

🌸 Value for May 🌸

Courage

What is the value of courage in school?

Teaching students to have courage in the classroom not only increases engagement and academic achievement, but it also helps students learn how to handle adversity. You might not think that children handle many adversities, but they do — they try new things every day at school!

😊 Wellbeing Day 😊

Today the children took part in mindful activities, as part of Mental Health Awareness month. Here are some fantastic photos to share with you all!



😊 Mindfulness 😊

In our mindfulness session this morning 4F talked about our positivity when talking about ourselves and our friends. We discussed words to describe our friends and then made this piece of art from the words.



Catshill Children's Choice

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.

[Please click here to complete the form!](#)

Happy voting!

Parking at The Dock

We have had complaints from The Clinic at The Dock regarding parking.

Can we politely remind all parents NOT to park at The Clinic when dropping off or picking up children from Catshill First School and Nursery, as the spaces are constantly in use, and several times, their staff have had to park on the road, as spaces have been taken up.

The school does have an agreement that parents/carers may park at Catshill Baptist Church which is only a short walk away.

Thank you



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Thank you all for your support for our recent sale, you have helped to raise £123.00

Look out for our next sale for Fathers Day after half term

Thank you for your support, we could not do it without your generous donations.



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

Thank you



Links for the photos

Links for the photos for Nursery to year 3 have been Epraised out to you all, to view and purchase. For those parents who are yet to order online, they have until Tuesday 30th May 2023, to take advantage of free delivery back to school.

Links for year 4 will be Epraised out shortly.

If you need assistance, please call 01736 751555 option 3 or click on contact us on the [Tempest homepage](#).

Thank you



Just a polite reminder that smoking and vaping is not permitted on the whole of the school site.

Can you please also avoid smoking and vaping around the entrance gates.

Thank you for your co-operation



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🦉 Library Half Term Activities 🦉

Catshill, Bromsgrove, Rubery Droitwich & Hagley

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ARGGHHH ME HEARTIES!

LISTEN TO THE STORY OF PIRATES LOVE UNDERPANTS,
HUNT FOR TREASURE AND MAKE YOUR OWN PIRATE
MAP AND PIRATE!

£1 PER CHILD, FOR AGES 4+



**TUESDAY 30TH
MAY 2023**
10:30AM
**RUBERY
LIBRARY**



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**HAGLEY
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JUNE 2023**
3:30PM
**CATSHILL
LIBRARY**



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2:30PM
**DROITWICH
LIBRARY**



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📌 Things to Remember 📌

Summer 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 Boys (pm) Football Skills Girls (pm)	PE (am)		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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📌 Head Lice 📌

We have had a few reported cases of head lice in the school. Can parents and carers please remain vigilant and follow our [‘Head Lice to Dead Lice’](#) information.

Can we kindly ask all parents and carers to check their child’s/children’s hair during the May Bank Holiday break, so that we can get on top of the outbreak of head lice we are seeing in the school. We also recommend that all long hair be tied back in school time.



Vosene Kids - Head lice Defence Spray has been recommended by a parent.

Thank you

📌 Worcestershire Children First 📌

Worcestershire Children First have asked to share.

“Groomers have got to children via ‘Oculus’, a virtual reality headset. If you google this, it gives an account of an undercover reporter entering this 'world' and the dangers within it for children. Young children being 'chased' by adults and then led into other 'rooms'. In this VR world, children are then taken to other 'worlds', one of which being Disk world. Through this 'world', children are able to access dark websites. This is enabled through the groomer getting the child to take parental controls off their domestic system and then uploading another filter that enables these sites to get through and the children to upload their images and videos.

Children are able to type in nsfw (not suitable for work) into a search bar and this brings up pornographic images. This can be stopped if your google and chrome filters are up to date. The issue has occurred through Microsoft Edge as not all devices have been updated as this is not automatic so they don't have the most up to date strict searches on them. So 'Microsoft edge - Safe search' was not picking up these key letters that the other filters do.

This 'nsfw' is all over Tiktok at the moment and so others may try it out.

This is obviously very worrying whether your family uses Oculus or Microsoft Edge. Please check your home devices urgently.”

Mr Essenhigh
Designated Safeguarding Lead



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📌 Reminders and Dates for your Diaries 📌

- ★ **Free School Meal Vouchers** - If you are entitled to FSM's the voucher for the Whitson period have been issued via your email, please remember to check your spam. Unfortunately Nursery children are not entitled to these vouchers.
- ★ **Library Books** - If you need to return library books, we have an amnesty box in the office reception area for you to leave them in.
- ★ **Sports Day** - 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.

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 5th June 2023 is week 3 for our dinner menu. You can find the menu on our website
[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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