



## ☀️ Value for May ☀️

### Determination

Determination is a positive emotional feeling that involves persevering towards a difficult goal in spite of obstacles. Determination occurs prior to goal attainment and serves to motivate behaviour that will help achieve one's goal.

## 🎉🎈 Jubilee Celebrations 🎈🎉 Friday 27th May 2022

The children have been busy all week, preparing for our fabulous Jubilee Celebrations, designing crowns to wear at our afternoon tea party, making and decorating bunting for the classroom, colouring in Union Jack artwork and writing and sending a card to the Queen on behalf of our school. Classes have watched footage of the original 1952 Coronation as well as information about the Queen's reign. The children have also designed their own Platinum Jubilee medals and drawn portraits of the Queen over the decades.



To mark this special occasion for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we have planted an established liquid amber tree which will have beautiful red leaves in the autumn along with blue cornflower and white gypsophila scattered around. We had the help of some of our children and local councillor Shirley Webb. One of our children who shares her name with the Queen helped to plant the tree.

Special thanks to Burcot Lane Nurseries (especially Tom), for all of their help and advice.



🎉🎈 Jubilee Celebrations 🎉🎈  
Friday 27th May

The children and staff have outdone themselves today, dressing up in celebration of our Queen's Platinum Jubilee, here are just a few pictures for you to enjoy, we think you will agree that they all look fabulous!



To celebrate, the children from Reception to Year 4 have all been gifted a free book (by the Education Secretary Nadhim Zahawi) as a souvenir to keep and cherish, 'Queen Elizabeth - A Platinum Jubilee Celebration' which will be coming home with them today. If you would like to find out more information, please click on this [link](#).

📚 School Council 📚

If you are having a sort out of books over the Whitsun Week's holiday, we are collecting good condition second-hand books, especially those suitable for KS2 - Please see Mrs Fannon.

Fathers Day is fast approaching, so watch this space, more details to follow shortly.

Thank you again for your continued support.



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## Catshill Library Books

Catshill Library, our local community library, has a large number of non-returned/outstanding books and have asked for our support in collecting them. Can you please check at home and return any children's library books to us, as they have provided us with an 'amnesty box'.

Thank you

## Class Assemblies

We are happy to inform you that, due to the success of our Mothers' Day Assembly for Reception, and positive feedback, we will be holding Class Assemblies for other classes as follows. We will limit attendance to 2 adults per child.

### Class Assemblies

Nursery	Tuesday 12th July 9 am
1C	Thursday 26th May 2.30 pm
1L	
2F	Friday 24th June 2.30 pm
2M	Friday 17th June 2.30 pm
3FC	Friday 10th June 2.30 pm
3S	Friday 20th May 2.30 pm
4B	Leavers' Assembly Monday 18th July 9 am
4J	

More details will follow shortly, so don't forget to check your Epraise messages regularly.

## Tempest Photographers

Links for the photos for year 4 leavers and class photos have been Epraised out to you all this week, to view and purchase. There will be a delivery to school option for 14 days or a home delivery service for £5, including postage and package.

If you need assistance, please call 01736 751555 option 3 or click on contact us on the [Tempest homepage](#).

Thank you



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## Farewell, Adieu, Auf Wiedersehen, Goodbye

We said a very sad farewell last Friday to Mrs Skidmore who took the children for Breakfast Club, Forest School and worked mainly with our Year 1 classes, who has left to pursue new ventures.

And to Katherine Christopher who takes the children for multi-sports during the day and after school, who will be leaving us today.

Thank you both very much for all you have done for our school, you will both be sadly missed by the staff and children.

## Reminders and Dates for your Diaries

- ★ Friday 27th May - Break up for Whitsun Week, see you all back at Catshill First School and Nursery on Monday 6th June, have a lovely Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday.
- ★ Friday 10th June 2.30pm - parents assembly for 3FC - limited attendance to 2 adults per child.
- ★ Tuesday 28th June - Year 3 have been invited to the Bromsgrove Singing Day and a consent form has been Epraised out to you to complete. Places are limited, so please respond promptly, closing date Monday 6th June.
- ★ Very well done to 1C and 1L for their class assembly on Thursday, we hope the parents enjoyed watching as much as we did, it was great to welcome parents back into school.
- ★ A big Catshill School and Nursery welcome to George Adams the new sports coach, who will be joining us a week after Whitsun Week, taking over from Katherine Christopher.
- ★ A letter has been Epraised out to all Year 4's this week regarding PSHE and Citizenship topic 'Growing Up', which the children will be learning about after half term.

Thank you

## 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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 **The Queen's Platinum Jubilee - Big Picnic**   
**Catshill Village Meadow - Sunday 5th June 2022**  
**11.00am to late afternoon**



To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, the children have sent in decorated drawings of a crown fit for a Queen. Entries will be on display, and prizes for each year from Nursery to year 4 will be announced on 5th June at the Meadows Park in Catshill, at the Big Picnic.

Organised by Meadow Park, local councillors, parish councillors, Catshill Hall, local churches and our community and funded by Catshill Parish Council.

**Come along for a great time.**



 **Worcestershire Children First**   
**Free School Meal Vouchers**

Free School Meal vouchers for use during school holiday periods have been funded by the Household Support Fund during 2021-2022. This grant is allocated by central government to local areas. For 2022-2023 the grant has been extended from April – September 2022 only, however the criteria for use have been changed to include help and support for other groups of the population.

Worcestershire has grant available to provide children eligible for FSM for 2 weeks of school holiday periods during this time.

They have taken a strategic decision that with this limited provision it would be most effective to make these vouchers available to cover 2 weeks of the summer holiday. This means that FSM vouchers will not be available to order for the half term holiday (w/c 30th May 2022).

Support will be available via [Ready Steady Worcestershire](#) including support for food, financial support, activities and community assistance. The Holiday and Food Activity scheme will be available for children and families to access during the summer holiday period providing free access to food and activities for those eligible for FSM.



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## 📌 Beeches Martial Arts 📌



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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 6th June 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 ✓
- ★ Children should come to school on PE days wearing school uniform, they will change into PE kit as part of the session. For Forest School or Forest Fun sessions, children should come to school wearing their appropriate Forest School 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 27th May 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 2 begins on Monday 6th June 2022*



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