



Value for January

Resilience

Resilience is the ability to bounce back after challenges and tough times.

Resilient children can recover from setbacks and get back to living life.

Resilience develops when children experience challenges and learn to deal with them positively.

Strong relationships are the foundation of children's resilience

Covid 19 Please Keep Safe

We currently have 19 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](#)

Recent [government guidelines](#) have changed; use the link for the latest advice.

Please check your Epraise messages regularly for updates.

School Council

What a fantastic turnout we have had for the Jigsaw Jamboree, we completely sold out, well done everyone and thank you. We haven't had a chance to add it all up yet, so will let you know the total next week.

Please watch out for our next exciting event!

Reminders

Year 2 - Warwick Castle visit Thursday 10th February, payment is via the '[payments4schools](#)' link.

Reception - Hearing Screening Wednesday 2nd March and Thursday 3rd March 2022.

An Epraise has been sent out to all Reception parents.

Can you all please follow the link on the letter and complete the [Parent Portal form](#).

Thank you



Family Learning Courses

There are still spaces available for January 2022 New Family Learning Courses

Parents and carers living in Worcestershire can attend any course below for FREE with the following eligibility:

- FREE if they are unemployed and on benefits or they earn less than £17,000 per year.
- FREE if their child receives a Free School Meal or is known to their school SENCo.
- FREE if any of these courses would improve their health and wellbeing.

Please book your place online at www.worcestershire.gov.uk/courses or ring 01905-728537 for support in booking on.

Family Learning January 2022 Courses:

Cook with your Family for Parents and Children Sundays 3.30pm online via Teams

<https://rebrand.ly/CookWithFamily>

Maths in Early Years for Parents Wednesdays 1pm online via Teams

<https://rebrand.ly/MagnificentMaths>

Phonics in the Early Years for Parents Wednesdays 10am online via Teams

<https://rebrand.ly/PhonicsEarlyYears>

SEND – Managing Mindfulness Tuesdays 7pm online via Teams

<https://rebrand.ly/ManagingMindfulnessSEND>

SEND – Strategies for Positive Behaviour Tuesdays 6pm in Fairfield Centre, Warndon Worcester

<https://rebrand.ly/SEND-PositiveBehaviour>

Maths in Key Stage 2 & 3 for Parents Mondays 7pm online via Teams

<https://rebrand.ly/MathsSecondarySchool-FL>

English in Key Stage 2 & 3 for Parents Tuesdays 7pm online via Teams

<https://rebrand.ly/EnglishKeyStage2and3>

Family Wellness Course for parents and carers Mondays 10am online via Teams

<https://rebrand.ly/FamilyWellness>

Communicating with Deaf or Hearing-Impaired People Mondays 7pm online via Teams

<https://rebrand.ly/CommunicatingWithDeaforHearingImpaired>

Art for your Child – Ideas for Parents Thursdays 7pm online via Teams

<https://rebrand.ly/ArtForYourChild>

Art for Parents and Carers Thursdays 1pm online via Teams

<https://rebrand.ly/ArtforParentsandCarers>

Art in Key Stage 1 and 2 for Parents Thursdays 11am online via Teams

<https://rebrand.ly/ArtKs1and2forParents>

SEND – Understanding Dyslexia Mondays 7pm online via Teams

<https://rebrand.ly/UnderstandingDyslexia>

English & Maths in Key Stage 1 for Parents Wednesdays 1pm online via Teams

<https://rebrand.ly/FL-EnglishandMathsKeyStage1>

Cooking Creatively Tuesdays 10am online via Teams

<https://rebrand.ly/CookingCreatively>



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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.](#)

Many thanks

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.



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 Things to remember 	 Term dates 
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ W/C 21st January 2022 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"> ★ <i>This half term ends on Friday 18 February 2022</i> ★ <i>Please find this year's term dates here</i> ★ <i>Please do not book holidays in term time.</i> ★ <i>Second half of Spring Term begins: Monday 28th February 2022</i>



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