

♥ Value for February ♥

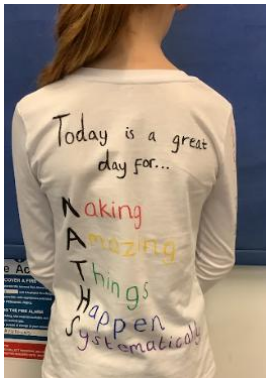
Love

Love is a very important value to us as a school. Love underpins everything that we do. It is very much 'the why' of who we are. Love is evident in our relationships with each other and in our actions to support our community and our world.



Numbers Day

The children look fabulous dressing up for numbers day, and raised a massive £121.20 in support of the NSPCC. Here are just a few photos for you to enjoy!



🌹 Farewell to Mrs Thomas 🌹

We say goodbye, good luck and a massive thank you to Mrs Thomas in the office as she starts her retirement today. She has worked at Catshill First School and Nursery in a number of roles and will be missed by us all.

She is looking forward to spending some time with her family and to pursue her interests. We hope that she will have a long and happy retirement.

🎉 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 3rd March - World Book Day. Dress as a book character (or own clothes) no contribution asked

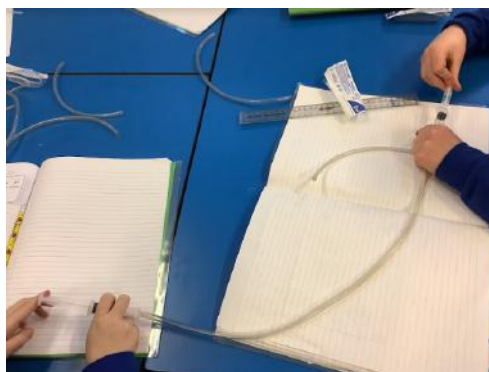
Friday 17th March - Comic Relief. Children may wear own clothes with a suggested voluntary contribution of 50p for Comic Relief if wanted

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.

🔴 Year 4 - Pneumatic Toys 🔴

Year 4 have been designing pneumatic toys as mascots for our upcoming play. We have explored the systems and have used them to make moving parts for our mascots.



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Head Lice

Can we kindly ask all parents and carers to check their child's/children's hair during the Spring half term break, so that we can get on top of the outbreak of head lice we are seeing in the school since Christmas. 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!

Thank you

School Council

Here are the lucky winners of our Valentine's Day Teddy Bear Raffle:-

NB - Eleanor, Charlotte, Sienna
RTY - Lewis P, Alana, Eadie
RM - Vinny, Jack, Austin
1P - Archie, Oscar, Willow
1R - Cosima, Kadi-Mae, Mrihan
2F - Emily, Zoe W, Zoe T
2FB - Jake, Neo, Megan
3S - Liberty, Levi, Lacey
3B - Millie C, Esmail, Chloe
4F - Layla, Pola, Freddie
4J - Skye, Sienna, Lexi

Well done everyone, and thank you once again for your continued support.

Conjunctivitis

We still have some children staying away from school, due to having conjunctivitis, red, itchy and sore eyes. To reiterate, children do not need to remain off school, unless they are unwell. It is recommended that you seek eye drops from your nearest chemist or speak to your Doctor. Prompt treatment and good hand hygiene helps to prevent the spread.

Please follow this [link](#) for more information from the NHS website.



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🚔👮 Police Visit 👮🚔

Nursery had the Police in to visit on Wednesday...it was such a fantastic experience and we'd like to thank the local Police Officers for their time.

The children were able to see and sit in the Police car, we loved seeing the blue flashing lights! Back in the classroom the Police Officers explained their role and how they help in the community and also about their uniform.

We were so excited to try on some parts of the uniform...Mrs Banks was put in handcuffs but quickly released, luckily!



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z-z Sleep Management z-z

Parent Workshop– Understanding Sleep @ Catshill First School and Nursery



Why do we sleep?

Why is it important?

What happens when children don't get enough sleep?

How can we improve our sleep routines?

Although this session is aimed at parents of autistic children or children with similar social communication differences the information and principles could support **all** children.

It is designed to be informative but non-judgemental and will allow you an opportunity to learn more about the importance of sleep and bedtime routines.

Practical advice and strategies are given
but
no magic wands are promised!

The session is a relaxed one and it lasts about an hour. The first 20 or 30 minutes will be an information presentation from the autism/ complex communication needs team, and then there will be an opportunity to talk through experiences and strategies as a group.



Stephen Fessey from the complex communication needs team and autism team is running a sleep workshop at 9am on Friday 3rd of March at Catshill First School and Nursery. Although this is aimed at children with social communication needs and autism related differences this workshop would benefit all families. If you want to come along please complete the google form by clicking the link below. Although this session is aimed at parents of autistic children or children with similar social communication differences the information and principles could support all children.

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Please follow the below link and complete the form if you are interested in attending.

<https://forms.gle/86v89jkzpWJrJo8EA>

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Reminders and Dates for your Diaries

- ★ After School Club - Football Skills KS2 Girls - We still have a few spaces left, please epraise admin if your child would like a place.
- ★ After School Club - Coding 3S - Full and there is a waiting list.
- ★ After School Club - Football Skills KS2 Boys - Full and there is a waiting list.
- ★ After School Club - Ball Skills Year 1 - Full and there is a waiting list.
- ★ 3B Cornet Lessons - An epraise has been sent out regarding your child learning the cornet after ½ term, can you please complete this [link](#) sent to you, to agree to your child learning and looking after their cornet.
- ★ Free School Meals Vouchers - If you are entitled to FSM's the voucher for the half term period will be issued via your email, please remember to check your spam. Unfortunately Nursery children are not entitled to these vouchers.
- ★ Home Learning and Curriculum Newsletters for Spring 2 have been Epraised to all parents.

Have a lovely half term break

Thank you for your co-operation

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 27th February 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

- ★ *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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