christmas, who gave each child a little gift.

Today we say goodbye to Mrs Sarah Westby and Miss Emma Tomkins who are leaving us, we wish them all the best. In January we will welcome Miss Jessica Jones to our Senior Leadership Team as our Assistant Headteacher, Mrs Coleby will be joining Class RT and Mrs Gemma Jones will return to class 1CJ.



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Reception and Year 4 Transfer Applications - Just a reminder that all applications for Reception places and Year 4 transfers must be completed and returned to County by the deadline of **15th January 2020**. Please apply online at www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Please note that you still need to go through this admission process even if your child already attends our Nursery. The children are not automatically allocated a place in this school.

| ATTENDANCE YEARS 1 - 4 | | |
|------------------------|------------|----|
| TARGET 96% | | |
| W/c 09.12.19 | | |
| School Attendance | 91.2% | ☹️ |
| Classes above 96% | 3M & 4J | 😊 |
| Class with Most Lates | 1M | ☹️ |
| Class with Least Lates | 4J | 😊 |
| W/c 16.12.19 | | |
| School Attendance | 94.8% | ☹️ |
| Classes above 96% | 1M, 3M, 4S | 😊 |
| Class with Most Lates | 3M | ☹️ |
| Class with Least Lates | 4S | 😊 |

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:

★ After School Clubs

★ Curriculum Newsletters

We urge you all to check out our Twitter feed and Facebook page where you can find not only links to letters sent home but also lots of information regarding what's been happening and recent news including the new app that the Police say children should not use!



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Dates for your Diary - January 2020

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|---|---|--|---|-------------|
| 6th | 7th | 8th | 9th | 10th |
| ★ INSET Day = School closed to pupils | ★ School starts for children ★ Swimming Year 4 | ★ New Nursery Stay & Play Sessions | ★ New Nursery Stay & Play Sessions | ★ Gold Book |
| 13th | 14th | 15th | 16th | 17th |
| ★ Badminton 3.30-4.30pm | ★ Football Years 3/4 3.30-4.30pm ★ Swimming Year 4 ★ Reception Hearing Test | ★ Drama Years 3/4 3.30-4.30pm ★ Reception Hearing Test ★ Yr 3 Mummification Workshop | ★ Choir Years 3/4 Lunchtime ★ Yoga Years 1/2 3.30-4.30pm | ★ Gold Book |
| 20th | 21st | 22nd | 23rd | 24th |
| ★ Badminton 3.30-4.30pm | ★ Football Years 3/4 3.30-4.30pm ★ Swimming Year 4 | ★ Drama Years 3/4 3.30-4.30pm | ★ Choir Years 3/4 Lunchtime ★ Yoga Years 1/2 3.30-4.30pm | ★ Gold Book |
| 27th | 28th | 29th | 30th | 31st |
| ★ Badminton 3.30-4.30pm | ★ Football Years 3/4 3.30-4.30pm ★ Swimming Year 4 | ★ Drama Years 3/4 3.30-4.30pm | ★ Choir Years 3/4 Lunchtime ★ Yoga Years 1/2 3.30-4.30pm | ★ Gold Book |

| Dates to remember | Term dates |
|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Start of Spring Term: Tuesday 7th January ★ Reception Hearing Test - Tuesday 14th & Wednesday 15th January ★ Year 3 Mummification Workshop - Wednesday 15th January (letter to follow) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Start of Spring 1 Term: Tuesday 7th January ★ End of Spring 1 Term: Friday 14th February ★ Start of Spring 2 Term: Monday 24 February ★ End of Spring 2 Term: Thursday 2 April ★ <i>Holidays will not be authorised during term time.</i> |
|  <p>Please be punctual!</p> <p>Is your child here and on time for five to nine?</p>  | <p><i>Please note change to Bank Holiday in May 2020.</i></p> <p><i>It is now Friday 8th May.</i></p> |

Bad Weather Procedure

During periods of severe weather such as heavy snow, we may need to close the school at short notice. The decision to close the school is only taken after a number of factors have been taken into consideration, such as local weather forecasts, highways information, health and safety and discussions with other local Head Teachers. We also have to ensure that sufficient numbers of staff are able to get to school. Should it become necessary to close the school the following will happen:-

- ★ You will receive a text message (please ensure the school office has your up to date contact details).
- ★ A message will be put on our school website www.catshillfirst.worcs.sch.uk.
- ★ A message will be on one of the following local radio stations:-
 - BBC Hereford and Worcester 104FM and 94.7FM
 - Free Radio 97.6FM and 102.8FM
- ★ A message will be on the Worcestershire Hub web site: www.worcestershire.gov.uk.
- ★ We will put a message on Twitter and Facebook



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