



🌸 Value for November 🌸

Tolerance

“Tolerance is respect, acceptance, and appreciation of the rich diversity of our world’s cultures, our forms of expression and ways of being human.”

We were proud to take part in International Tolerance Day this week with the children on Tuesday 16th November.

📌 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](#)



🍰 Alice in Wonderland 🍰

Would you like to go to Alice's tea party? Year 4 have been inspired by the story 'Alice in Wonderland' and have written their own party invitations.



Well done year 4

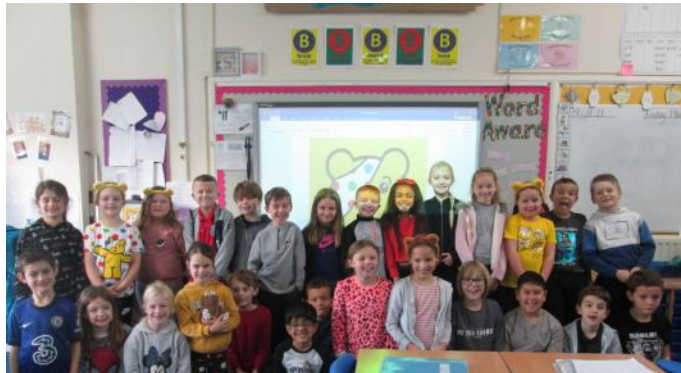


🧡 Children in Need 🧡

Friday 19 November in aid of Children in Need.

What a fantastic turn out, the children looked fabulous in their pudsey outfits.

We have raised the amazing amount of £258.14 🙌🙌🙌



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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.

🌍🏠 Geography 🏠🌍

The children in Year 3 have been looking at maps of different scales. This week we looked at aerial view maps of the local area and the children did a fantastic job of sketching road maps. We explored Catshill using Google Earth and found familiar buildings, roads and amenities.



🎄👶 Christmas Dates for your Diaries 👶🎄

More details will follow nearer the time

Monday 29 November - Food Bank Collection Week - please bring in a donation. Christmassy items welcome!

Wednesday 1st December - School Council Xmas Raffle- lots of super prizes to be won.

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
More details to follow

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](#)

Cool Milk

Why not try this fun activity at home!

Christmas is on the way and we would like you to take part in our Christmas card competition.

To get involved, just ask your children to put pen, glue, or glitter to paper! We always love to see their colourful Christmas creations that involve milk in some way, but this year we'd like them to show us a Christmas card that summarises why they love their mid morning milk. And, most importantly, what makes them smile as we look to Christmas?

Remember, they can use any medium you like, as long as you include milk in a fun, festive way and use our [entry form](#). Parents can email the entries into us directly.

What's on offer?

1st prize: The winning design will be professionally printed as Cool Milk's official 2021 Christmas card. We'll send the winning pupil some copies of their own to share out amongst friends and family, and they'll earn a £50 Amazon gift card to spend on whatever they like.

Runners-up: Two runners up will receive a £25 Amazon voucher each.

To enter, [download our entry form](#) and let the children get creative, then send them directly to us. Unlike in other years, we're asking you to **only send in entries via email**.

Acceptable formats: You can send in entries by scanning each design as a COLOUR PDF or by taking a CLEAR PHOTOGRAPH, just remember to send it to marketing@coolmilk.com by **Friday 3rd December**. Remember, the winning design will be professionally printed, so entries that are not fully visible will sadly not be able to be considered.

Why not show off your crafty creations on social media as well? Simply tag us to share - we're on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter as [@coolmilkscheme](#).

Good luck and, most importantly, we hope they have fun!

From the Cool Milk team

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Entries must be received by 5pm on 3rd December. Entries should be emailed ONLY to marketing@coolmilk.com. Please do not send in postal entries. By emailing in your entries or sharing with us on socials, you are confirming that you consent for them to be shared on Cool Milk's website and public platforms. For full terms and conditions [click here](#).

☂️ 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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📌 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](#)

👍 Catshill Middle School 👍



As of yesterday Catshill Middle School launched a brand new Facebook Page, take a look and please follow by clicking on the below link.

<https://www.facebook.com/Catshillmid>

📌 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.

Many thanks

🎅 🌲 School Council 🌲 🎅

Just a reminder that Creative Craft Kits will still be on sale next week £1 for a bag of 4.

Christmas Gift Tags are 40p each or 3 for £1

Many thanks



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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

- ★ W/C 22nd 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. ✓

Term dates

- ★ *This half term ends Friday 17th December 2021*
- ★ *Please find next year's term dates [here](#)*
- ★ *Please do not book holidays in term time.*
- ★ *First half of Spring Term begins: Wednesday 5th January 2022*



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