

## 🌸 Value for March 🌸

### Responsibility

Why is responsibility important for students?

Taking responsibility builds confidence in making decisions and taking credit for them. It shows children how their actions influence themselves and those around them, which, in turn, strengthens self-esteem and empathy. Your child can learn early on what it feels like to be valued, trusted, and self-reliant.

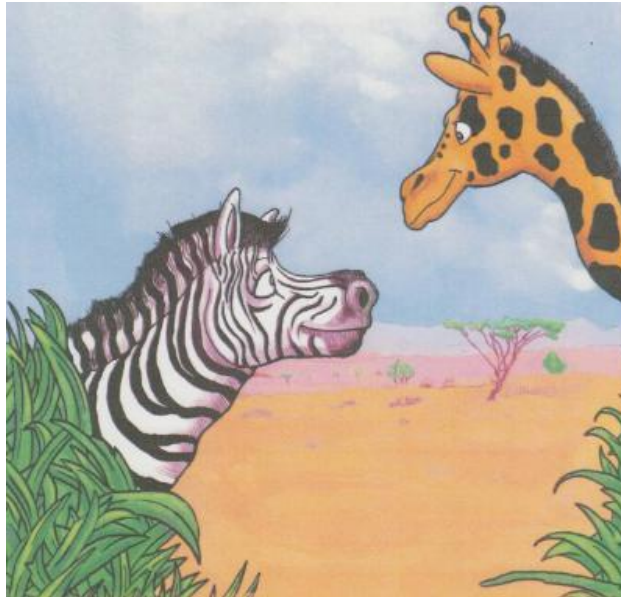
## 💡 Science Week 💡

The children have been testing different surfaces for friction by rolling a toy car down a ramp with different surfaces on it. Moving paper tissue fish by using wind power, and building nests and making cheerio bird feeders to hang in the garden.

We also had a visit from The Wildlife Trust, to teach the children the importance of bees.



 **KS2 Play - Tuishi Pamoja** 



We are excited to announce that this term, Key Stage 2 (years 3 and 4) will be putting on the play Tuishi Pamoja.

There will be 2 performances:-

Tuesday 28th March at 2.15pm - FULL  
Wednesday 29th March at 9.15pm.

2 tickets per child, closing date is Monday 20th March, and tickets will be distributed on Friday 24th March.



 **Comic Relief** 

Friday 17th March 2023

What a fabulous day we have had for comic relief, and raised a massive £131 with more money to come, a big thank you all for your generous donations.



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## 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.

**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.

### School Council

A 'Decorate the Easter Egg' colouring competition has come home with your child/children this week. Can they all please be returned to school by Wednesday 22nd March, ensuring that your child's name is clearly visible. There will be a prize for the best one in each class.

Thank you all for buying the 'Mothers Day' gifts, you have raised a grand total of £210.50.

Please look out for our Easter Raffle tickets on sale 20th - 29th March, for 50p. There will be a gift bag for 1 girl and 1 boy per class.



Thank you again for your continued support.

### Shout Out

A big shout out to all the parents and carers, we are on the look out for old, or unused, or just grown out of 'World Book Day' costumes to be donated to the school, so that they can be used for dressing up days.

Also

Games that make a child wait and take a turn (turn taking games), for example Buckaroo, Pop Up Pirate, Connect Four, Seasick Sam etc, they will need to be in good working order.

Thank you



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## ***Holiday Activities & Food (HAF) in Schools 2023***

### ***HAF School Bulletin 03***

The Easter Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) is now live to book. Activities listed are free, include lunch and are open to children and young people aged 5-16 in receipt of benefits-related Free School Meals.

Providers have 15% discretion of total places that they can offer to non-FSM eligible children otherwise considered vulnerable or referred by professionals but these places are not guaranteed.

See pages 17-19 for SEND activity clubs.

*Please click here to download & view the PDF activity brochure:*

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1lrR5Rm-q9vizeyw0eb\\_X05PBKNcWa9eq?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1lrR5Rm-q9vizeyw0eb_X05PBKNcWa9eq?usp=sharing)

To find out more about the HAF programme, visit: <https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/rsw>

To book activities, visit: <https://www.haf-it.co.uk>

Parents and carers need to do a one-time sign up and have their child's profile FSM verified to access activities for the whole of 2023. Up to 4 free sessions per child are available for Easter school holidays.

For support, email [enquiries@hafworcestershire.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@hafworcestershire.co.uk)

Many thanks & kind regards,

***HAF Worcestershire Team***



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## Easter Eggstravaganza



## Catshill Children's Choice

Each half term we will have £50 to spend on new books. Please vote for your top three favourite books by clicking 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.

<https://forms.gle/Xc49jfWAHu6V5kfS7>

**Happy voting!**

## Head Lice

We are continuing to see head lice at school. Can we please ask all parents and carers to check their child's/children's hair, so that we can get on top of this outbreak. Our '[Head Lice to Dead Lice](#)' information will tell you everything you need to know to deal with and get rid of head lice.

We recommend that all long hair be tied back in school time.

Thank you



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## Hartlebury Castle

### Mothers' Day

Free entry for mum! Celebrate Mothers' Day with a trip to Hartlebury Castle. Spend the day discovering the Castle's stories, enjoying hands-on activities and taking trips down memory lane. Relax in the Carriage Circle, or sit back while the kids run off energy on the adventure playground. Pop into the cafe during your visit, and treat yourselves to a delicious slice of cake and a hot drink.

Free entry for mums when accompanied by a paying child of any age.

Please click [here](#) for further details

### Reminders and Dates for your Diaries

- ★ **All Things Wild Thursday 23rd March** - Year 1 will be going on a school trip, please ensure that your child is at school on time.
- ★ **Parents Evening** - The re-arranged parents evening will take place on **Thursday 23rd March** with appointment times remaining the same as previously. Please epraise the class teacher if you need to change your time slot.
- ★ **Parents Evening for 3S** is slightly different. This will be held on **Wednesday 22nd March**, and an appointment sheet has been placed on the classroom door for you to complete. If you do not drop off or pick up, please epraise Mrs Stacey for a time slot. Appointment times are 3.30pm to 5.50pm.
- ★ **Reception Height and Weight Check** - School Health Nursing Service will be visiting on **Thursday 20th April** to conduct the National Child Measurement Programme to all the children in Reception. An epraise and link has been sent out for you to register (if you have not already done so).
- ★ **Attwell Farm 24th April** - An epraise has been sent out to Reception parents/carers with further details regarding this forthcoming trip.

Thank you for your continued co-operation

### Things to Remember

Spring 2 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)	Ball Skills (pm)	
Year 2		PE (pm)		PE (am)	
Year 3	PE (pm) Football Skills Girls (pm)	Football Skills Boys (pm)	PE (am) Coding 3S		Cornet (3B) Forest Schools (3S)
Year 4	Football Skills Girls (pm)	PE (am) Swimming (am) Football Skills Boys (pm)		PE (pm)	Cornet Continued (4J/4F)



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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.**

### 📌 Things to remember 📌

- ★ W/C 20th March 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 ✓

- ★ To report an absence, please state child's name, class and reason for illness.

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](mailto:office@catshillfirst.worcs.sch.uk)

### 📌 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 31st March.*

- ★ *Please find 2022/2023 term dates [here](#)*

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- ★ *Please do not book holidays in term time.*

- ★ *Summer Term 1 starts on Monday 17th April.*



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