



Fortnightly Newsletter



Value for February : Love

Please talk to your child at home about who they love, what they love and the importance of showing that you care. We have made links to the values of friendship, diversity and unity.



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YEAR 4 RIVER VISIT



Over the past 2 weeks our Year 4 students have had the opportunity to enjoy field trips to Arrow Valley in Redditch.



In keeping with the curriculum for this term, they looked at the flow of the weir, identified a tributary and a meander. Further examples of their work from this experience can be seen at their Flow Exhibition on Friday 7th February.

School Car Park – Can we please remind parents that the school car park is not to be used under any circumstances (this includes before and after school clubs) unless there has been prior permission. Can we please also remind you **not to walk through the car park at any time and to use the footpath**. There are notices up reminding you of this.

Smoking - There is no smoking permitted (including e-cigarettes) on the whole of our school site. Please avoid smoking around the entrance gates.

Uniform Policy – Our school uniform policy states that long hair should be tied back for school at all times, no jewellery should be worn except for small gold or silver studs in the ears and that no make-up or nail varnish is permitted. Our policy can be found on our website which also shows the correct uniform that should be worn and PE kit requirements.



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Dear Parents and Carers

I have been delighted this week to add over 300 new books to our school library. The books include fiction and non-fiction and are already being loved by our children.

There is a way we can have even more new books; the Radio 2 500 words story writing competition for kids is back. I'd love as many children as possible from Catshill to have a go this year. There's a new prize where one story, picked at random from all the entries, will win 500 books for the child's school (they also get to go to Buckingham Palace to receive the prize). This would be a wonderful activity to do over half term.

Along with the newsletter today, you will receive a leaflet which highlights how to deal with head lice. Unfortunately, there have already been several cases of lice and nits (the eggs) in school this year. We would really like to stop the repeated occurrences and I urge you to please check your child's hair and treat them this weekend if you find any signs that they have lice or nits. It is essential to follow up the treatment a week later to make sure that any eggs that have hatched are got rid of too.

I thank you for your support with this.

With best wishes

Mrs Georgia Plant
Head of School

What's coming up at Catshill First School & Nursery?

- ★ Year 2 Warwick Castle Visit - Tuesday 4th February
- ★ Year 3 & 4 Stratford-on-Avon visit - Wednesday 12th February
- ★ 4S Assembly - Thursday 13th February
- ★ 1CJ Assembly - Thursday 27th February
- ★ World Book Day - 6th March (Letter to follow)

Healthy Snack and Lunch

At playtime, we ask that children have a healthy snack and remind you that we are a nut free school.

Please swap crisps and chocolate for healthy snacks at playtime. Some ideas would be carrot sticks, fruit/cheese strings, yoghurt tubes, boxes of raisins or maybe breadsticks. All KS1 children are given a free piece of fruit each day and if we have any spares, we give these to the KS2 children.

Some children's lunchboxes are filled with many unhealthy choices. Talk to your children about what they might like to eat at lunchtime to avoid the chocolate and crisps options every day. For example, wraps, rice cakes with cheese or ham, sandwiches, cucumber and pepper strips, yoghurt or maybe jelly pots with fruit in. These foods, along with plenty of water, will help your child to stay alert and focused during the afternoon. The NHS Change 4 Life website has some great ideas for healthy snacks and lunchbox ideas and can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>

We thank you for your cooperation with this and will be monitoring the situation over time.



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ATTENDANCE YEARS 1 - 4		
TARGET 96%		
	W/c 20.01.2020	
School Attendance	95.6%	😞
Classes above 96%	1M, 2FD & 4J	😊
Class with Most Lates	3BS	😞
Class with Least Lates	4J WITH NO LATES	😊
	W/c 27.01.2020	
School Attendance	95.8%	😞
Classes above 96%	1M, 2FD, 4J & 4S	😊
Class with Most Lates	3M	😞
Class with Least Lates	2FD, 3BS & 4S WITH NO LATES	😊

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

- ★ 2FD Assembly - well done to the pupils who told us all about their learning from their topic, Towers, Tunnels and Turrets. It was great to learn about jobs in the castle and to see a reenactment of the Battle of Hastings. Well done to class 2FD.

Parents & Carers Book Swap

Children who see the adults around them reading are more likely to read for pleasure themselves. Lots of our staff enjoy reading so we've set up a bookshelf in the Children's Centre entrance where parents/carers can swap books as well. Please come and have a browse.



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:

- ★ Flow Exhibition - Year 4 Only

- ★ 4S Assembly Letter

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Dates for your Diary – February 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
★ Badminton 3.30-4.30pm	★ Year 2 Warwick Castle Visit ★ 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
10th	11th	12th	13th	14th
★ Badminton 3.30-4.30pm	★ Football Years 3/4 3.30-4.30pm ★ Swimming Year 4	★ Years 3 & 4 Stratford Visit ★ Drama Years 3/4 3.30-4.30pm	★ 4S Assembly ★ Choir Years 3/4 Lunchtime ★ Yoga Years 1/2 3.30-4.30pm	★ Gold Book ★ Last day of Term
17th	18th	19th	20th	21st
HALF TERM				
24th	25th	26th	27th	28th
★ Badminton 3.30-4.30pm	★ Football Years 3/4 3.30-4.30pm ★ Early Years Games 3.30-4.30pm ★ Swimming Year 4	★ Drama Years 3/4 3.30-4.30pm ★ Hockey 1/2 3.30-4.30pm ★ Parents Evening 5-7pm	★ 1CJ Assembly ★ Choir Years 3/4 Lunchtime ★ Yoga Years 3/4 3.30-4.30pm ★ Parents Evening 3.30-5.30pm	★ Gold Book

Dates to remember	Term dates
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Year 2 Warwick Castle – Tuesday 4th February ★ Years 3 & 4 Stratford Visit – Wednesday 12th February ★ 4S Assembly – Thursday 13th February ★ Parents Evening – 26th & 27th February ★ Last Day of Term – Friday 14th February 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ End of Spring 1 Term: Friday 14th February ★ Start of Spring 2 Term: Monday 24 February ★ End of Spring 2 Term: Thursday 2 April ★ Start of Summer 1 Term: Monday 20 April ★ <i>Holidays will not be authorised during term time.</i>
<div style="text-align: center;">  Please be punctual!  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Is your child here and on time for five to nine?</p>	<p><u>Please note change to Bank Holiday in May 2020.</u> <u>It is now Friday 8th May.</u></p>



We will be installing CCTV to our site during February half term. This is to reduce crime and monitor the school buildings in order to provide a safe and secure environment for pupils, staff and visitors, as well as to prevent loss or damage to school property.

Our policy will be available on the school website in due course.



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