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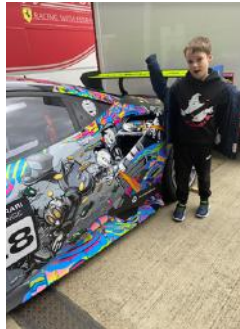
Community

Why community is important in education?

Community fosters growth, growth leads to exploration, exploration yields inspiration and inspiration paves the path to curiosity, passion and purpose. That's why building a sense of community in schools is crucial — that process alone is the root of all academic, personal and social momentum.

🏈🏀🎨🎸 Sports & Hobbies Day 🎸🎨🏈🏀

Today, we have loved finding out about all the different things that our children enjoy. Our different interests make us interesting people and by showing others what we like to do might make them want to try a new hobby or sport too.



☀️ Blackwell Residential ☀️

A few more brilliant pictures for you to treasure of our year 4's Blackwell adventure!



A big thank you to the Blackwell Adventure Catshill Team!



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🎄🎄 Nativity 🎄🎄

This year we will be having 2 Nativities.

Our Early Years classes (Nursery and Reception) will perform Santa's Favourite Story' and our Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2) classes will perform 'A Christmas Recipe'.

There will be 3 performances of each and parents/carers will be able to have 3 tickets per child. Due to the growth of our school and ensuring we meet hall capacity restrictions, we cannot offer additional tickets.

We are aware that our children in Year 1 and Year 2 have not had the opportunity to perform in a Nativity yet, so we are holding one for them this year. In future years, we will no longer have a Nativity performance for Year 1 and Year 2 - they will have a different performance later in the year.

EYFS (Nursery and Reception) - 'Santa's Favourite Story'

Wednesday 7th December 9.30am

Thursday 8th December 2.30pm

Friday 9th December 9.30am

Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2) - 'A Christmas Recipe'

Wednesday 7th December 2.30pm

Thursday 8th December 9.30am

Friday 9th December 2.30pm

An Epraise will be sent out after half term with further information and how to book.

A full Christmas programme will also be epraised out after half term with all the exciting dates you will need for your diary in the lead up to Christmas.



📖 Catshill Children's Choice 📖

Thank you all for voting for your chosen title, the 3 winning books are:-

Find your Happy by Emily Coxhead, Birdsong by Katya Balen and Queen of the Classroom by Derrick Barnes



Thank you



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The winners of our Autumn Pumpkin Competition are:-

NB - Daisy B, RM - Ellie S, RTY - Ella W
1P - Erin T, 1R Aniyah K
2F - Theo O, 2FB - Megan P
3S - Lucas H, 3B - Lorelei H
4F - Lara B, 4J - Finn D

Our next sale will be Peppa Pig and Friends Raffle
Monday 31st October to Friday 4th November
Tickets cost 50p each and will be on sale in class every day.
There are over 30 prizes to be won.

Calling all Children, parents and carers
We need your help!

The School Council need you to donate the following items for us to be able to continue with our brilliant fundraising activities.

Please have a sort out and bring in any of the following:- Teddy bears and cuddly toys; 'Small World' play toys - cars, people, animals, boats and dinosaurs; construction bricks; unwanted gifts for raffles, everything must be in good order.

😊 Thank you all for your continuing support 😊

Coats, Gloves and Scarves

A reminder for after half term, that children should have a suitable coat with a hood in school every day. Unless the weather is really poor, we do try to go outside for playtime and at lunchtime every day. As the colder weather approaches and children bring in gloves, scarves and hats, please make sure these items have names written in as they so easily get mixed up or mislaid.



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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

3S only - An online appointment (via school cloud) on Wednesday 9th, November 5 - 7pm

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 after half term with further instructions and links.

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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📌 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.
- ★ 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](#).
- ★ Year 4 Bikeability information will be epraised out after half term.
- ★ School Photos will be going home with the children after half term.
- ★ Can we kindly remind parents/carers to let the office know via email or epraise if any of your contact details have changed, address, telephone, email address, emergency contacts, so that we can update our records.

Thank you for your co-operation

📌 Things to remember 📌

- ★ W/C 31st October 2022 is week 2 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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