



## 🍂 Value for November 🍂

### Respect

'A positive feeling or action shown to someone or something' We have been thinking about respect for ourselves this week. Making sure we think and say kind things to ourselves, even when things are tough - remembering we are all special and unique.

## Children in Need

Friday 18th November

We have been collecting money for 'Children in Need' today and children have come to school in their own clothes, something yellow, or with spots.

We think they look fantastic and have helped to raise £282.20 and counting!



👏 Well done everyone! 👏



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    **Christmas 2022 Dates**    

Please find below our planned Christmas events for 2022.

**Thursday 1st December: Christmas postbox starts** - If your child would like to write Christmas cards to share with their friends, they can use our school postbox. Cards are delivered after lunch every day by our very own elf service

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December: School Council Christmas Raffle** - tickets go on sale 50p each.

**Friday 2nd December: Festive Friday** - Children can come to school in Christmassy clothes, perhaps with a bit of sparkle. On this day, we will put up our school Christmas Tree and make decorations for the school.

**Monday 5th December: Foodbank Collection** - If you are able to donate an item to our local foodbank, we will have a collection on this day.

**Wednesday 7th December 9.30am: EYFS Nativity 'Santa's Favourite Story'** (NB, RTY, RM)

**Wednesday 7th December 2.30pm: KS1 Nativity 'Prickly Hay'** (1P, 1R, 2F, 2FB)

**Thursday 8th December 2.30pm: EYFS Nativity 'Santa's Favourite Story'** (NB, RTY, RM)

**Thursday 8th December 9.30am: KS1 Nativity 'Prickly Hay'** (1P, 1R, 2F, 2FB)

**Friday 9th December 9.30am: EYFS Nativity 'Santa's Favourite Story'** (NB, RTY, RM)

**Friday 9th December 2.30pm: KS1 Nativity 'Prickly Hay'** (1P, 1R, 2F, 2FB)

**Monday 12th December: School Council 'Design a Christmas Jumper'** will need to be returned by this date (details will be epraised out shortly).

**Monday 12th December: KS2 (Year 3 and Year 4) Christmas Carols** - gates open at 2.45pm. Come and join us on the KS2 playground for a festival singalong outside.

**Tuesday 13th December: School Council Christmas Fayre** (more details to follow shortly).

**Wednesday 14th December: Christmas Dinner**

**Thursday 15th December: Class Christmas Parties** - All classes will enjoy a party with fun and food and maybe a special visitor. Children may wear their party clothes all day.

**Friday 16th December: Christmas jumpers/own clothes** for the last day of term.



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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 'Prickly Hay' (please note change of nativity).

There will be 3 performances of each and parents/carers will be able to have 3 tickets per child in total. 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) - 'Prickly Hay'

Wednesday 7th December 2.30pm  
Thursday 8th December 9.30am  
Friday 9th December 2.30pm

**An Epraise will be sent out on Monday 21st November with further information and how to book.**



## 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. Happy voting!

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdaTDunAxSBXDD\\_NndJ-ybFrYKv4PQKYZrNs9cIRIBmOUtUMA/viewform?usp=share\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdaTDunAxSBXDD_NndJ-ybFrYKv4PQKYZrNs9cIRIBmOUtUMA/viewform?usp=share_link)



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## Rising Costs of Living

Are you struggling to pay bills or to buy food/uniform?  
There may be ways that we can help.

- We can refer families to the food bank if needed.
- We also have plenty of good quality pre-used school uniform including coats.
- We are sometimes able to give out food parcels or charity donations.

Please ask at our school office or contact Mrs Wainman via epraise or email  
([pjw17@catshillfirst.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:pjw17@catshillfirst.worcs.sch.uk)).

We will always be discrete.

## World Cup 2022

Here are the Catshill First School and Nursery class draws for the World Cup, that were picked today in assembly!

### Our World Cup Teams

Nursery	Canada	Ghana	Saudi Arabia
RTY	Australia	Poland	Qatar
RM	Mexico	Uruguay	Wales
1R	Croatia	Netherlands	Brazil
1P	South Korea	England	Bonus
2F	Japan	Argentina	Spain
2FB	USA	Morocco	Germany
3B	Serbia	Costa Rica	Tunisia
3S	Switzerland	Denmark	Senegal
4J	Belgium	Ecuador	Iran
4F	Cameroon	France	Portugal

Please look out for our special World Cup celebration dinner menu and World Cup Final dinner menu, which will be epraised out shortly.



