



🍂 Value for November 🍂

Respect

How do we show respect school?

Showing consideration in the corridors;

Queuing properly;

Avoiding physical contact with other students;

Respecting other students' space;

Sitting where you are asked to in class;

Telling a member of staff if there is a problem with another student.

🚲 Bikeability 🚲

Our year 4's have been learning all about road safety and completing their Bikeability Level 1



They all passed - very well done everyone!



    **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 1st 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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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 (no more tickets available - all allocated)
Thursday 8th December 9.30am
Friday 9th December 2.30pm (no more tickets available - all allocated)

An Epraise was 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



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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).

We will always be discrete.

World Cup 2022

How did your team do this week!

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	Brazil
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 see attached our special [World Cup Final Lunchtime Menu](#) for Friday 9th December, price is £2.30 as usual.



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Writing

WOW, what amazing writing by our year 1 children! They were very proud of their work and all achieved a special sticker and accolade. Keep up the good work!!



(Katie Morgan Delivers the Mail)

School Council

Christmas Gift Tags raised a total of £27.40, so that you to all who bought them.

From 1st December, the School Council will be selling Christmas Raffle tickets in all classes, every day until 14th December. They will also be on sale during the Nativity plays and carol singing. There are 30 gift bags full of prizes for everyone at 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 

Reminders and Dates for your Diaries

- ★ **Children in Need - You helped to raise a massive £288.90 last Friday, thank you all for your kind donations.**
- ★ **Year 4 - An epraise has gone out for year 4 swimming group 2 for you to complete.**

Thank you for your co-operation



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📌 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.

⊖ 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 28th November 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 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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