



## ♥ Value for February ♥

### Love

#### Why is love so important in life?

Love is a source of motivation and strength. It improves one's self-worth and esteem, and builds trust among people. Love also creates a healthy working environment and strengthens family ties. Now that you know the importance of love in our lives, never give up on it.

## 🎉 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 funky and bright 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.

## 📖 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!**



## 🎵🎵 Year 3 🎵🎵

Year 3 use the virtual glockenspiels to play in their music lessons. We have been accompanying Three Little Birds by Bob Marley



## 🏠 School Council 🏠

Catshill First School and Nursery February 2023



### Valentine's Day Teddy Bear Raffle

Dear Children,

The School Council are holding their Teddy Bear raffle next week.

**The tickets cost 50p each and will be on sale in your classroom from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February until Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February. The prizes will be given out on Valentines Day.**

Come and try to win one of our lovely bears who all need a new home and someone to love them!

**There are over 30 prizes so have a look on the piano and decide which one you would like to win.**

Thank you, from Mrs Fannon and the School Council.



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## 🚀👁️ Reception - Space 👁️🚀

This week in reception, the children have been painting Alien landscapes and creating planet hopping in forest school



## 🏠 Knowledge Organisers 🏠

### What is a Knowledge Organiser?

We provide a knowledge-rich curriculum which includes important and significant knowledge that will prepare our children to be lifelong learners. Across all subjects our teachers have created Knowledge Organisers. These are designed to help show what our children should know at the end of a unit of teaching. They also provide a reminder of the important 'subject specific' language that children need to learn. We make these Knowledge Organisers available to all children from the beginning of the unit of work to allow them to reflect on what knowledge is being taught.

### How do I use a Knowledge Organiser?

Read the page together and talk about the pictures and diagrams.

Look at the vocabulary together and talk about what it means.

Research more about people, places or events named.

Use it to inspire you to create some Home Learning work together.

Click [here](#) to find out more information, which is available on our website for our year 3 and year 4 classes.



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## 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

## 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 Thursday 9th 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.
- ★ **Dinners Monday 6th February** - Please be aware that there has been a change to the lunchtime menu for this coming Monday. There will be no curry, it will be sausage roll and herby diced potatoes.
- ★ **Thank you to all the parents who turned up for the Phonics and SATs workshops** run by Miss Fletcher, slides and presentations are available for those unable to attend.

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.

## 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 6th February 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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