



## Our value for May is Diversity

This week we have been thinking about how we can celebrate all of our differences. We have been thinking about what makes us unique in our classes but also what unites us. This is a lovely quote about working together; "Individually we are each one colour, together we make a rainbow."



## ★ Nursery Places ★

**Are you looking for a nursery place for your child in September 2021? We have spaces, so please register your interest by Friday 21 May 2021.**

**Children are eligible for a funded nursery place after they turn 3 years old.**

## 🚓 Local Police Visited Our School 🚓



Bromsgrove Police visited our reception children this week. The children were very excited to learn how the Police help us. PC Stone and PC Cadwallader let them explore their Police van.



**Sending our warm wishes to our families celebrating Eid this week.**



## Face Masks

There has been some relaxing of facemask rules in schools with children over the age of 11 no longer being required to wear masks in classrooms. In school communal areas where social distancing is difficult to maintain, masks will still be encouraged. There has been no change in guidance for wearing masks on our school playground. We would appreciate it if parents/carers still continue to wear masks on school grounds as social distancing can not easily be maintained and many of the staff are not yet fully vaccinated.



## Covid Advice



Worcestershire Children's First have told us, as schools, that we should not change any procedures or systems until further advice is given. We therefore request that parents continue to wear masks and socially distance themselves on the school site. In school, we will maintain our bubbles and continue with the same routines and expectations for our children and staff.

Mr Essenhigh sent out a message earlier this week which reminded carers and parents that:

Due to some children arriving at schools across Bromsgrove displaying symptoms, we have been asked to clarify with all families across the federation the following:

1. If any member of a household displays any of the key symptoms (Cough, Temperature, Loss of taste/smell or headache) then it is necessary to take this person for a PCR test at a local testing point. Whilst the result is pending all household members should isolate.
2. Lateral Flow Tests which are now more readily available are for routine testing for those with NO symptoms.

We are in an improving position regarding current covid rates but the Local Outbreak Response Team (LORT) has asked us to clarify this with all parents/carers & staff.

## School Library

**We would love to fill our library with new and exciting books!**

**“A good school library isn't just important for academic achievement. Reading for pleasure also improves children's wellbeing – something our children need now more than ever before.”**

**The National Book Token website are offering the opportunity to win £5000 worth of books for our school. All you have to do to enter us at Catshill First School and Nursery is follow the link below and enter our school details in the competition. The more people that enter, the more chances we have to win!**

**<https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools>**



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## Term Time Holidays Reminder

Several holiday companies are advertising cheap term time holidays in May, June, July and September. We would like to remind parents that these special offers rely on parents breaking the law. Taking children out of school for holiday is classed as unauthorised absence.

We are not able to authorise term time holidays except in very exceptional circumstances. Saving money/affordability is not deemed as an acceptable reason. Parents need to be aware that taking their children on holiday in term time can lead to both parents being fined for each child. The fines are not given by school but are followed up via the Local Authority.



## Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

We are currently recruiting a lunchtime supervisor for 1 hour per day  
(Monday - Friday, term time only)

Please email [kes37@catshill-middle.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:kes37@catshill-middle.worcs.sch.uk) or call 01527 872 431  
if interested in the position.




## Reception Eye Tests Reminder

All children in reception will be having their eye tests in school on Monday 17 May  
2021



## Changeable Weather

Please make sure that your child has a hat for the sunshine and a coat for the rainy days to wear for outdoor sessions, playtime and lunchtime. We also recommend that parents/carers apply a long lasting 'once a day' sun cream on sunny days. Thank you 



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Things to remember	Term dates
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ W/C May 17th is week 1 for our dinner menu <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></li> <li>★ Please send all dinner money to school on a Monday <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></li> <li>★ All children have active sessions every day such as PE, Forest School or fun on the Trim Trail. We have relaxed our uniform policy so that this can take place. It is important that children attend school wearing suitable clothing and footwear for these activities. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></li> <li>★ Log on to Rising Stars to access your child's online reading books. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Break up for half term - Thursday 27th May</li> <li>★ May half term - Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June 2021</li> <li>★ Term ends - Wednesday 21 July 2021</li> <li>★ School closed to pupils:  Friday 28 May 2021</li> </ul> <p><i>Holidays will not be authorised during term time.</i></p>

