



🌹 Value for October 🌹

Community

It is important for all of us to work together with other members of our community. We value all people and celebrate our differences.

We show this value in October when we share through our Harvest celebrations.

📖 Black History Month 📖

Black History Month gives everyone the opportunity to share, celebrate and understand the impact of black heritage and culture. In school, throughout October, we are celebrating Black History Month. We are reading books by black authors and finding out about important people from African and Caribbean backgrounds.



🍎🍌🍏 Harvest Festival 🍏🍌🍎

Our annual Harvest Festival Assembly will be on Monday 10th October. Children are asked to bring in items to be donated to Catshill Baptist Church Food Bank.

Items that you might consider bringing in are:-

Packets & Jars - Tea bags, coffee, hot chocolate, long life milk, long life fruit juice, cereals, rice, pasta, savoury rice, noodles, pasta sauce, custard, jam, biscuits.

Tinned Food - Fish, meat, potatoes, vegetables, tomatoes, soup, baked beans, spaghetti, fruit, rice pudding, sponge pudding.

Toiletries - Toilet rolls, soap, toothpaste, washing-up liquid, nappies, ladies sanitary items.

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 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/XcRhKnyYbXdqozt56>

Happy voting!

School Council

Tiny Toys Tombola, 50p each for a prize every time (small books, jigsaws, games and stationary).

KS2 - Monday 10th October

KS1 - Tuesday 11th October

EYFS - Wednesday 12th October

Our annual Autumn Pumpkin Competition has been sent home with your child, and will need to be completed by Monday 17th October, children can create a 'Pumpkin Face' for Halloween using their imagination. One prize for each class and winners will be announced in our weekly newsletter.

Thank you all for your continuing support 😊

Bikeability

Level 1 Friday 25th November

We are pleased to let you know that we are offering the above course to our year 4 children, free of charge using our sports premium funding. A letter has been epraised out, can you kindly complete this by Friday 14th October, as places are limited to 30.

Bikeability is not just about teaching children to ride a bike, but equipping them with the necessary skills and knowledge needed to ride a bike safely throughout the rest of their life. It also introduces them to cycling as an everyday activity - an alternative mode of transport, an enjoyable pastime, which brings a healthier lifestyle and ultimately lots of fun. Bikeability will give your child a life skill that once they have learnt, they will never forget.

Year 4 parents, please [click here](#) to complete the form!

Many thanks



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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 too 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/>

Catshill Baptist Church Foodbank



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



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Autism West Midlands

Herefordshire and Worcestershire ICB have commissioned Autism West Midlands to deliver online training for parent carers who have a child on the assessment pathway or who has an ASD diagnosis.

Mon, 17 October 9:30 – 12 Sensory Differences and your child

Mon, 7 November 9:30 – 11 Autism and Communication

Mon, 21 November 9:30 – 11 Autism and Behaviour

Mon, 12 December 9:30 – 11 Autism and Anxiety

(Registration on these sessions includes a recording to watch later)

To book, parent carers should visit AWM's events page:

<https://autismwestmidlands.org.uk/events>

Catshill First School and Nursery Vacancy Lunchtime Supervisor/Teaching Assistant

We have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor/teaching assistant to join our friendly team at Catshill First School and Nursery.

We are looking to appoint someone who is well organised, dedicated, enthusiastic and keen to contribute to other aspects of school life. More details are contained in the information below.

[Application Form](#)

[Job Description](#)

Closing date is Friday 14th October at 12 noon.

Pupil Premium Funding

Is your child entitled to the Pupil Premium Funding? Don't miss out on additional opportunities.

From time to time, parents of children who are on our Pupil Premium register can access funding and vouchers for additional support. In the past we have been able to send out codes for meal vouchers, winter financial support and half-term activity provision.

In school, if we are offered food or activity hampers to give out to children, we support families on the pupil premium register as a priority.

Help us to help you by checking your eligibility by [clicking here](#).



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♪ Half Term Music Workshop ♪
25th & 25th October 10.00am to 4.00pm (8yrs - 16yrs)

HALF TERM WORKSHOP – Musicals Workshop

I am writing to you today to provide details of a 'Half term workshop' that I'm running during the school break. There are only 30 places available, so I wanted to offer it to CFS pupils first. Please find the details below.



- 24th & 25th October 10am – 4pm
- Lickey End Social Club
- Fun filled days with Musical theatre workshop style sessions teaching skills and learning routines/songs and scripts in Singing, Dancing and Acting. Lots of games and a friendly environment to work in
- £80 for 2 days 10am-4pm (£40 each day) Children must attend both days
- There will be a showcase on the second day to parents/guardians showing what we've learned and achieved.
- Aimed at children 8yrs-16yrs (These will be split into age groups)
- Children to bring a packed lunch

If this is something your child would like to attend, please message me on either text or email to confirm your place.

A response is needed by Sunday 9th October so I can pass on numbers to the venue.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

I really hope you can join us!

Many thanks

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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 ¾ length wool coats 66cm chest
 8 x small adult/large child waterproofs



If you are interested, please epraise Mrs Wainman.

Many thanks

📌 Activities Autumn 1 📌

Autumn 1 2022	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Nursery			PE (pm)		PE (am)
RM			PE (am)	Forest School (pm)	
RTY			PE (am)		Forest School (am)
Year 1	Forest School (1R pm)	PE (am)	Forest School (1P pm)		
Year 2		PE (pm) Ball Skills (pm)		PE (am)	
Year 3	PE (pm)		PE (am)		Cornet (3S) Forest Schools (3B)
Year 4		PE (am) Swimming (am)		PE (pm) Ball Skills (pm)	
*Please note that there may be some flexibility.					



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📌 Reminders and Dates for your Diaries 📌

- ★ **School Photographs** - Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for free delivery back to school is Monday 10th October 2022. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).
- ★ **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.
- ★ **Appointments** - Can we kindly remind parents/carers that all appointments for dentists, dr's, opticians etc should be reported to the office as well as the class teacher, so that we can get the child ready for the time they need to leave.
- ★ **Sports, Hobbies and Interests Day - Thursday 20th October** - This will be taking place on the last day of this half term, more details will be epraised out shortly.
- ★ **Parents Evening - Tuesday 8th and Thursday 10th November** - Please look out for an epraise with further information.

Thank you for your co-operation

⊖ 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.



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Things to remember

- ★ W/C 10th October 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 ✓
- ★ 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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