



Value for December

Courtesy

Courtesy is important at all times of year. At Christmas, it is a good time to remind our children to use their good manners. We encourage our children to use **STEPS** - saying **S**orry, **T**hank-you, **E**xcuse me and **P**lease.

A Big Catshill School Welcome

We have 2 new members of staff that have joined our team this week

Charlotte Sheward - Reception
and
Abi Marsh - Nursery

We hope you are settling in well, and enjoying our fun festive Christmas celebrations with the children.

National Elf Service

We have recruited Elves this year to deliver the children's Christmas cards.

We have a special postbox in school where class Christmas cards can be posted and our wonderful Year 4 Elves will sort and deliver these daily to the classrooms.

Please ensure the full name of the child and class are on the envelope if you wish to use this service, to assist our Elves.



Many thanks

Covid 19 Please Keep Safe

We now have 4 confirmed cases of Covid 19 among our school population and further known cases in the community. Some families are currently waiting for PCR test results. Please be vigilant and refer to the below information if you or your child show any symptoms.

[When Should I Isolate](#)



The children had the best of fun when Magic Al entertained them on Tuesday!



www.magic-al.co.uk

Facebook: [magicalworcestershireuk](https://www.facebook.com/magicalworcestershireuk)

 **Christmas Dates for your Diaries** 

We have lots of plans to celebrate at this special time.

Below is a reminder of all the upcoming dates
for our fun Christmas activities during the last week of term.



Monday 13th December - School Council Christmas Fayre (children only) - Everything 50p

Wednesday 15th December - Christmas Dinner

Thursday 16th December - Non uniform day/party clothes, parties and a visit from Father Christmas (party cake and juice will be provided by the school).

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

Merry Christmas



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📌 School Admissions September 2022 📌

First & Primary School Application Reminder

Please see the attached reminders that the closing date for applications for places at all first and primary schools is Saturday **15 January 2022**.



**STARTING SCHOOL
IN SEPTEMBER 2022**

- If you live in Worcestershire
and
- Your child was born between 1st September 2017
and 31st August 2018

You need to apply for a school place by 15th January 2022.
For more information and to apply, visit:
www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions



Visit your local library to use a computer and apply for free. Or call the Worcestershire Hub on 01905 822 700.

Find out more online:
www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions

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[Letter Reminder](#)

[Poster with Link](#)

🎅 🌲 School Council 🌲 🎅

Tickets are on sale for the **School Council Christmas Raffle until Wednesday 15th December!**

There are 20 festive goody bags full of amazing prizes to be won.

Each ticket costs £1 and the draw will take place during the last week of term.

Tickets are available to purchase in school, or on-line through [Parent Pay](#).

Christmas Cracker Competition - last day for entry is **Monday 13th December**



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All Active Academy Christmas Wellbeing Newsletter

Please do share with your families as it is full of great festive ideas and activities to undertake with your children, during the holidays.

[AAA Academy Christmas Wellbeing Newsletter](#)

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.

Catshill Children's Choice

Each half term we will have £50 to spend on new books.

Please vote for your top three favourite books from the list below.

The top few books that receive the most votes will be purchased for our library.

The winners will be announced in our newsletter and shared with everyone in school.

Happy voting!

The Visible Sounds, Storm In A Jar, Cindergorilla, What The Elephant Heard,
Time To Move South For Winter, We'll Be Together Again, How To Greet A Gran,
The Girl Who Talked To Trees, Journey To The Last River,
Bandoola The Great Elephant Rescue, Count

[Click Here to Vote](#)

Penguin Parade

A big thank you for all those who donated, we raised a total of £156 plus collection on the gates at hometime.



Well done everyone!



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Bad Weather Procedure

During periods of severe weather such as heavy snow, we may need to close the school at short notice. The decision to close the school is only taken after a number of factors have been taken into consideration, such as local weather forecasts, highways information, health and safety and discussions with other local Head Teachers. We also have to ensure that sufficient numbers of staff are able to get to school. Should it become necessary to close the school the following will happen:-

- ★ You will receive an epraise message (please ensure the school office has your up to date contact details).
- ★ A message will be put on our school website www.catshillfirst.worcs.sch.uk.
- ★ A message will be on one of the following local radio stations:-
BBC Hereford and Worcester 104FM and 94.7FM
Free Radio 97.6FM and 102.8FM
- ★ A message will be on the Worcestershire Hub web site: www.worcestershire.gov.uk.
- ★ We will put a message on Twitter and Facebook

● 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 13th December 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 on 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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