



🌸 Value for November 🌸 Tolerance

Tolerance is about having a positive attitude toward those whose opinions, beliefs, practices, racial or ethnic origins are different to our own.

Tips for teaching our children to be tolerant:

- Be a positive role model
- Answer children's questions fairly and honestly
- Choose films, shows and books that value differences
 - Expect our children to treat others fairly
- Learn together about different cultures and traditions
 - Teach your own traditions with pride

📌 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](#)



🏆Gymnastics🏆

Big congratulations to one of our year 3 students, who won a gymnastics competition during the holidays. City of Newcastle Gymnastics Academy held the competition, and Darcey had to do bars, beams, floor and vault and came first overall.



Very well done Darcey

📌Parents' Evening📌

Parents Evening has been rearranged for the postponed session to Tuesday 9th November. Parents are 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](#)

👁️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 this week with your child, please only return if you DO NOT want your child to have an eye test.



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🦉 Falconry Centre Hagley 🦉

Big thank you to Hagley Falconry Centre who came into school before half term, year 3 really enjoyed the experience.



[The Falconry Centre Hagley](#)

📌 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](#)



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📌 Poppy Appeal 📌

We are selling poppies (and a small amount of other items) on behalf of The Royal British Legion. Sorry there are now no more snap bands - they sold out in 2 days!

[Poppy Appeal Suggested Donations](#)

🕯️ Diwali - Festival of Lights 🕯️

Our children were busy celebrating Diwali on Thursday 4th November. Here are some pictures of Nursery making festival of lights pictures and Rangoli patterns with coloured rice.



🌱 Morrisons - Good to Grow 🌱

Thank you to all who generously donated their Morrison points for this worthy cause.

☔ 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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📌 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

🎃 Halloween 🎃

Year 1 have been reading the story Funny Bones and creating their own spooky skeleton art!



🎆 Bonfire Night 🎆

Remember, remember the 5th of November, gunpowder, treason and plot.
For I see no reason why gunpowder treason should ever be forgot!



Have a wonderful weekend, and remember to stay safe!



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📌 Reminders 📌

A gentle reminder to all parents/carers that dinner money should be dropped into the admin office on a Monday morning for the week ahead.

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.

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. The nasal drops will be administered on Thursday 25 November 2021.

Letters have been epraised out this week, regarding the Blackwell Residential. Please check your messages if this concerns your child.

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.

Things to remember	Term dates
<ul style="list-style-type: none">★ W/C 7th November 2021 is week 1 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 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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