



Value for January

Resilience

Here are six proven ways to encourage our children to become more resilient:

- Spend quality time together
- Get plenty of sleep and rest
- Get out and exercise in the fresh air
- Eat a healthy, balanced diet
- Understand that we can't always get what we want when we want
- Ask our children what made them happy today

Covid 19 Please Keep Safe

We continue to have 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.

[Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection - GOV.UK](#)

From Tuesday 11th January, [government guidelines](#) have changed and will be changing again from Monday 17th January.

Please check your Epraise messages for updates.

School Council

Jigsaw Jamboree - Jigsaws for all age groups, boxed and in bags, with pictures, to suit everyone.

KS2 - Tuesday playtime
KS1 - Wednesday playtime
EYFS - Thursday playtime

Boxed jigsaws £1.00 each, Bagged jigsaws £0.50 each.
Letters will be Epraised out Monday. [Click here](#) for information poster.

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. Children should bring in gloves, scarves and hats, but please make sure these items have names written in as they so easily get mixed up or mislaid.



 Alex's Football Coaching 

Starting Thursday 27th January 2022
South Bromsgrove High
First Session Free

Please [click here](#) for further details

 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!

[Please vote here.](#)

Thank you to all who voted last term, the top books were:-

Storm in a jar by Samula Langley, Cindergorilla by Gareth P Jones, Count by Melvin Burgess and, We'll be together again by Lucy Menzies

Many thanks

 The Dock 

Again we have received complaints of parking and blocking residents' driveways when dropping off and picking up children at The Dock entrance.

Can you PLEASE be mindful of those that live in the area, otherwise law enforcement measures will be put in place by the residents if the problems continue to occur.

Thank you

 Shropshire Council Vacancies 

Shropshire council are advertising for the following positions:-

[SS22 2006 Casual Kitchen Assistant](#)

[SS22 2007 Mobile Kitchen Assistant](#)

[SS22 2008 Mobile Catering Manager](#)

Please contact them directly with any questions.



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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 17th January 2022 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 18 February 2022*
- ★ *Please find this year's term dates [here](#)*
- ★ *Please do not book holidays in term time.*
- ★ *Second half of Spring Term begins: Monday 28th February 2022*



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