



## 🌸 Value for March 🌸

### Responsibility

What is the most important responsibility for school?

- Attending school on time every day
- Being prepared for the day
- Taking good care of school property
- Completing all homework including reading

## 🐾 All Things Wild 🐾

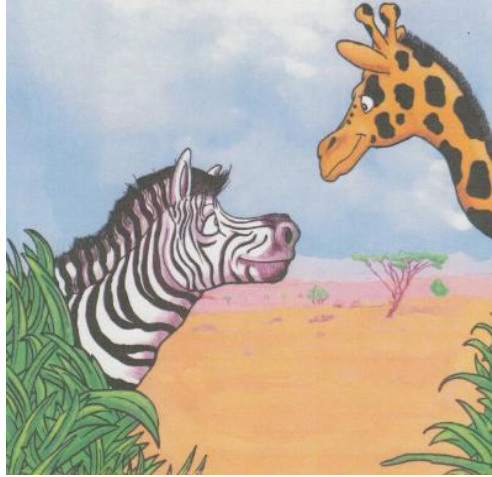
What a fabulous day Yr 1 had yesterday, here are just a few pictures for you to enjoy as much as the children did!



Big thank you to the parents who volunteered 🙌🙌🙌



🦓🦒 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 - FULL

Tickets will be distributed on Friday 24th March.



🧦 World Down Syndrome Day 🧦

What a fabulous turnout we had for this worthwhile cause, not only did the children enjoy wearing mis-matched socks, but the teachers too!



Thank you for helping to raise £101.00



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Due to the high volume of entrants, the 'Decorate the Easter Egg' winners will be announced in next week's newsletter.

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

### Dogs on the Playground

Just a polite reminder to parents and carers that dogs are NOT allowed on the school playground or premises, unless they are support dogs. We are aware that many children can be frightened of dogs, especially when they are barking, or acting aggressively.

Thank you

### Clocks Spring Forward

Sunday 26th March

Don't forget the clocks spring forward on Sunday, which means we lose 1 precious hour of sleep. Just a reminder to please adjust your alarm clocks for Monday morning.



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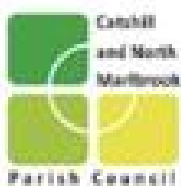
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# Catshill Easter Trail

## Friday 7th April 2023

### 11am - 1pm

- Trail starts and finishes at Catshill Village Hall
- Easter Egg given out by Peter Rabbit or the Easter Bunny!
- Hot Dogs or Fish Fingers will be available to purchase



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## 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

## Hartlebury Castle

### Easter Eggstravaganza

Looking for an eggcellent way to celebrate Easter? Look no further!

Bring your eggplorers to Hartlebury Castle for a cracking good time! Explore the beautiful grounds of the Castle as you hunt for the hidden eggs and surprises! Make sure to report back to our friendly staff and the Easter bunny. Everyone who takes part in the egg hunt will get a chocolatey treat at the end to enjoy.

Got little ones? Join our '4 years and under' egg hunt at 10am each day. Dairy free? Dairy free chocolatey treats available! Just select the dairy free option at the checkout

[For further details please click here](#)



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## 📌 Reminders and Dates for your Diaries 📌

- ★ **Monday 27th March** - Nursery will be having a special visit, by Cookie a Valley Black Nose lamb. Cookie is only 4 weeks old, and hopefully she will be bringing her sister Crumble with her (fingers crossed). If you do not want your child to pet the lamb, or has an allergy to wool/animals, please speak to the Nursery Staff.
- ★ **Tuesday 28th March** - KS1 and KS2 will be visiting Catshill Baptist Church for an Easter Service.
- ★ **Tuesday 28th March & Thursday 30th March** - The Great Nursery Egg Roll - Can parents/carers in Nursery, please send in 1 or 2 very very very hard boiled eggs in a named container by Tuesday 28th March for this event (Nursery children only).
- ★ **After School Clubs Summer 1** - Epraises have gone out to parents inviting them to apply for places for our After School Clubs, namely Tuesdays KS2 Boys Football, Wednesdays 3B Coding, Thursdays Year 2 Ball Skills.
- ★ **Thursday 30th March 8.45pm** - Nursery Book and a Biscuit. Come along to share a book, nibble on a biscuit or two and join in with an Easter sing-along! This session is open to the families (2 adults max.) of children who attend a Thursday Nursery morning session.
- ★ **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.
- ★ **Year 3's Blackwell Residential** - A letter has been epraised out, informing you that the children in next year's year 4 are being offered the opportunity to go on a residential visit to Blackwell Court in October. The 2 night residential will take place from Wednesday 11 to Friday 13th October 2023 and will cost £210. Places on this residential visit are limited. A short meeting will be held on Thursday 20th April at 2.45pm to answer any questions you may have and to show you Blackwell Court and a selection of the activities offered. To secure your child's place, a deposit of £25.00 is due on or before 1st April 2023.
- ★ Just a polite reminder that ALL appointments/early collections need to be flagged up to the admin office, even if you have told the class teacher, so that they are aware of your child's absence and recorded accordingly. A copy of your child's appointment letter/text will be needed for their file.

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## 📌 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)<br>Football Skills Girls (pm) | Football Skills Boys (pm)                             | PE (am)<br>Coding 3S  |                    | Cornet (3B)<br>Forest Schools (3S) |
| Year 4        | Football Skills Girls (pm)            | PE (am)<br>Swimming (am)<br>Football Skills Boys (pm) |                       | PE (pm)            | Cornet Continued (4J/4F)           |

## 🚫 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 27th March 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 ✓
- ★ To report an absence, please state child's name, class and reason for illness.

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 Leave a voicemail - 01527 872913 - option 1  
 Text - 07786 132612  
 Epraise - Admin  
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### 📌 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](#)*
- ★ *Please find 2023/2024 term dates [here](#)*
- ★ *Please do not book holidays in term time.*
- ★ *Summer Term 1 starts on Monday 17th April.*



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