

🎄 Value for December 🎄

Kindness

At Christmas it is really important to remember the value of kindness - especially as we prepare for the big day. Take time to be kind to yourself and to share the kindness to others who may be struggling or need some extra support.

🎄 Festive Friday 🎄

Christmas has arrived at Catshill First School and Nursery



Christmas cards can now be posted in our school post box. Our elves have been busy sorting the post today ready to deliver to each class.



    **Christmas 2022 Dates**    

Please find below our planned Christmas events for 2022.

Thursday 1st December: Christmas postbox started - 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 are now on sale at 50p each.

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. **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.

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'.

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

TICKETS HAVE BEEN SENT HOME WITH YOUR CHILD TODAY

Please remember that younger children will need a ticket (unless they can sit on an adult's knee). We are also not able to have any pushchairs or prams in the hall due to fire regulations.



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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Christmas Raffle Tickets are now on sale 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.

The Christmas Jumper competition is now open and there are 2 prizes per class. Entries need to be returned by Monday 12th December.

The Christmas Fayre for the children will be held Tuesday 13th December.

😊 Thank you all for your continuing support 😊

Year 1 Field Trip

Year 1 had a fabulous time on their field trip on Thursday, the weather certainly didn't put anyone off!



A big thank you to all our volunteers

Reminders and Dates for your Diaries

★ A Polite reminder, that there is no smoking permitted (including e-cigarettes) on the whole of our school site. Please avoid smoking around the entrance gates.

★ Christmas Lunch - Orders need to be in by Wednesday 7th December.

Thank you for your co-operation



🏆🏆🏆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

Last 16 Teams

Netherlands v USA
Argentina v Australia
France v Poland
England v Senegal
Japan v Croatia
Portugal v TBC
Morocco v Spain
Brazil v TBC

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



🤔 Reporting A Child's Absence 🤔

Can all pupil absences, along with the nature of the illness, please be reported to the admin office, so that we can record your child's absence accordingly on the register.

phone - 01527 872913, option 2 (from 8.15am)

leave a voicemail - 01527 872913, option 1

text - 07786 132612

Epraise - Admin

Email - office@catshillfirst.worcs.sch.uk

Thank you



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Bromsgrove Sporting Girls Academy

Any pupil from Catshill First School that attends can have the first week free of charge

BROMSGROVE SPORTING GIRLS ACADEMY



Bromsgrove Sporting Girls Academy are inviting girls of all ages to join the Academy, run by FA qualified coaches with DBS & first aid qualifications. We are running 2 sessions each week, starting on 5th & 6th January.

- **Thursday 5pm to 6pm @ Bromsgrove cricket & hockey club.**
- **Friday 6pm to 7pm , Woodfield Academy , Redditch.**

Please contact Alan Williams , Head of Womens & girls football on 07786 983 951, aswilliams111@aol.com

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.



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Things to remember

- ★ W/C 5th December 2022 is week 1 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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