

## 🌹 Value for October 🌹

### Community

Our Harvest Festival celebrations are a good way to remind the children how sharing is a good way to show that you care about the community. We collect for the Catshill Baptist Foodbank throughout the year.

## 🍎🍊🍏 Harvest Festival 🍏🍊🍎

It was lovely to celebrate harvest with the children in school on Monday in our Harvest Assembly. Thank you to all who brought in such an abundance of gifts to share.

All donations have been given to Catshill Baptist Foodbank and now they will be shared out to members of our community.



Thank you for your generosity.



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We are delighted to be able to share with you all our most recent [Ofsted Inspection report](#). Thank you to all those that contributed and continue to support our school on a daily basis.

Lynda Townsend, lead inspector identified:

“Pupils are happy at Catshill First School. This is a friendly school with kindness at its heart. The motto ‘where individuals matter’ is evident everywhere. There is an ethos of valuing everyone.”

As always Lynda identified areas for improvement, she only found two and we are pleased to now be able to build these into our school improvement planning moving forward.

We hope, that like us, you are proud of the report and we believe that it is a reflection of the hard work being undertaken every day to support the needs of the children and families within our school.

Please feel free to share this report with friends and families and the report will be live on the Ofsted website within eight working days.

Paul Essenhigh  
Executive Headteacher

   **Sports, Hobbies and Interests Day**     
Thursday 20th October

On Thursday 20th October we will be holding our annual Sports, Hobbies and Interests Day for all the children at Catshill First School and Nursery. This is to celebrate all the different activities that the children take part in outside of school and perhaps encourage them to try some new ones.

A letter has been epraised out earlier in the week with more details or can be viewed by [clicking here](#).

 **School Council** 

Thank you all for helping to raise a massive £176.50 from the Tiny Toys Tombola.

A reminder that our annual Autumn Pumpkin Competition will close on **Monday 17th October**. One prize for each class and winners will be announced in our weekly newsletter next week.

Thank you all for your continuing support 😊



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# ☀️ Blackwell Residential ☀️

Our year 4's Blackwell residential adventure has started!



As you can see, brilliant fun was had by all, big thanks to Blackwell Adventure



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## Donated Coats

We have a number of coats which have been kindly donated to us.

11 x waterproof 74cm chest  
7 x  $\frac{3}{4}$  length wool coats 66cm chest  
8 x small adult/large child waterproofs



If you are interested, please epraise Mrs Wainman.  
Many thanks

## Catshill Baptist Church Foodbank



We can signpost you to the foodbank if you need it.  
Please contact Mrs Wainman in confidence.

## Catshill Children's Choice

Today is the last day for voting!

Each half term we will have £50 to spend on new books. Please vote for your top three favourite books by clicking the link 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://forms.gle/avDibqQQCTnh61sv6>

Happy Voting



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## 🏠 Meet the Teacher Evenings November 2022 🏠

Our autumn term parents evenings are an opportunity for you to find out how your child has settled into their new class, for you to ask any questions/discuss any issues and for the teacher to tell you how your child is getting on.

Following parental feedback, we will offer a choice of appointments with your child's class teacher. There are 2 choices.

Either

A face to face appointment on Tuesday 8th November, 3.30 - 5.30 pm

Or

An online appointment (via school cloud) on Thursday 10th November, 5 - 7 pm

If you'd like a face to face appointment, there will be a booking sheet available straight after half term at your child's classroom and you can sign up for a suitable time.

Appointments on school cloud will open at 4pm on 31/10/2022. Online appointments will run on any device with the internet. Appointments are for 5 minutes and you will be able to see the time count down at the top of your screen. Please log on to the system 5 minutes before your appointment. If you need to, more than one parent can attend the appointment at the same time using different devices.

An Epraise will be sent out shortly with further instructions and links.

## Year 4 Andy Goldsworthy Inspired Artwork

Not all of our year 4's went on the residential this week, but they have been busy creating magnificent artwork inspired by Andy Goldsworthy, they are just too good not to share!



Excellent work well done!



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# Hartlebury Castle

## Witches & Wizards School

Tue 25th October : 11.00am - Fri 28th October : 4.00pm

Calling all witches and wizards, you are invited to [Hartlebury Castle Witches and Wizards School!](#)

Dress in your favourite spooky costume, make a wand, and cast spells in the Great Hall!

Make your own wand and then join Professor Bumbledum for wand practice in the Great Hall at 11.30am, 12.30, 2, and 3pm.

Use your magical powers to follow the pumpkin trail from Tuesday 25th to Sunday 30th October!

Whole-site admission + £3 per child for crafts and spell sessions. No need to book.  
Plus: Pumpkin Carving Sessions

Get ready for Halloween and save yourself the mess by carving your pumpkin at the Castle!

## Reminders and Dates for your Diaries

- ★ **Nasal Flu Spray** - The NHS nurses will be at Catshill First School on Monday 14th November to give every pupil from Reception to Year 4 their yearly Nasal Flu Spray. Please [click here](#), and complete the consent form, whether you wish your child to be vaccinated or not.
- ★ **Ball Skills** for year 4 and year 2 will finish next week.
- ★ **Ball Skills** for year 3 will begin after half term, a letter has been epraised out asking if your child would like to attend.
- ★ A kindly reminder to all parents, when making up lunch boxes for your child that we are a 'nut free' school, due to allergies.
- ★ We are pleased to let you know that Free School Meal (FSM) vouchers will be issued to qualifying families for October half term. These will be for £15 per child. If you think that you may be entitled to FSM, please follow the following link. [Applying for Free School Meals | Worcestershire County Council](#).
- ★ Don't forget, school is closed for Teacher Training Day on Friday 21st October.

Thank you for your co-operation



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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 17th October 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 📌

- ★ *School collection times*  
Reception 3.20pm  
KS1 (year 1 and 2) 3.20pm  
KS2 (year 3 and 4) 3.25pm
- *This half term ends on Thursday 20th October 2022.*
- *Please find 2022/2023 term dates [here](#)*
- *Please find 2023/2024 term dates [here](#)*
- *Please do not book holidays in term time.*
- *Second half of Autumn term starts on Monday 31st October 2022.*



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