



🌻 Value for January 🌻

Co-operation

Here are some examples of behaviours that demonstrate this value:

- Listening
- Sharing
- Taking turns
- Teamwork
- Awareness of others and their needs
- Empathy
- Assertiveness to speak out/being willing to share opinions
- Patient, reconciliatory, solution-focused, compromising
- Negotiation
- Willingness to sacrifice own views/thoughts for others
- Positivity - spotting good in others
- Using own skills/talents/abilities for others
- Helping and encouraging others

🎉 Upcoming Events At Catshill First School and Nursery 🎉

We wanted to make you aware that Catshill First School and Nursery will be supporting the following events which all take place before Easter. With the cost of living rises in mind, we wanted to give you plenty of advance notice.

Friday 17th February - NSPCC Numbers Day. Dress in maths theme clothes (or own clothes) with a suggested voluntary contribution of 50p for the NSPCC if wanted

Friday 3rd March - World Book Day. Dress as a book character (or own clothes) no contribution asked

Friday 17th March - Comic Relief. Children may wear own clothes with a suggested voluntary contribution of 50p for Comic Relief if wanted

Tuesday 21st March - World Down Syndrome Day. Children may wear mismatched socks with a suggested voluntary contribution of 50p for Down's Syndrome Association if wanted

For our charity collections, we wish to make it very clear that any contributions are voluntary and no child will miss out if they don't donate. Families with more than one child may wish to donate as a group. Children are welcome to wear their own clothes for any events where dressing up is encouraged and all children will be included in the activities whether they are in costume or not.



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🐉 Chinese New Year 🐉

On January 22nd 2023, the Chinese New Year will officially kick off the Year of the Water Rabbit. This combination of the Rabbit and the Water element will bring good luck, patience, prosperity, and vigor to those born in the years associated with the Rabbit, including 1951, 1963, 1987, 1999, 2011 and 2023.

Here are our children having fun in Reception, Chinese dragon dancing, a Chinese New Year scavenger hunt at Forest School, and tasting different foods...



📖 Catshill Children's Choice 📖

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.

[Please click here to vote](#)

Happy voting!



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👖 Teach Your Child the Underwear Rule 👖



Talk PANTS helps children understand that their body belongs to them, and they should tell someone they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried. Please click on the link below for further information

[Talk PANTS & Join Pantosaurus - The Underwear Rule | NSPCC](#)

📌 Head Lice 📌

We have had a few reported cases of head lice in the school. Can parents and carers please remain vigilant and follow our [‘Head Lice to Dead Lice’](#) information.

Thank you

🍴 Ordering of School Dinners 🍴

We need to remind parents and carers about the procedure for ordering school meals for your child.

Dinners must be ordered for the whole week on a Monday morning. This is vital as it allows Shire Services to order enough food for all the children. We have had a number of children recently coming to the office in the middle of the week with their dinner money.

Money must be placed in a sealed envelope with your child's name and class written on the front, along with the days on which dinner is required.

The cost is £2.30 per day, we do not deal with the money in school, we simply pass it on to Shire Services. Therefore, if you do not provide the correct amount for payment, you will need to wait for change to come back from them.

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📌 Reminders and Dates for your Diaries 📌

- ★ **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.
- ★ **SATs Workshop for Parents Year 2** - A letter has been epraised out, inviting you to attend a SATs workshop on Friday 3rd February 9.00am to 10.00am. Please follow [this link](#) if you would like to attend, and we will confirm your place shortly.
- ★ **Phonics Workshop for Parents Year 1** - A letter has been epraised out, inviting you to attend a Phonics workshop on Friday 27th January 9.00am to 10.00am. Please follow [this link](#) if you would like to attend, and we will confirm your place shortly.
- ★ **Could we please remind parents and carers to label all items of your child's clothing to help us return mislaid items to the correct person.**
- ★ **Playgrounds in icy weather** - Can parents and carers please take extra care in icy weather as the playgrounds, particularly KS1 playground can be very slippery, especially on the coloured rubber surfaces.

Thank you for your co-operation

🍌 Worcester Easter Rugby Camp 🍌

This Easter holiday Worcester Sports Rugby Academy are organising a rugby camp on the 11th & 12th April 2023. The participating children will benefit from the expert coaching from our Ex International Rugby Player, Thinus Delpont as well as other guest coaches from the Worcester Sports Rugby Academy. The Easter camp will take place at Worcester Rugby Football Club. Get hold of our early bird tickets for just £35 per day per person. Open to boys & girls between the ages of 6 and 13.

Please Visit Site To Purchase Your Ticket:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/worcester-easter-rugby-camp-tickets-514045512967>



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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 23rd January 2023 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 📌

- ★ *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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