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# 🚩 Avoncroft 🚩

What a great day our year 3's had at Avoncroft on Wednesday, and so lucky with the weather, here are just a few pictures for you to enjoy!



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## Town Mouse Country Mouse

This week, Year 1 have been reading the book **Town Mouse, Country Mouse** and making a layered fruit salad.



## School Council

Our Christmas Raffle Tickets will be on sale from 1st December and there are 30 gift bags full of prizes to be won at just 50p per ticket.

We will also be holding a Christmas Jumper competition, more details to follow shortly, and our Christmas Fayre for the children will be held Tuesday 13th December.

😊 Thank you all for your continuing support 😊

## 📌 Toy Sale - Catshill Village Hall 📌

Due to the closure of Little Pickles, there will be a toy sale on 4th December at 10:15am till 11:30am at Catshill Village Hall.

## 📌 Catshill Baptist Church 📌

Sunday 11th December 3pm to 5pm  
Families and Children 9 years and under.

**A TIME OF WONDER**  
Christmas Party

SUNDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2022  
3:00 TILL 5:00 PM @ CATSHILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
COME AND JOIN US FOR A FREE FUN FILLED AFTERNOON  
FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN  
9 YEARS AND UNDER

CRAFTS  
SENSORY TUFF TRAYS  
PROFESSIONAL FACE PAINTING  
SONGS & MORE

Come in your Christmas jumpers! Enjoy some Non-alcoholic Mulled wine & Mince pies!  
To book your space, please email; facilities@catshillbaptist.org.uk



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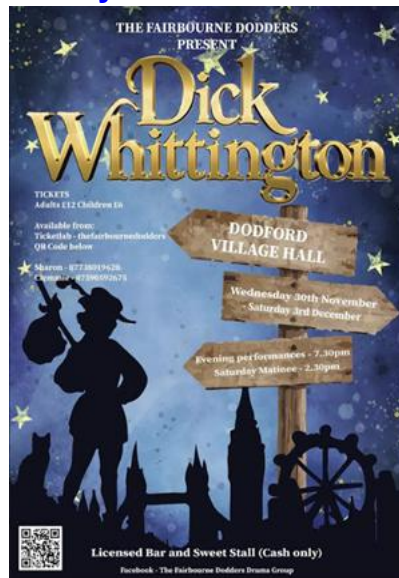
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## 📌 The Fairbourne Dodders 📌

**Dodford Village Hall**  
**Dick Whittington - Wednesday 30th November to Saturday 3rd December**



## 📌 Reminders and Dates for your Diaries 📌

- ★ **Tuesday 22nd November** - A Polite reminder that the Maths workshop for KS1 and KS2 parents will be on Tuesday 22nd November - KS1 2.30pm to 3.15pm and KS2 9.00am to 10.00am. Please see the office if you would like to attend, if you have not completed the form. For those unable to attend, a virtual presentation will be sent out to all parents shortly.
- ★ **Friday 25th November** - Year 4 Bikeability Course, please remember bikes and helmets for the children taking part, (unless you are hiring from the school).

Thank you for your co-operation

## 📌 Things to Remember for Activities in Autumn 2 📌

Autumn 2 2022	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Nursery		Forest School (am)	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	Christmas Choir (pm)	PE (pm)		PE (am)	
Year 3	PE (pm)	Ball Skills 3S (pm)	PE (am)	Ball Skills 3B (pm)	Cornet (3S) Forest Schools (3B)
Year 4		PE (am) Swimming (am)		PE (pm)	

\*Please note that there may be some flexibility.



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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 21st November 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 term ends on Friday 16th December.*
- ★ *Please find 2022/2023 term dates [here](#)*
- ★ *Please find 2023/2024 term dates [here](#)*
- ★ *Please do not book holidays in term time.*
- ★ *Spring Term starts on Wednesday 4th January 2023.*



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