



☀️ Our Value for July is Friendship ☀️

Please remember all your values over the holidays, they're for always not just for school time! Stay safe and we will welcome you back in September.

*Thank you*

*A huge thank you from all the staff for the lovely messages and gifts that have come into school over the last few days.*

### Goodbye and Good Luck

Today, we say farewell to several members of staff. We wish them all the very best and thank them for all their hard work. Most of them leave us to pursue roles in other schools who will benefit from their expertise and experience.

Miss Lewis (Office)

Miss Smith (Nursery)

Miss Towers (Nursery)

Miss J Jones (AHT)

Mrs Down (AHT)

Miss Conlon (Y3)

Mrs Freeman (Y4)

### September Guidelines

#### Uniform

We are planning the September start and intend that all children will return in full **school uniform**. We would like the children to continue to have opportunities to be active every day so please consider this when purchasing school shoes. On PE and Forest School days, children will need to come to school in suitable clothing.

#### Drop off and pick up times

Our start and finishing times will still give some additional time for parents to drop off and pick up but will move to:

Morning: 8.45 - 9.00 am

Afternoon: 3.10 - 3.25 pm

We are unlikely to have the full expectations and government guidance for schools' return until nearer the time and we will keep you informed of any changes to these arrangements.

😊 Thank you Golds Fish and Chip Shop - Catshill 😊

**On Monday our year 4 pupils had their leavers party and Golds supplied the food which was fantastic!! Thank you for making our party even more special.**



## Summer Challenges

Your child will have brought home 2 leaflets yesterday which give ideas of fun things to do and active ideas over the summer holidays. If you were away or they've been misplaced, they can also be found on our website. Please follow the links below.

<http://www.catshillfirst.co.uk/2021/07/20/summer-active-challenge-2021>

<http://www.catshillfirst.co.uk/2021/07/20/fabulously-fit-at-catshill>

There's also lots of ideas for places to go and activities to try.

## ☀️SUMMER ACTIVITY PACKS☀️

Now that the summer holiday is fast approaching we have been sent two summer activity packs (linked below) . They are a perfect way to give children enriching and fun activities to do over the holiday.

Each activity pack is full of exciting STEAM activities, experiments and recipes.

<https://toucanbox.intercom-attachments-1.com/i/o/360393540/27e5d30a42eca75429bdd724/n%C2%BA1+--+Summer+Activity+Pack+%281%29.pdf>

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## ● Car Park - Important Notice ●

**The car park at Catshill First School and Nursery is for use by school staff only. The only exception to this rule is when access is required to the disabled parking space.**

**Children must NOT be on the school car park at ANY time.**

**All Access to the school premises must be via the pedestrian footpath and NOT through the car park.**

**Please note the signage on the gate requesting that it is kept closed at all times. This is for the children's safety.**

## Summer Reading Challenge

**Leaflets have come home this week (or next for those who are isolating) with details of this year's Summer Reading Challenge. If you like Minecraft and/or nature this one is for you!**

**<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>**

**Parents of pupils entitled to free school dinners will be emailed a voucher for £85 to cover lunches in the holidays.**



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## Morrison's Maths - Summer Opportunity

To find out more please click this [LINK](#)  
For free maths resources and games



## Covid Advice



Please be aware of rising cases of Covid within the Bromsgrove area.

Please be reminded that:

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.

| Things to remember   | Term dates  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ W/C 6th September is week 1 for our dinner menu. You can find the menu on our website <a href="https://www.catshillfirst.co.uk/our-school-day/">https://www.catshillfirst.co.uk/our-school-day/</a> ✓</li> <li>★ Please send all dinner money to school on a Monday ✓</li> <li>★ All children have active sessions every day such as PE, Forest School or fun on the Trim Trail. It is important that children attend school wearing suitable clothing and footwear for these activities. ✓</li> <li>★ Log on to Rising Stars to access your child's online reading books. ✓</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Term ends today - Wednesday 21 July 2021</li> </ul> <p><i>Please find next year's term dates <a href="#">here</a></i><br/> <i>Please do not book holidays in term time.</i></p> <p><i>Autumn Term begins:</i></p> <p>Friday 3 September 2021 for <b>Reception groups and appointments for invited pupils</b></p> <p>Monday 6 September 2021 for whole school</p> |



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