

🍂 Value for November 🍂

Respect

'A positive feeling or action shown to someone or something'

In assembly we have been thinking about how we can show respect to different people and different things such as listening to others, picking things up from the floor, making sure rubbish goes into the bin and using kind words to each other. Lots of the classes have earned Epraise points for 'Being Respectful' this week- well done to them!

🎆🎆 Bonfire Night 🎆🎆

1P have spent the afternoon learning about why we celebrate bonfire night, and have created bonfire and firework posters, sparklers and safety posters.



RTY have been having fun drawing fireworks, designing rockets and making dens in Forest School



Bonfire Night

Remember, remember the 5th of November,
gunpowder, treason and plot.

For I see no reason
why gunpowder treason
should ever be forgot!



Have a wonderful weekend, and remember to stay safe!

Poppy Appeal

We are selling poppies (and a small amount of other items) on behalf of The Royal British Legion.

[Poppy Appeal Suggested Donations](#)



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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 shortly with further information and how to book.



Coats, Gloves and Scarves

A reminder 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.

Winter Sickness Bug

As the winter season progresses we ask parents to be vigilant of usual childhood conditions. These include chicken pox, slapped cheek, head lice, ringworm and threadworm etc. Please advise us of any of these conditions when you call to notify us of the absence. Many of these conditions are easily treatable via your local pharmacy or with advice from your local GP surgery. **We also remind you that our policy in respect of sickness and diarrhoea is that 48 hours needs to have passed between the last bout and return to school.** If you are unsure in respect of any symptoms or ailments your child may have, further help and information can be found on the [NHS Website](#).



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Today was the last day for the Peppa Pig and Friends cuddly toy raffle, prizes will be given out on Monday, thank you for helping us raise a massive £90.50.

Please look out for:-

Xmas Raffle starting 1st December tickets will be on sale at 50p each.

We will also be holding an Xmas Jumper competition in December and our Xmas Fayre will be held on the last week of term.

More details to follow shortly.

😊 Thank you all for your continuing support 😊

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 is a booking sheet available at your child's classroom and you can sign up for a suitable time.

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 has been sent out with links and instructions.



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Worcester Children First - Mental Health Resources

If you are a parent, carer or school staff of any level in Worcestershire, you are invited to attend a free Zoom session to share with you information about the digital mental health platforms, Kooth (children and young people 11-18) and Qwell (adults aged 19+). Kooth and Qwell provide free, safe and anonymous digital mental health support in Worcestershire. There are no waiting lists, no referrals and no thresholds required to access the services which is accredited by the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP) and delivered by Kooth PLC, the UK's largest digital mental health provider. If you are unable to attend this session please still register as the session will be recorded and circulated afterwards. Attendees are welcome to have their cameras off.

You can sign up using Eventbrite via the following link: [Kooth and Qwell for Parents, Carers and School Staff Webinar](#)

Shout is a free, confidential and 24/7 text support service for anyone in the UK who is struggling to cope. Shout's trained volunteers are available around the clock to listen and support anyone who is suicidal, depressed, anxious or overwhelmed. This service is anonymous and doesn't show up on phone bills.

To start a conversation, text the word WOO to 85258.



[Home Fire Safety Check leaflet](#) from Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Service

Autism Webinars for parents and carers who have a child with an ASD diagnosis or who have been accepted on the assessment pathway.

[Autism and Communication Webinar](#) - Monday 7th November

[Autism and Behaviour Webinar](#) - Monday 21st November

[Autism and Anxiety Webinar](#) - Monday 12th December



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📌 Reminders and Dates for your Diaries 📌

- ★ **Monday 14th November - Nasal Flu Spray** - The NHS nurses will be at Catshill First School 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.
- ★ **Wednesday 16th November - Year 3 visit to Avoncroft Museum**, information has been epraised out, please complete the form and return by Wednesday 9th November.
- ★ **Tuesday 22nd November - Mrs Stacey is running a maths workshop for KS1 and KS2 parents**. An epraise with further information has been sent out. Please complete the form by Monday 14th November if you would be interested in attending.
- ★ **Friday 25th November - Year 4 Bikeability Course**, further information has been sent out, and forms need to be completed and returned to school by Wednesday 16th November.
- ★ **School Photos** have gone home with the children this week.
- ★ **Christmas Choir for year 2** is now full.
- ★ **Home Learning and Curriculum Newsletters** have been epraised out and are also available on our school [website](#).
- ★ **Christmas Lunch Menu** - Here is the [Christmas Lunch Menu](#) for the children for Wednesday 14th December, an epraise has gone out with a form for you to complete and return by Wednesday 7th December.
- ★ **A full Christmas programme** will also be epraised out shortly with all the exciting dates you will need for your diary in the lead up to Christmas.

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 7th 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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