



Value for February

Empathy

*Empathy is trying to understand how someone else is feeling.

*In more simple words, we sometimes say 'put yourself in someone's shoes' and try to see things from their view.

*Empathy is the first step in having positive relationships, it helps us understand and relate to others.

School Council

Valentine Teddy Bear Raffle - Thank you to all who contributed we raised a staggering £186.00, and the winners are:-

NB - Layla, Charlotte, Martin
RTY - Zara, Elijah, Vivienne
RWJ - Oliver, Isla, Connie
1C - Flo, Maddie, Kyron, Jake, Jess R
1L - Kayleigh, Ruby
2F - Eva C, Ethan
2M - Lorelei
3s - Ronnie, Blake, Frankie, Sienna
3FC - Mai, Lois, Shrihan
4B - Lillie-Mae, Alana, Felicity
4J - Isla

Please look out for the Mothers Day Gift Sale in March, thank you for your continued support

Covid 19 Please Keep Safe

We have 4 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; please use the link for the latest advice.

Please check your Epraise messages regularly for updates.

All Active February Half Term Wellbeing Newsletter

Please see attached for the February half term Wellbeing Newsletter.

Please do share with your families as it is full of great ideas and activities to undertake during the holidays - [Wellbeing Newsletter](#)



📖 World Book Day 2022 📖



Dear Everyone

World Book Day 'You are a reader!'

World Book Day is coming to Catshill First School and Nursery on **Friday 4th March**.

World Book Day is a celebration of reading, authors, illustrators and books. Sharing stories together for just ten minutes a day will encourage a love of reading and it's fun for everyone! You can read together anywhere and everywhere, from breakfast to bedtime! In the park, on the train, on the sofa, on a plane – reading and sharing stories can happen anywhere at any time.

To celebrate, we would like all pupils and staff to dress up as their favourite book character. Please do not spend lots of money buying new outfits, there are loads you can make for free or very low cost. If you wish to purchase anything premade, then Poundland and Home Bargains do sell very cheap costumes. It is fine to just come in your own clothes.

There are lots of ideas, author information, competitions and fun activities on the World Book Day website – <http://www.worldbookday.com>

Maybe you could even share a 10 minute story with an author - [10-minute-story-shares](#).

This year, as we have done in previous years, we will exchange the World Book Day vouchers for books so that every child will receive a book. Above you will find a picture of the 2022 selection of £1 books.

Thank you for supporting your child to enjoy reading! We look forward to celebrating Catshill First School and Nursery's reading skills on **Friday 4th March**.

[Have a go at one or more of these activities for World Book Day!](#)

📌 Reminders 📌

1C and 3S - After School Club Multi-Sports starts w/c 28 February 2022, please check your Epraise messages and complete the form if you would like your child to attend.

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](#)

Have a lovely half term break and we will see you back at school on Monday 28th February
Thank you



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♥ Valentines Day ♥

Reception had a lovely time at Forest School earlier in the week making special hearts for Valentines Day



👜 Bag2School 👜

If you are having a sort out over the Spring Half Term, please bear Bag2School in mind. We will be collecting the following on their behalf on Monday 25th April, or before 9.00am on Tuesday 26th April.

Men's Ladies' and Children's clothing
Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around), Handbags, Hats, Bags, Scarves and ties, Jewellery, Lingerie, Socks, Belts, Soft toys.

We cannot accept

Household linen, Household curtains, Household towels, Household bedding, (bed sheets, pillow cases or duvet covers), Carpets, Rugs and Mats, School uniforms with logos, Corporate clothing or workwear, Textile offcuts, yarns or threaded material.

A reminder will be sent out nearer the time.

Thank you

🏰 Hartlebury Castle 🏰

The gates opened on 1st February to the peaceful grounds and charming Castle. You can once again explore the fascinating history of Hartlebury Castle with talking portraits and delightful audio guides, learn about the local wildlife by following the nature trail and uncover the stories of the county through captivating exhibitions and collections in Worcestershire County Museum.

In February half-term why not visit the Enchanted Castle and enjoy the pixie door trail and craft activities. Bring the family to the Castle dressed up in your favourite fairy tale outfits, make enchanted themed crafts, including designing and decorating your own pixie door to take home. Pick up an Enchanted Castle Trail and hunt for the pixie doors hiding around the castle and grounds, how many can you find? Once you've found the pixie doors, design and create your own to take home!

[Opening times and admission prices](#)



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● 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 28th February 2022 is week 2 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*

