



## 🌸 Value for February 🌸

### Empathy

Helping young children to develop a strong sense of empathy is beneficial because:

- It helps them to build a sense of security and stronger relationships with other children and educators, positioning them well for learning
- It encourages tolerance and acceptance of others
- It promotes good mental health
- It promotes social harmony and can reduce the likelihood of bullying

## 🏰 Warwick Castle Visit 🏰

What a fantastic time Year 2 had at Warwick Castle, exploring their current topic of Towers, Tunnels and Turrets



## Covid 19 Please Keep Safe

We have 6 confirmed cases of Covid 19 among our school population and further known cases in the community. Some families are currently isolating due to cases in the household and others are 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

Valentine Teddy Bear Raffle - Thank you to all who contributed, winners will be announced on Monday 14 February together with the total raised.

We are now collecting book donations for one of our exciting upcoming events!  
Please see Mrs Fannon.

Thank you

## Term Dates 2022/2023

We now have our term dates for 2022/2023, please click [here](#) to view.

You can also find them on our [website](#) and at the bottom of our Newsletters

## Half Term Free School Meals

It has just been announced that we will again be able to issue vouchers, to those eligible for Free School Meals, to cover the half term holiday in February. Look out for messages with further information via Epraise and/or your email.

## ● 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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## Reminders

**Absences and Collections** - Can all pupil absences and collections (dental, opticians, Dr's appointments etc), please be reported to the admin office;

phone - 01527 872913, option 2 (from 8.15am)

leave a voicemail - 01527 872913, option 1

text - 07786 132612

Epraise - Admin

email - [office@catshillfirst.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@catshillfirst.worcs.sch.uk)

**Dogs** - Just a polite reminder to parents, that dogs are not allowed on the school premises.

**3S** - An Epraise has been sent out for you to consent to your child playing a musical instrument next term, can you please complete the form.

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

An Epraise has been sent out to all Reception parents.

Can Reception Parents please follow the link on the letter and complete the [Parent Portal form](#)

Thank you

## Bromsgrove Under 7's Mini Rugby

Why not come and try out Mini Rugby

4 week free trial and then reduced fees until the end of the season!

[Boys and Girls Welcome](#)

## Catshill Children's Choice

Just a reminder that 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.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdGrIvd8Ae8nTEgINbIM42tuFL2Dqes09ZUtVdRaqr7-vR1fw/viewform>

Voting closes on Friday 11th February, so don't forget - happy voting!

## World Book Day 2022

This year, World Book Day will be celebrated in school on Friday 4th March. On that day, we will ask pupils (and staff) to dress in book character costumes if they can. More details and exciting activities to come. However, if you want to have a look for some ideas, please visit the World Book Day website: [World Book Day 2022 Announcements](#)



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## Holiday Activity & Food Fund

Are you aware of the Holiday Activity & Food Fund (HAF) where local organisations and community groups provide a range of free activities to children who are eligible for Free School Meals during the main school holidays.

Thanks to Bromsgrove District and Redditch Borough Councils, Young Solutions, and Rubicon Leisure we're able to offer some activities for families to attend.

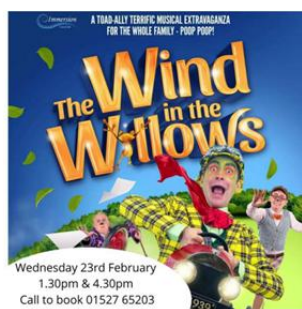
There will be opportunities over the February Half Term for children and their families to see *Wind and The Willows* at The Palace Theatre in Redditch as well as fun swim sessions and family swim sessions at The Abbey Stadium in Redditch.

If you receive free school meals and would like to book your free places you will need to quote a voucher code below relating to which activity you want to book.

To book call 01527 65203 - Wind In The Willows = [FEBWIND](#)

To book call 01527 60206 - Fun Swim session = [FEBFUNSWIM](#)

To book call 01527 60206 - Family Swimming = [FEBFAMSWIM](#)



## Worcester RFC

Worcester RFC are launching a creative competition to design their training shirt for next season.

The winning designer will sit down with the club's kit partner Scimitar Sports to turn their creative magic into a professional looking design which will then be manufactured and made available for sale as part of the club's new range for the season 2022/23.

The winner will also get a framed winner's version as well as one to wear presented by the Club Captain and a member of the club's Management Committee.

We'd LOVE to see your designs! Click below to find out MORE!

<https://worcesterrfc.rfu.club/news/worcester-rfc-launch-t-shirt-competition>



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In partnership **Worcestershire Council**, YogaBugs are pleased to offer all families in receipt of benefit related free school meals, access to our online yoga and mindfulness platform, completely **FREE** from now to the end of Easter.

This programme is being funded by the council via the HAF programme.



Claim your **FREE** eCode to access YogaBugs Virtual - Healthy Screen time for your family until the end of April!

Sign up & automatically enter our prize draw to win a **FREE iPad** which you can use to access our online family yoga & mindfulness platform.

#### What is it?

YogaBugs virtual gives you online access to hundreds of yoga & well-being videos for your whole family to take part in from the comfort of your own home! Perfect if you are worried about going out due to rising cases of COVID.

[CLICK HERE](#) to watch a short video to find out why it's good for your family!

#### Why sign up?

- It is **FREE!**
- It takes less than 60 seconds to sign up.
- Help your family feel calm, increase your child's confidence & help get your family active.
- Suitable for children with SEN.

eCode: worcestershire-1373

#### How to gain access?

1. Visit: <https://yogabugsvirtual.com/>
2. Click on parents, enter the unique eCode above and follow the simple registration (it takes less than 60 seconds!)
3. Enjoy YogaBugs at home!

If you have any questions, please refer to these useful [FAQs](#).

For all terms and conditions please visit [TandC`s](#)



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## Parking

Inconsiderate and illegal parking remains a real issue for us especially around The Dock and Catshill Clinic. Residents have called school and asked us again to intervene. This week, photos were sent to school which included cars being parked on single yellow lines; cars blocking pavements and cars parked on the curb. As a result, children and parents (including those with pushchairs) are having to walk in the road which is dangerous and teaches our children bad habits. Please consider parking a street or so away from the school and walking the last part so that your parking can be safe and legal.

Thank you

## Safer Internet Day

Would you all mind taking 5 minutes and completing our online survey regarding internet safety.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfbCoRc6jFQFiiWMQ8MaM4tVrluprsKDLnpTIYPh4NCjAWIZw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfbCoRc6jFQFiiWMQ8MaM4tVrluprsKDLnpTIYPh4NCjAWIZw/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Thank you

### Things to remember

- ★ W/C 14th February 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. ✓

### Term dates

- ★ *This half term ends on Friday 18 February 2022*
- ★ *Please find this year's term dates [here](#)*
- ★ *Please find 2022/2023 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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