



🌻 Value for March 🌻

Curiosity

Ask questions. Be interested. Never stop learning.

📌 Covid 19 Please Keep Safe 📌

We currently have 14 confirmed cases of Covid 19 among our school population, and there are also known cases in the community.

Please be vigilant and refer to the below information or the [Government Website](#).

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

Please check your Epraise messages regularly for updates.

🌸 Mothers Day 🌸

The children have been very busy this week, working on surprise gifts for Mothers Day.

We hope you have as much enjoyment out of the gift as your child did making them.

Happy Mothers Day



🌲 Forest School 🌲

Reception really enjoyed forest school this week. They planted seeds, thinking about what they needed to do first and what plants need to grow. They also enjoyed hunting for mini beasts and hiding in the bushes and trees. They have shown curiosity and asked questions about nature and the world around them.



Changeable Weather

Please make sure that your child has a hat for in the sunshine and a coat for the rainy days to wear for outdoor sessions, playtime and lunchtime. We also recommend that parents/carers apply a long lasting 'once a day' sun cream on sunny days.

Thank you

School Council

We raised a fantastic amount of £200 selling our wonderful Mothers Day gifts, please look out for our Easter Raffle Competition £1 per ticket, an Epraise message will be sent out shortly.

We will also be holding an Easter Colouring Competition for the children, with 1 winner from each class winning a fabulous Easter Egg, more details will follow soon.



Thank you all for your continued support

Healthy Snack and Lunch

At playtime, we ask that children have a healthy snack and remind you that we are a nut free school. Please swap crisps and chocolate for healthy snacks at playtime. Some ideas would be carrot sticks, fruit/cheese strings, yoghurt tubes, boxes of raisins or maybe breadsticks. All KS1 children are given a free piece of fruit each day.

Some children's lunchboxes are filled with many unhealthy choices. Talk to your children about what they might like to eat at lunchtime to avoid the chocolate and crisps options every day. For example, wraps, rice cakes with cheese or ham, sandwiches, cucumber and pepper strips, yoghurt or maybe jelly pots with fruit in.

These foods, along with plenty of water, will help your child to stay alert and focused during the afternoon. The NHS Change 4 Life website has some great ideas for healthy snacks and lunchbox ideas and can be found at

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>



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Reminders

- ★ **Head Lice** - We have had a few reported cases of head lice in the school. Can parents and carers please remain vigilant and follow our 'Head Lice to Dead Lice' information. [Head Lice to Dead Lice](#).
- ★ **Dogs on the Playground** - Just a polite reminder to parents that dogs are NOT allowed on the school playground or premises unless they are support dogs. We are aware that many children can be frightened of dogs and especially when they are barking.
- ★ **Don't forget the clocks spring forward on Sunday**, which means we lose 1 precious hour of sleep. Just a reminder to please adjust your alarm clocks for Monday morning.

Thank you

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.

[Children's Choice Form](#)

Happy voting!.

Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a
Teaching Assistant - Grade 1/Lunchtime Supervisor - Grade 1

If you are interested in becoming a Lunchtime Supervisor/Teaching Assistant at our school, we are looking to appoint someone who is well organised, dedicated, enthusiastic and keen to contribute to other aspects of school life.

Further information and application forms are available from the office or click on the links below.

[Application Pack](#)

[Application Form](#)

Many thanks



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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 March 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 8th April 2022*
- ★ *Please find this year's term dates [here](#)*
- ★ *Please find 2022/2023 term dates [here](#)*
- ★ *Please do not book holidays in term time.*
- ★ *Summer Term begins on Monday 25th April 2022*



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