



🌸 Value for October 🌸

Our value for October is Honesty

“Honesty saves everyone’s time.” Anonymous

📌 Covid 19 Please keep safe 📌

Having, again, 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](#)

🏆 Sports, Hobbies and Interests Day 🏆

Today, we have loved finding out about all the different things that our children enjoy. Our different interests make us interesting people and by showing others what we like to do might make them want to try a new hobby or sport too. We will be sharing some photos on social media.



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](#)

The Wellbeing Tree Bromsgrove

Pumpkin Party Monday 25th, Wednesday 27th and Friday 29th October, [click here](#) for further information.

Teacher Treats this Half Term No Tricks.....
Studio sessions £5.00 per class and 20% off for 1 hr Treatments, [click here](#) for more information.

Play it Green

Did you know that, as well as our school forest site, our school also has part of a Rainforest in Madagascar! We were generously funded by a previous pupil's family to have 2520 trees planted in a forest in Madagascar. This has already made a carbon reduction of 194 tonnes. The forest has been created through a company called Play it Green and you can see our Forest Garden page here: <https://playitgreen.com/forestgarden/?id=181>

Bromsgrove Library - Halloween Fun

The idea is to provide food and activities for families who receive free school meals or are finding it hard to manage. Places need to be booked via the library but there is food, music, face painting, craft etc. If parents struggle to book, please contact myself, Nicki Hitchcock, and I will book them in.

[Monster Mashup](#)



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Poppy Appeal

We will be selling poppies after half term, on behalf of The Royal British Legion, together with zip pulls, reflectors, silicon wristbands and snap bands.

[Poppy Appeal Suggested Donations](#)

School Council Book Sale

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the School Council Book Sale, a total of £160.50 was raised, very well done. This means that an extra **642** books are now in our children's homes.

If you still wish to donate books, please see Mrs Fannon as we will have another sale soon!

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 the 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.



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 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](#)

 Catshill Children's Choice 

Thank you to all that voted, we had a good response. The top three books (but we can get more), are:-

See What I Can Do! - by Jon Roberts

We're Going to Find a Monster - by Malorie Blackman

The Rapping Princess - by Hannah Lee

 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](#)

 Pumpkin Colouring In Contest 

A big well done to the following who are the winners of the School Council pumpkin colouring in contest:-

Nursery - Ellie

RTY - Mrihan

RWJ - Sienna

1C - Ted

1L - Zoe

2M - Chloe

2F - Freddie

3S - Lexi

3FC - Erin

4B - Sophia

4J - Maddison



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Reminders

Free School Meal Vouchers - Just a reminder that an Epraise message has been sent out to those involved.

Milk - Can parents/carers, please talk with their child, as we have an excess of milk not being drunk daily. If no longer required, please go into your account with Cool Milk and cancel.

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 1st November 2021 is week 3 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>

