



Value for November

Tolerance

Tolerance is showing an understanding of differences.

**Tolerance is accepting people as they are,
regardless of age, gender, interests, race or religion.**

Tuesday 16th November is International Day of Tolerance

📌 Covid 19 Please keep safe 📌

We continue to have confirmed cases of Covid 19 among our school population.

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](#)





This week, year 2 have been practicing their art skills with drawings in the fashion of Picasso. We think they have mastered the skill very well.



Friday 19 November in aid of Children in Need.

Children may come to school in their own clothes (or spots), sports kits or other clothes that are suitable for taking part in sporting activities (as some children have PE/Forest School on that day), for a suggested donation of £1.

Many thanks



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👁️ Eye Tests for Reception 👁️

An Orthoptist will be attending school to offer eye tests to all the children in Reception on Wednesday 15th December.

All children whose parents/carers have NOT declined consent for this test will be screened in school.

A letter has been sent out with your child, please only return if you DO NOT want your child to have an eye test.

📌 Online Safety 📌

Is your child safe online? Do you have parental controls in place?

There are concerns that more and more children are accessing inappropriate online content, playing games not suited to their age group and opening links to adult websites. This all has an impact on behaviour and attitudes. Primary and First School age pupils are no longer immune.

Please use the following links to support and for further information on this subject.

[Online Safety for Children - Tips & Guides
Parents and Carers](#)

[What Parents & Carers Need to Know about TikTok](#)

🎄👤 Christmas Dates for your Diaries 👤🎄

More details will follow nearer the time

Monday 29 November - Food Bank Collection Week

Wednesday 1st December - School Council Xmas Raffle

Friday 3rd December - Festive Friday, non uniform day/festive clothes. Children may wear their own clothes and we encourage something sparkly or Christmassy. On this day, all children will have the opportunity to make decorations for our school tree and their classroom.

Friday 10th December - Marie Curie Penguin Parade - non uniform day/penguin item

Monday 13 December - School Council Christmas Fayre (children only)

Wednesday 15th December - Christmas Dinner

Thursday 16th December - Non uniform day/party clothes, parties and we hope to have a visit from Father Christmas

Friday 17th December - Non uniform day for the last day of term



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📌 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](#)



Remembrance Day - Poppy Appeal



Thank you all for your generous donations towards this year's poppy appeal. Once we have a total, we will let you know the amount raised by the School.

Our Nursery children tried out printing poppies and using loose parts to create this Remembrance Day art, aren't they fabulous.



☂️ 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.



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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.

[What Parents & Carers Need to Know about Squid Games](#)

Shout Out for Memorabilia

Do you have any fond memories or photos of Catshill First School and Nursery from days gone by, that you would like to share with us. If so, please email office@catshillfirst.worcs.sch.uk so that we can share with you all in our weekly newsletter.

Thank you

Dodford Panto

This year Dodford's panto is The Sleeping Beauty, please see the attached flyer for further details.

[Sleeping Beauty](#)

Reminders

Just a gentle reminder that jewellery, nail varnish and toys from home are not allowed in school, and long hair should be tied back where possible. Please check out our school uniform rules on our website for further details.

25th November - Flu Nasal Vaccinations for years Reception to Year 4

Can parents please be aware that any dinner money (Monday mornings), medical forms or sick absence needs to be dropped off or reported to 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.

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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.

Things to remember	Term dates
<ul style="list-style-type: none">★ W/C 15th November 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">★ <i>This half term ends Friday 17th December 2021</i>★ <i>Please find next year's term dates here</i>★ <i>Please do not book holidays in term time.</i> <p><i>First half of Spring Term begins: Wednesday 5th January 2022</i></p>



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