



Catshill First School and Nursery

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Our value for October is Responsibility

We teach the children to be responsible for the choices they make. They are responsible for making sure that they follow the school's four core expectations.

Be Kind, Be Ready, Be Respectful and Be Safe



Thank you for keeping us all safe by

- wearing masks at our busiest times
- social distancing and avoiding groups
- not sending additional items into school with your child
- leaving the playground promptly after dropping off/collecting your child
- making sure your child has everything they need for the school day
 - utilising the extended drop off and collection times
 - washing hands regularly



By following all of these measures we are all playing our part in protecting everyone and keeping school open to all.



Parents Evening Autumn 2020

Our parents evening phone calls are taking place next week and we have had an amazing response for these. If you have not yet requested a time for a call there are a few spaces remaining so please complete the form as soon as possible and submit to school. Some appointment slots are busier than others so teachers may need to call in one of the other slots.

We have an amazing prize for you to win in the shape of an ENORMOUS chocolate bunny that was donated by Bromsgrove Lions for our Easter competition that we were unable to run. It was created by chocolatiers at The Jinney Ring in Hanbury and is worth over £50! Don't worry, you'll have plenty of time to eat it as best before date is March 2021.

To be in with a chance to win simply head over to Payment 4 Schools and pay using the 'Amazing Autumn Raffle' option, you may purchase as many as you like at only £1 each. All donations will then be allocated a number and a number will be picked at random on Monday 19th October. Any tickets that were bought at Easter will automatically be entered into this draw.

Thank you and Good Luck

from the School Council



Home Learning - due to the current restrictions on bringing things into school, we know it is difficult to celebrate some of the wonderful achievements and activities that your child has done at home. Your child's class teacher will send you a message on epraise letting you know their email address so that you can send in your photos of the children's home learning. We look forward to sharing these in our online assembly.



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Sports, Hobbies and Interests Day



This will be taking place on Friday 23rd October (last day of this half term) when we celebrate all the different activities that the children take part in outside of school. A letter with more details will be sent via epraise shortly.



The Wednesday Wave



Do you know an older person, someone who is isolating or anyone who is still shielding? These people often get very lonely and would appreciate a cheery wave. The Wednesday Wave is a campaign to get people to put up waving hands and posters in their windows to show that they would like you to wave on your way home from school on Wednesdays. Let's get Worcestershire waving! More details (and downloadable posters) [The Wednesday Wave](#)

A reminder that children should have a suitable coat with a hood in school every day. Unless the weather is really poor, we do try to go outside for playtime and at lunchtime every day. As the colder weather approaches and children bring in gloves, scarves and hats, please make sure these items have names written in as they so easily get mixed up or mislaid.



Do you have a holiday abroad booked for the half term break? If the country you are visiting is on the quarantine list can you please let us know that your child will be absent after half term. Details of which countries are on the list currently can be found [here](#).

Dates to Remember

- **Monday 12th - Friday 16th October** - Parents Evening Phone Calls
- **Friday 23rd October** - Sports, Hobbies & Interests Day
- **Monday 26th - Friday 30th October** - Half Term
- **Friday 20th November** - Flu Vaccines (Rec - Year 4) - this may be subject to change and will advise accordingly

E-safety Reminder

We will keep this reminder about e-safety on our newsletter as we know that the use of internet and technology has increased. Please continue to be mindful of the dangers of being on-line as well as the advantages. Please see our school website for further details [eSafety](#) or use the support on the Think You Know website [Thinkuknow - home](#).



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