

🌻 Value for April 🌻

Diversity

**Celebrating racial differences is important.
At Catshill we value that we have children from many different racial, cultural and religious backgrounds.
Racism is rare and is always challenged.**

🐑 Spring Lambs in Nursery 🐑

The children had a wonderful time with the lambs on Monday morning in Nursery...they got to stroke and feed Kookie and Krumble, two Valley Blacknose lambs. The children (and adults) thought they were just adorable!

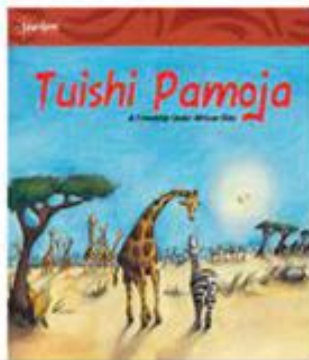


A huge thank you to Marcus, the Farmer, and Mrs Wilson for helping to make this happen.



🦒🦒 KS2 Play - Tuishi Pamoja 🦒🦒

WOW what a fantastic performance by years 3 and 4 on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning, well done everyone 🙌🙌🙌



🏰 Visit to Catshill Baptist Church 🏰

The children in years 1 - 4 all really enjoyed their visit to Catshill Baptist Church on Tuesday for an Easter Service. The children behaved impeccably and sang beautifully.



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Head Lice

Can we kindly ask all parents and carers to check their child's/children's hair during the Easter break, so that we can get on top of the outbreak of head lice we are seeing in the school. Our '[Head Lice to Dead Lice](#)' information will tell you everything you need to know to deal with and get rid of these pesky little critters.

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

School Council

And the winners of the 'Decorate the Easter Egg' winners are:-

NB - Ella, RTY - Cali, RM - Henry, 1P - Darcie, 1R - Jayden, 2F - Timmy, 2FB - Zaine,
3B - Caitlin, 3S - Demi, 4F - Pola, 4J - Finn

Well done to everyone who entered, we have had a fantastic turnout!

What a fantastic total raised for the Easter Raffle, it's a massive £259.50!

And the winners are:-

NB - Lucie & Freddie, RTY - Emily & Theo, RM - Charlotte & Logan
1P - Ryan & Isla, 1R - Blake & Zara, 2F - Ruby & Harry, 2FB - Honey & Noah S
3S - Scarlett B & Ethan, 3B - Lola & Kyan, 4F - Evie & Jakub, 4J - Josh & Sienna



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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📌 Save the Date - Sports Day 📌

Here are our Sport Day dates for June 2023

Tuesday 27th June - KS2 (Yr3 and Yr4)

Wednesday 28th June - EYFS (Nursery and Reception)

Thursday 29th June - KS1 (Yr1 and Yr2)

Races/competitions start at 9.15am for approximately 1 hour

📖 Catshill Children's Choice 📖

The top 3 voted for books for Spring 2 were 'The Worthy Jar', 'Emotionally Healthy Kids', and 'Can You Get Rainbows in Space'.

Here is the new list for Summer 1

Each 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.

<https://forms.gle/HXmwuVmwsdD7jW356>

Happy voting!

🐛🐞 Year 2 - Habitats 🐞🐛

Year Two had fun in the week, looking for habitats in the school grounds!



🌸 Staff 🌸

Today we say a sad farewell to Mrs Peacock, who will be leaving Catshill First School and Nursery at Easter and has taught 1P since September, but welcome Miss Lunnon, who will be replacing her.

We also say a fond farewell to Mrs Bates, part of our dedicated team. Thank you both for all you have done, the Catshill Team will miss you both.



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The Iron Age and the Bronze Age - 3B

3B have enjoyed making clay pinch pots inspired by our History topic of The Iron age and the Bronze age



The Spire Trust

Considering a career in teaching? The Spire Trust still have places for September 2023. If you are interested please get in touch with them.

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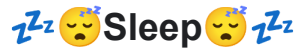
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Why we sleep at night

Light helps us know when to sleep and when to be awake. When we open our eyes in the morning, sunlight lets our brain know it is time to wake up. As day turns to night, our brain makes a chemical called melatonin that makes us sleepy. Melatonin is a key regulator of our body clock and is what makes us feel tired at the correct time of day.

In order to help your child feel sleepy in the evening here are some things you can do to help your child get a good night's sleep - please click [here](#) for further information.

📌 Reminders and Dates for your Diaries 📌

- ★ **After School Clubs Summer 1** - Epraise messages have been sent advising if your child/children have a place next term.
- ★ **Free School Meal Vouchers** - If you are entitled to FSM's the voucher for the Easter period will be issued via your email, please remember to check your spam. Unfortunately Nursery children are not entitled to these vouchers.
- ★ **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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⊖ 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 17th April 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 ✓

- ★ 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

📌 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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