



🌹 Value for June 🌹

PRIDE

In assembly we talked about being proud of our similarities and differences and about being proud of who we are and what we do.
It was lovely to see the children talk about their achievements with pride.

🏆 Sports Day 🏆

Sports day with times, parents and carers welcome

We have 3 events planned

Key Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) - Tuesday 27th June
EYFS (Nursery and Reception) - Wednesday 28th June
Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) - Thursday 29th June

Races/competitions start at 9.15am for approximately 1 hour

For each event, the children will be in groups or classes and will participate in a range of sporting activities and competitions during the session. We ask parents/carers to keep to the edge of the sports area and they can move around the group(s) and support from the side. Parents/carers with more than one child at the same event will be able to move between the different groups.

- In the past, some parents/carers have found it useful to bring a portable/camp chair.
- We ask that parents/carers are mindful that this is a school event and limit attendance to 2 adults per child.
- We remind you that taking photos/videos is prohibited, as we do not have this permission for all children and, for some, this is for safeguarding reasons.
- Children will need their PE kit in school, please also remember hats and sunscreen.
- A separate epraise message has been sent out to Nursery parents, regarding children that do not normally attend Nursery on a Wednesday.



Ugly Bug Ball

This week Reception enjoyed an Ugly Bug Ball at the end of their Mini-beast topic!



Transition News

We understand that this half term can be an anxious time for some children and parents as we begin to prepare for transition.

This week the children from Reception and Year 2 have been playing in their new playgrounds. Some children have visited their new teacher to show their learning.

Some of the children from year four have been to Catshill Middle School for a tour with their parents/carers. Mrs Barton from Catshill Middle School will be visiting us next week to support transition. There are also visits arranged next week for children in year 4 who are moving to Parkside.

Over the coming weeks teachers and support assistants will be spending time visiting the children in their current classes and sharing stories and learning together to build positive relationships that will support the children as they move up in September.

Mini Music Concert

Very well done to class 3B for their mini music concert today, which was enjoyed by all who attended, and a big thank you to Mr Hattersley from Severn Arts, who has coached and encouraged them throughout the year.



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



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Hello children, parents and carers, on Friday 30th June the School Council will be holding a book sale in the hall at playtime.

Please send your child in with 50p and they can come and choose 2 books from our exciting selection.

We have lots of new books to add to the sale so the children can come and choose some new stories for the usual bargain price of 2 for 50p

What do you like to read? Will you try some new authors?

There are picture books for our younger readers, board books, annuals, and chapter books for the older readers and much more.

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



Classes for September

Current class	New class name	New Teacher (s)	New Teaching Assistants
	Nursery	Mrs Thompson-Yates and Miss Lunnon	Mrs Spooner, Mrs Willey, Miss Marsh and Mrs Warner
	RB	Mrs Banks (Monday to Thursday) Mrs Yarranton (Friday)	The Teaching Assistants will support both Reception classes: Mrs Beeston, Mrs McCandlish, Miss Sheward and Miss Smith
	RM	Mrs Mercer	
RTY	1R	Mrs Reid	Mrs Warren
RM	1E	Mr Elvins (new to our school)	Mrs Wilkes
1R	2F	Miss Fletcher	Mrs Partridge and Mrs Lawrence
1P	2FJ	Mrs Fay (Monday to Wednesday) Mrs G Jones (Thursday and Friday)	Mrs Warman
2FB and 2F	3B	Mr Boyd	Mrs H O'Brien
	3S	Mrs Stacey	Miss Read
3B and 3S	4F	Mrs Freeman	Mrs Cross
	4J	Mrs Jones	Mrs Fannon

Please note that these staffing arrangements could be subject to change if need dictates or circumstances change.



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At Catshill First School we celebrate diversity, by exploring and studying different faiths, cultures and beliefs.

All are welcome at Catshill First School and Nursery.



📌 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.

Thank you

🌙😴 Sleep 😴🌙

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.

📌 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.



Vosene Kids - Head lice Defence Spray has been recommended by a parent. We also recommend that all long hair be tied back during school time.

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  **Bromsgrove Fire Station Open Day**  
Saturday 24th June 11.00am to 3.00pm



**BROMSGROVE FIRE STATION
OPEN DAY**

**Saturday 24th June
11:00am to 3:00pm**

FREE

- Fire Engine rides
- Displays and demonstrations throughout the day
- Meet other Emergency Services
- Food van and refreshments
- Meet our Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Teams
- Meet Radar the Search Dog
- And much more!

Logos: HWR Fire and Rescue Services, West Mercia Police

 **Refugee Day** 

This week the children have been learning all about refugees for Refugee Day.



World Refugee Day is an international day designated by the United Nations to honour refugees around the globe. It falls each year on June 20 and celebrates the strength and courage of people who have been forced to flee their home country to escape conflict or persecution. World Refugee Day is an occasion to build empathy and understanding for their plight and to recognize their resilience in rebuilding their lives.



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📌 Vacancy 📌

Catshill First School and Nursery are looking to appoint a reliable, hardworking and enthusiastic cleaner to join our school as part of the cleaning team. Closing date Friday 30th June 2023.

**17 hours and 30 minutes per week
Monday to Friday: 3.00pm to 6.30pm
with a bank of 47 hours and 15 minutes to be worked during the holiday period
Salary scale Scale 1, Point 2, £8,811.46 per annum**

For further information and an application pack, please contact Mrs Kate Sabin on 01527 872431 or email kes37@catshill-middle.worcs.sch.uk

📌 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.

📌 Reminders and Dates for your Diaries 📌

- ★ **Tuesday 18th July - Year 4 Leavers Assembly/Celebrations** - An epraise has been sent out to our current year 4 parents with further details for the leavers assembly/celebrations.
- ★ **PE Kit** - We have seen some football kits creeping into school on PE days. Just a reminder that we expect all children to come to school with their PE kits in a bag which should include black or navy shorts, a plain white t-shirt and a pair of trainers.
- ★ **A polite reminder regarding childrens' hospital/dental/physio appointments or any other medical appointment during school hours should be reported to the admin office, together with the appointment letter/email or text, so that we can take a copy for your child's file.**
- ★ **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.

Thank you for your continued co-operation



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Smoking and Vaping

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

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 26th 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 21st July.*
- ★ *Please find 2022/2023 term dates [here](#)*
- ★ *Please find 2023/2024 term dates [here](#)*
- ★ *Please do not book holidays in term time.*
- ★ *Autumn term starts Wednesday 6th September 2023 (except new reception groups and selected pupils for appoints and visits on Tuesday 5th September).*



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