



🌸 Value for October 🌸

Our value for October is Honesty



If you want to be
trusted.

Be honest.

📌 Covid 19 Outbreak 📌

Having had a number of new confirmed cases of Covid 19 across the school this week, we have been asked by the Local Outbreak Response Team (LORT) to draw your attention to the information below.
The situation continues to be monitored on a daily basis.

We would advise any member of your household to take a PCR test if they are showing any of the symptoms below.

Cough
Runny nose
Loss of taste/smell
Raised temperature
Headache
Nausea
Sickness and diarrhoea
Lethargy
Rash on torso

Anyone with symptoms should remain at home awaiting the results in an attempt to manage infection control.

We would also suggest that you consider taking additional precautions to limit the spread of infection by reducing their contacts with others outside the school, avoiding close contact with those who may be clinically vulnerable.

Please keep us fully informed or call us for advice if your child shows any symptoms.

We have a limited number of postal PCR tests in school for those who are unable to attend the test centre.

We are aware that there are other children, in other classes, who are currently awaiting results of tests and thank parents for their vigilance at this time.

The school remains open and providing your child remains well and symptom free, they can attend as normal. This is being kept under review by LORT.

[When Should I Isolate](#)



📌 Parents Evening 📌

Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend their online session on Thursday. We were sorry to have to postpone Tuesday's session due to issues with the internet. We will rearrange the postponed session to Tuesday 9th November. Parents will be able to book appointment times from 4pm on Monday 1st November. Parents/Carers of children in 1L will also be offered appointment times on Thursday November 11th.

📌 Head Lice 📌

We have had a few reported cases of head lice in the school. Can parents and carers please remain vigilant and follow our 'Head Lice to Dead Lice' information.

[Head Lice to Dead Lice](#)

🍏 Harvest Festival 🍏

It was lovely to celebrate harvest with the children in school yesterday in our assemblies. Thank you to all who brought in generous gifts to share. All donations have been given to Catshill Baptist Foodbank and now they will be shared out to members of our community.



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Sports, Hobbies and Interests Day

This will be taking place on Thursday 21st October 2021 (last day of this half term) when we celebrate all the different activities that the children take part in, outside of school. Children will be able to come to school in their own clothes and we encourage them to wear something that shows their interest (such as a sports kit or uniform).

Please see a copy of the letter Epraised out to you earlier this week.

[Sports, Hobbies and Interests Day](#)

Mental Health Awareness

Thank you to all the parents/carers who sent in pictures of their activities last weekend. It has been lovely to see the different ways that families spend time together. The photos are on display in our corridor and it has been delightful to see and hear the children talking about them. In school this week, we have been sharing positive affirmations to support our mental health.

Tennis

Bromsgrove Tennis Club are running an open day (rescheduled following bad weather) at the club this Saturday 16th October for ages 4 years and above. See attached for more info

[Tennis Open Day](#)

School Council Book Sale

Thank you to Mrs Fannon and the School Council who held a book sale this week. All books were 2 for 50p - bargain!

All monies raised go towards our school fund which pays for many of our extras to make our curriculum engaging and fun.

Thank you also to those who donated books - these are always welcome.

Worcester Warriors Rugby Opportunity

On Saturday October 16th Worcester Warriors play Leicester at Sixways with a 3pm kick off. They are running a special promotion for the game. Pay for one junior ticket and the adult is free.

The link below takes them to the [Ticket Page](#)

Click on the Leicester match and select seats
When it says select Stand choose East Stand Upper or Lower



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On Area you **must** pick East Stand Block H or Block A
You can then pick the required number of adult and junior tickets
Then add to basket and proceed to check out
At this stage you will be required to login or register for an account if you are a new customer
Once you have done that you should check details and enter promo code **SCRUM21**
This should reduce the price and take off the charge for one adult ticket.
You then pay.

Morrisons - Good to Grow

Just a reminder that Morrisons are running a scheme called 'It's Good to Grow' where anyone who shops in Morrisons and uses their 'More' loyalty scheme card can earn tokens that can be donated to a school and used in exchange for gardening equipment. Every £10 spent in Morrisons earns 1 token. The scheme runs from 6th September to 24th October with a period of one week after that to donate tokens.

If you do shop in Morrisons and use the More card, please donate any accrued tokens to our school! To do this you must be registered for the My Morrisons app, login and donate tokens to our school. You will need to link your account to our school.

Coats, Gloves and Scarves

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.

Squid Game - Red Light, Green Light

This Netflix series is rated 15+ and includes high levels of violence and assault. Parents and carers should be aware that this programme and video content is not suitable for children at Catshill First School and Nursery. It has been made popular through social media channels including Tik Tok. It features contestants playing a series of children's games and the adults playing the games face deadly consequences if they lose.
Unfortunately we have seen children copying the games and 'playing' Squid Game. We have been addressing this in school. Please talk to your child about this and ensure they are not accessing content via social media platforms.

Nursery Places

Just a gentle reminder that if you require a January Nursery placement, applications need to be in by 29 October 2021.

For further details, please visit our [Website](https://www.catshillfirst.co.uk)



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LAST CHANCE TO VOTE

Each half term we spend £50 on new books for the school, chosen by our pupils. Please use the attached link to vote for your favourites. **Voting closes Friday 15 October 2021.**

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfchy_S0XOdwg1TWO22zLo3JgOVEvoYhbUhjA8U8l4GTJ5FAg/viewform?usp=sf_link



Wellbeing Newsletter

Please see attached the October Half term Wellbeing newsletter. Please do share with your families as it is full of great ideas and activities to undertake during holidays.

[Wellbeing Newsletter](#)



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Reminders

A gentle reminder to year 3 parents/carers, that we are asking for a £3.00 contribution to cover the cost of the falconer from the Falconry Centre in Hagley, coming into School on Monday 18th October as part of our Predators topic.

Can parents please be aware that any dinner money, medical forms or sick absence needs to be dropped off or reported to the admin office.

A Reminder that School Photographs are available

Please visit nextGen School Photography at www.nextgenphotos.co.uk and enter the personal access code, as shown on the notification sent home with your child on Thursday 30th September, to enable you to purchase photographs of your child/children. These have been available for viewing from Wednesday 6 October 2021.

Term ends on Thursday 21/10/2021, Staff Training Day is Friday 22/10/2021

Blackwell Residential for year 3 and 4 inviting you to apply for a place on the Blackwell Residential. The visit is booked for 29th June to 1st July 2022.

To secure a place a deposit of £25 will be required by 1st November.

Please note - Nasal Flu Immunisation Consent Forms need to be returned whether your child is having the drops or not. If another form is needed, please see Lynne in the admin office.

Polite Reminder

Can parents please be aware when collecting children from Catshill First and Nursery School, not to park in front of neighbours driveways or block in other cars. We have also been made aware that The Dock Medical Centre is also being used for parking up when picking up, which is strictly for the sole use of their staff and visitors.

Many thanks

● 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.



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Things to remember	Term dates
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ W/C 18th October 2021 is week 2 for our dinner menu. You can find the menu on our website https://www.catshillfirst.co.uk/our-school-day/ ✓ ★ Please send all dinner money to school on a Monday ✓ ★ 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. ✓ ★ Log on to Rising Stars to access your child's online reading books. ✓ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ This half Term ends Thursday 21st October. ★ Please note that Friday 22 October 2021 is an Inset day and the school will be closed to pupils. <p><i>Please find next year's term dates here Please do not book holidays in term time.</i></p> <p><i>Second half of Autumn Term begins: Monday 1 November 2021</i></p>

