



## 🌻 Value for January 🌻

### Co-operation

What is co-operation as a value?

Co-operation as a Value means encouraging students to see mutual assistance as a goal to strive for, to view others as potential collaborators, and to choose co-operation as often as possible as a viable alternative to competition and individual work.

### 🚀👤 Space 🚀👤

Reception have loved acting out *Whatever Next* by Jill Murphy. We made our own rockets and explored moon sand.



## Catshill Children's Choice

Here are the 3 books you picked from Autumn 2



This 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://forms.gle/3JBK74S53e4Ak79r9>

## Catshill Library Books

Catshill Library, our local community library, has a number of non-returned/outstanding books and have asked for our support in collecting them. Can you please check at home and return any children's library books to us, as they have provided us with an amnesty box in the reception area by the admin office.

Thank you

## Bad Weather Procedure

Procedure during periods of severe weather such as heavy snow, we may need to close the school at short notice. The decision to close the school is only taken after a number of factors have been taken into consideration, such as local weather forecasts, highways information, health and safety and discussions with other local Head Teachers. We also have to ensure that sufficient numbers of staff are able to get to school. Should it become necessary to close the school the following will happen:-

- ★ You will receive an epraise message (please ensure the school office has your up to date contact details).
- ★ A message will be put on our school website [www.catshillfirst.worcs.sch.uk](http://www.catshillfirst.worcs.sch.uk).
- ★ A message will be on the Worcestershire Hub web site: [www.worcestershire.gov.uk](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk).
- ★ We will put a message on Twitter and Facebook



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## Reminders and Dates for your Diaries

- ★ **A big thank you** to our year 3 parents who have taken on board waiting on the playground until their child is ready and keeping the area outside the classroom clear, so that the teachers can easily see the parents/carers to hand their children to.
- ★ **School Admissions September 2023 - Reception and Year 5** - Just a polite reminder that the application cut off date for your child starting Reception or Year 5 is **15th January 2023**, please apply via [Worcestershire Schools Admissions](#) if you haven't already done so.
- ★ **Vision Tests for Reception** - Worcestershire Specialist Children's Service offers a routine vision test to every child in Reception year. The Orthoptist will be attending Catshill First School and Nursery on Friday 10th February to test their vision. A form has been sent home with your child before Christmas for you to complete and return, but only if you **DO NOT** want your child to have a vision test.
- ★ **After School Clubs** - Please be aware that any after school clubs run by the school finish at **4.15pm**, pick up is via the glass corridor. If your child attends Kool Crew, they will need to be informed.
- ★ **A big Catshill Team welcome** back to Mrs Kneale, who has joined us for the rest of the academic year, and to Mrs Bates who has joined our team. We said goodbye this week to Mr North who left us for pastures new.
- ★ **Appointments/Medicals/Opticians** - Can we kindly remind parents and carers that all medical, optician, hospital, dental etc appointments need to be reported to the admin office, either in person or via Epraise or email, so that we can record your child's absence accordingly.
- ★ **A big thank you** to Mr and Mrs Cahill who raised £45.00 for Catshill First School and Nursery from their stall at the Christmas light switch on.
- ★ **Please look out** for our Parent Workshops, for Year 1 - Phonics and Year 2 - SATS, which will be epraised out next week.

**Thank you for your co-operation**

## Shire Services Vacancy

Shire Services are looking for an enthusiastic, hardworking Dining Room Assistant to join their team. Duties to include food preparation, dining room set up and service, Monday to Friday between 11am - 2pm, term time only plus 3 additional cleaning days.

SS23/2004 - Closing date 22/01/23.

If you are interested, please follow the link below for more details and to apply.

<https://careers.shropshire.gov.uk/vacancy/ss23-2004-dining-room-assistant-511849.html>

Thank you



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## 📌 Activities - Spring 1 2023 📌

Spring 1 2023	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		PE (pm)		PE (am) Ball Skills (pm)	
Year 3	PE (pm) Football Skills Girls (pm)	Football Skills Boys (pm)	PE (am)		Cornet (3S) Forest Schools (3B)
Year 4	Football Skills Girls (pm)	PE (am) Swimming (am) Football Skills Boys (pm)		PE (pm)	Cornet Continued (4J/4F)

\*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 16th January 2023 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 📌

- ★ *Here and on time at five to nine.*
- ★ *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 17th February.*
- ★ *Please find 2022/2023 term dates [here](#)*
- ★ *Please find 2023/2024 term dates [here](#)*
- ★ *Please do not book holidays in term time.*
- ★ *Spring Term 2 for the children starts on Monday 27th February 2023.*



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