

🌸 Value for February 🌸

Empathy

Teaching Children Empathy - Empathy can be defined as the ability to be aware of, perceive, understand, and be sensitive to the feelings, thoughts and experiences of another and to express that understanding through a supportive response.

+-÷✓Numbers Day - NSPCC+-÷✓

Friday 4th February

We raised a staggering total of £205.48 in support of the NSPCC

Here are some fantastic photos of our wonderful children supporting such a worthy cause.



Thank you for your continued support.



📌 Covid 19 Please Keep Safe 📌

We have 7 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



Catshill First School & Nursery - February 2022



Valentine's Teddy Bear Raffle

Hello Children,

From **Monday 7th - Friday 11th February 2022**
the School Council will be selling tickets in their classrooms.

They cost **50p each**. The winners will be drawn and announced on **Monday 14th**.

Have a look at the bears on the piano and imagine which one could be yours.
Their heart belongs to you! Which one will you love?

All bears need love,



Good Luck, from, Mrs Fannon and the School Council.



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

📌 VTech Kidizoom Cameras 📌



Just a polite reminder to parents that VTech Kidizoom cameras are not allowed in school or any other device with a camera or recording facility for example a watch.
This is for safeguarding reasons.

Thank you



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Chinese New Year



Happy New Year to those that are celebrating Chinese New Year this week, and the start of the Year of the Tiger.

If you were born in the year of 2022, 2010, 1998, 1986, 1974, 1962 you are born in the year of the Tiger - you like your independence and always try to do things yourself before asking for help. If you fail, you just try again. You love hanging out with your friends at school but also are just fine relaxing by yourself at home.

Nursery really enjoyed joining in the fun!



Reminders

Parents Evening - Is taking place on Tuesday 8th and Thursday 10th February 2022.
Appointments are available to book online.

A separate Epraise message has been sent out with the link.

Please note that Nursery parents evening will be rearranged to a later date.

Year 2 - Warwick Castle visit Thursday 10th February

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](#).

Head Lice - we have had reports of head lice in several classes, can you all please read the attached [Head Lice Letter](#) and check your child's hair.

3S - An Epraise message has been sent out to you regarding your child learning a musical instrument.

3FC - An Epraise message has been sent out to you regarding your child continuing to learn a musical instrument.

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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.

Winter Sickness Bug

Whilst a lot of focus and attention has been around Covid-19, as the winter season progresses we ask parents to be vigilant of usual childhood conditions. These include chicken pox, slapped cheek, head lice, ringworm and threadworm etc. Please advise us of any of these conditions when you call to notify us of the absence. Many of these conditions are easily treatable via your local pharmacy or with advice from your local GP surgery. We also remind you that our policy in respect of sickness and diarrhoea is that 48 hours needs to have passed between the last bout and return to school. If you are unsure in respect of any symptoms or ailments your child may have, further help and information can be found on the [NHS Website](#).

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](#)

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](#)



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Legacy Martial Arts

17 Alcester Rd, Lickey End, Bromsgrove B60 1JT

Please call 07738 634763 for further details



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 7th February 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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