



Value for January

Co-operation

Whether we are learning at home or at school at the moment, co-operation has never been so important. Co-operation helps us to interact positively with one another, helping us to complete tasks more easily and sometimes more effectively. An important part of co-operating is taking turns. A great way to practise this value is playing a game together as a family. Challenge: Play a game as a family this weekend and encourage everyone to take turns!

Happy New Year

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year to you all, I hope you had a lovely Christmas break and made the most of the opportunities to spend time with family and friends. A warm welcome to our new children in Nursery and those that have started in other classes.

The children have started the new term very well and I have enjoyed going around the school and seeing the children with their positive learning attitudes. The work I have seen has been of a good standard - I like how proud the children are of their achievements.

All classes have started new topics and their curriculum newsletters with further details and the home learning opportunities will be sent out to you via epraise. These will also be available on our website; if you would like a printed copy, please send us a message and we will provide one.

In assembly on Wednesday, I talked about new year attitudes and choices and I hope that 2023 brings all of us good health and happiness.

Kind regards

Mrs Georgia Plant, Head of School



Celebration time as Catshill First and Middle Schools get 'Good' Ofsted report



STAFF and children from both Catshill Middle School and First School and Nursery are celebrating after both received 'Good' ratings from Ofsted. The schools, which are federated and have a shared governing body and executive headteacher, work together as the 'Catshill Learning Community'.

The approach is aimed at ensuring high expectations and support for children to achieve for pupils from the age of three, when they start nursery to 13, in year eight before they head to high school.

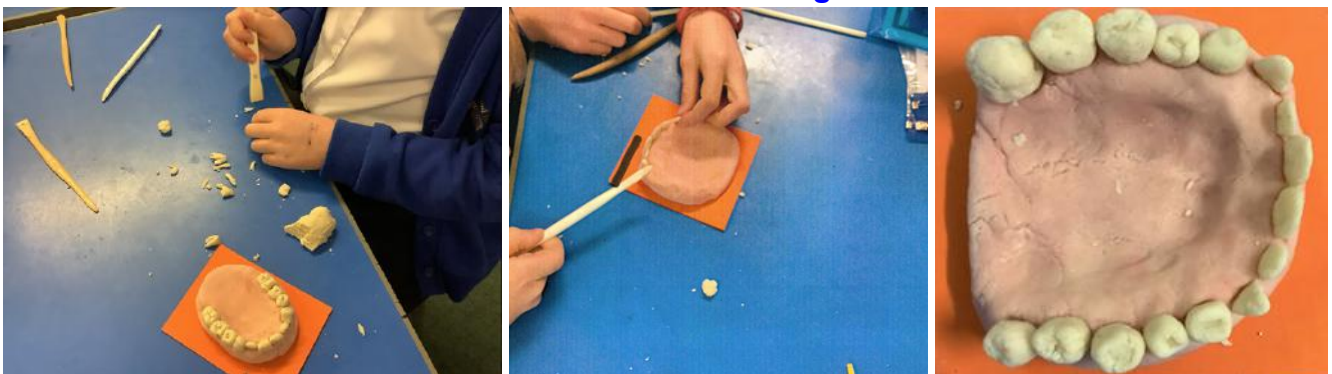
There was plenty of praise in the Ofsted inspection reports for both schools.

Use this link to read Catshill First School and Nursery's report

<https://www.catshillfirst.co.uk/ofsted/>

Science

In our first week back, year 4's have been showing off their dentistry skills by making teeth out of salt dough!



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Should I keep my child off school?



Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfoc>.

🤒 Reporting A Child's Absence 🤒

Can all pupil absences, 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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📌 Reminders and Dates for your Diaries 📌

- ★ **Hearing Screening for Reception** - A polite reminder that the School Health Nursing Service will be in school on 10th and 12th January 2023, to carry out hearing screening on Reception children.
- ★ **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 Schools Club - Football Skills for KS2 Girls** - Starting Monday 9th January. Fully booked - parents have been notified if their child has a place.
- ★ **After Schools Club - Football Skills for KS2 Boys** - Starting Tuesday 10th January. Fully booked, parents have been notified if their child has a place.
- ★ **After Schools Club - Ball Skills for Year 2** - Starting Thursday 12th January . Fully booked, parents have been notified if their child has a place.
- ★ **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.
- ★ **Home Learning and Curriculum Newsletters** - These will be Epraised out shortly, please check your Epraise messages. They will also be available on our website.

Thank you for your co-operation

📌 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.



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✂️ Shire Services Catering Vacancy ✂️

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Catshill First School, Gibbs Lane,
Catshill, Bromsgrove B61 0JP

Dining Assistant Required

Hours of Work:

10 hours per week, term time only + 3 cleaning days.

Daily Shift Pattern:

Monday - Friday between 11am – 2pm. Term time only plus 3 additional cleaning days

Duties:

Dining Assistant required to help with food preparation, dining room set up and service.

Rate of Pay: £10.60 per hour.

Benefits:

Full training will be given to successful applicants. Uniform will be provided.

Contact:

Please apply for all vacancies at www.shropshire.gov.uk/jobs-and-careers For any question about our jobs or if you have difficulty applying online, please contact us on 01743 250250.

Job Number: SS23/2004

Closing Date:
22/01/2023



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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.



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Things to remember

- ★ W/C 9th January 2023 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 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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