



KINDNESS IS CONTAGIOUS!



## Our value for December is Kindness

As our month of Kindness draws to a close, we have been so proud of the children for showing so many ways to share their kindness. We have no doubt that their value of kindness will continue to shine over the Christmas period and into the New Year.



## Merry Christmas from Catshill



Firstly a huge thank you for all the wonderful cards and generous gifts that have been gifted to staff, it is very much appreciated. As is all of your support and patience during this very different and challenging first term in school where we have all had to adapt to new routines and ways of doing things.

Due to your generosity the School Council have made a staggering **£688** from the Christmas Raffle and Christmas Fayre in a Box! Thank you Mrs Fannon for organising these events.

We are really pleased to be able to share two videos with you that we hope you enjoy.

**The staff at Catshill First School and Nursery have a very special**

**Christmas Message**

**for all the children and their families (with thanks to Miss Wall for another one of her amazing poems and to Mrs Mercer who has put it all together).**

Also, some of our Nursery children joined in with the Worcestershire Speech and Language Team to help everyone 'Step into Christmas'

Whilst we have been unable to welcome families into school to participate in our usual Christmas crafts the children have still been busy in their classes making not only decorations for our Christmas tree but cards for the local residents of Catshill and also those at Bluebrooke Residential Home, we hope that we are able to visit them again next year.

This final week has been a fun week and it was lovely to see so many children enjoying their Christmas lunch on Tuesday and class parties on Thursday with special prizes being awarded and the 23 winners of the School Council Raffle announced. Thank you to one of the Year 3 mums for her donation of a beautiful handmade teddy that was one of the prizes. Today, 7 children won a selection box as well!

We hope that you have enjoyed listening to all things that the children have been upto this week and revelling in their Christmas excitement.

Today we have handed out many Bronze and Silver epraise awards and look out on your child's profile for special points and accolades awarded for those that have achieved over 97% attendance this term.

Have a safe and Happy Christmas and we will see you in the New Year!



We send our good wishes to Miss Jones as she starts her maternity leave and look forward to sharing her baby news soon!



It is vital that you follow the steps below as *it may mean we have to contact other class/bubble members as they will have to self-isolate*.

**DO CONTACT US** immediately if your child has tested positive for COVID and the **symptoms began on or before Sunday 20th December** using the email: **[covid@catshillfirst.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:covid@catshillfirst.worcs.sch.uk)**

The symptom start date is important, not the date of the test. The school will then operate our track and trace process for any close contacts, as requested by the Government.

**DO NOT CONTACT US** if your child has tested positive for COVID but the symptoms began **AFTER** Sunday 20th December. Public Health England will identify out-of-school contacts in the normal way.

**Further details:**

**Friday 18th December, Saturday 19th December and Sunday 20th December**

Parents of any child showing any covid symptoms on these days **MUST**

- arrange for **immediate** testing: <https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/condition> or call 119
- **Inform us immediately** using the email address [covid@catshillfirst.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:covid@catshillfirst.worcs.sch.uk) and then again when you get the result of the test with the following information:

<b>Pupil Name</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Contact Phone Number</b>
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**The email inbox will be monitored by staff up to 4pm each day Saturday 19th - Thursday 24th.**

We will then be able to inform parents/carers of any child(ren) who need to self-isolate due to having been in contact with the positive case along with informing the local response team.

**From Monday 21st December onwards**

Parents of any child starting to show any covid symptoms on these days or have a positive test result **do not** need to inform school but will be required to self-isolate for 10 days and their close contacts will be identified through the national Contact Tracing Service (CTS).

**Sunday 3rd January & Monday 4th January 2021**

Parents of pupils who need to continue their self-isolation into the new term should inform us of their absence by emailing [covid@catshillfirst.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:covid@catshillfirst.worcs.sch.uk)

**Parents should be reminded that under no circumstances should any pupil return to school if they are exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms (however minor) or are unwell in any other way. They should arrange for a test and inform the school.**

I am sure that you will understand that this advice is designed to protect all of our families this Christmas, particularly those with family members who are elderly and / or vulnerable.

**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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