



🌻 Value for April 🌻

Diversity

This week we have been thinking about how we can celebrate all of our differences. We have been thinking about what makes us unique in our classes but also what unites us. This is a lovely quote about working together; "Individually we are each one colour, together we make a rainbow."

📌 Further Strike Dates 📌

This is an update regarding the planned forthcoming teacher strikes of the National Education Union (NEU) across the country and regionally. The dates that will be affected are;
Thursday 27th April 2023 and Tuesday 2nd May 2023.

On these days striking teachers will not be available to teach lessons, take registrations or supervise during breaks. Additionally, teachers in other unions are not allowed to cover for striking staff in any way by taking their classes, doubling up and making larger groups or any other actions that are deemed to be undermining the planned industrial action of NEU members.

The NEU union represents the large majority of teachers in both schools. Having assessed the potential impact I am able to confirm that some of the classes will be able to be open on these days.

Please note that in some cases a class being open for children is different on the two days.

Catshill First School & Nursery will be open on Thursday 27th April to the following classes only:

Nursery, RM, 2FB, 4F, 4J

Catshill First School & Nursery will be open on Tuesday 2nd May to the following classes only:

Nursery, RM, 1P, 2F, 4F, 4J

The decision to close a school is never taken lightly, but in this instance, where staff have taken lawful industrial action, we have no choice but to take appropriate steps to ensure the health and well-being of our pupils. Attendance records will not be affected by these closures.

Free School Meal families will be contacted with a google form where you can book a lunch to collect from the school if you wish.

I would like to apologise to parents/carers for the obvious inconvenience that this will cause you but hope that you will understand that these strike days are set nationally/regionally and are beyond my control.

Kind regards, Paul Essenhigh, Executive Headteacher.



👑Coronation👑

On Friday 5th May, all the children may come into school dressed as a King or Queen, or dressed in red, white and/or blue. An epraise will be sent out shortly with further information.



🎉Eid🎉

Eid Mubarak to all who are celebrating



🌈 Changeable Weather ☔

Please make sure that your child has a hat for in the sunshine and a coat for the rainy days to wear for outdoor sessions, playtime and lunchtime. We also recommend that parents/carers apply a long lasting 'once a day' sun cream on sunny days.

Thank you

📖School Council📖

Please look out for our raffle tickets for 'PPP Pick up a Penguin, Panda or Polar Bear'.

3 prizes per class, tickets will be on sale from 25th to 28th April for 50p each.



Thank you again for your continued support.



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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.

🌸 Staff 🌸

A big Catshill First School and Nursery welcome to Miss Lunnon, who started with us this week in year 1.



🐶 Betty 🐶

We all love meeting Betty when she visits school. At the moment she is busy listening to Year 2 children read to her on a Wednesday afternoon.



Thank you Betty.

📌 The Spire Trust 📌

Considering a career in teaching? The Spire Trust still have places for September 2023. If you are interested please click [here](#) for further information.



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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!

Family Front Door

Welcome to Children's Social Work Services

The Family Front Door, Initial Contact and Referral Team is the central point for all referrals for children and young people aged 0 to 18 years and living in Worcestershire where there is safeguarding or child protection concerns for them.

Please contact the Family Front Door directly telephone **01905 822666**

If you have an immediate concern about the safety and welfare of a child please phone the Family Front Door directly on **01905 822666**. You will be required to submit the information on a referral form following this as per the WLSCB procedure.

If you have a child protection concern outside of normal office hours please contact our out of hours emergency duty team (EDT) telephone **01905 768020**

Autism, Anxiety & Behaviour

Worcestershire (and Herefordshire) parents can access two free webinars on autism and anxiety and behaviour. The webinars can be viewed on laptops, tablets, phones and smart TVs. Once registered parents/carers can join live or watch a recording at a time to suit them.

- Monday, 22 May 2023 9:30 - 11am Autism and Behaviour
- Monday, 12 June 2023 9:30 - 11am Autism and Anxiety

To sign up to the webinars, please visit www.autismwestmidlands.org.uk/events

Things to Remember

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

*Please note that there may be some flexibility.



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Reminders and Dates for your Diaries

- ★ **Attwell Farm Monday 24th April** - Reception will be going on a school visit, please ensure that your child is at school on time, and has a packed lunch unless they have ordered through the school. School jumper is required and weather appropriate clothes.
- ★ **Year 4 Photos 4th May** - The photographer for year 4 leavers and class photos will take place in the morning.
- ★ **Just a polite reminder that school dinners have increased in price, from £2.30 to £2.40 with effect from Monday 17th April 2023.**

Thank you for your continued 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.

Things to remember

- ★ W/C 24th April 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

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 26th May.*
- ★ *Please find 2022/2023 term dates [here](#)*
- ★ *Please find 2023/2024 term dates [here](#)*
- ★ *Please do not book holidays in term time.*
- ★ *Summer Term 2 starts on Monday 5th June.*



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