



## 🌻 Value for July 🌻

### FRIENDSHIP

What does friendship mean to you?

This week we have been discussing what attributes we look for in a friend. So many of the classes thought that kindness and honesty were the most important qualities.

What do you think makes a good friend?

## 🌸 Thank You 🌸

A big thank you to all parents and carers for the lovely gifts to the staff. We are all extremely grateful for your kindness. We thank all of you for the support you give to our school day after day.

I'd like to wish you and your families a lovely summer holiday with lots of happy times together, and a chance to relax and refresh.

We look forward to seeing many of you back in September and wish our leavers all the very best for the future.

With kind regards from  
Mrs Plant

## 🎉 Year 4 Leavers 🎉

Not a dry eye in the room as we celebrated our Year 4 children on Tuesday morning, we are all so proud of you! Thank you to our chair of governors Dr. Bakul Kumar for handing out the end of year presents to each child and congratulating them on their journey so far.



Good luck to you all!



## 📌 Transition News 📌

This week your child will have come home with a transition booklet full of information for their new class in readiness for September.

In addition to this there have been some additional invites sent out for individuals for enhanced transition visits on Tuesday 5th September. If you have received an invite please confirm you can attend via epraise.

## 🏠 Classes for September 🏠

Current class	New class name	New Teacher (s)	New Teaching Assistants
	<b>Nursery</b>	Mrs Thompson-Yates and Miss Lunnon	Mrs Spooner, Mrs Wlley, Miss Marsh and Mrs Warner
	<b>RB</b>	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
	<b>RM</b>	Mrs Mercer	
RTY	<b>1R</b>	Mrs Reid	Mrs Warren
RM	<b>1E</b>	Mr Elvins (new to our school)	Mrs Wilkes
1R	<b>2F</b>	Miss Fletcher	Mrs Partridge and Mrs Lawrence
1P	<b>2FJ</b>	Mrs Fay (Monday to Wednesday) Mrs G Jones (Thursday and Friday)	Mrs Warman
2FB and 2F	<b>3B</b>	Mr Boyd	Mrs H O'Brien
	<b>3S</b>	Mrs Stacey	Miss Read
3B and 3S	<b>4F</b>	Mrs Freeman	Mrs Cross
	<b>4J</b>	Mrs Jones	Mrs Fannon

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

## 🎨 Laci Jordan 🎨

2FB created these after being inspired by Laci Jordan's Google wallpaper, we think they look fabulous!



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## School Council

Cuddly Creatures raised a fantastic total of £253.50.

Thank you for all of your support during the past academic year, you have all helped to raise overall a massive

**£3,086.40**

Thank you for your continued support



## Children's Choice

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/1xiX58XPoFvzJZJh6>

Happy voting!

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.



## Head Lice

Can parents and carers please remain vigilant over the summer holidays 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.  
Thank you



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## Staff

A big thank you to Mrs Kneale who has been with us this year, good luck and keep in touch, you will be missed by us all.

Goodbye to Mrs Munn who is retiring from Catshill First School and Nursery after 28 years, thank you for all you have done over the years, enjoy your part retirement!

Big congratulations to Miss Sheward, who will be getting married over the summer period and returning as Mrs O'Neill

Goodbye, Farewell, Auf Weidersein, Adieu to Mr Essenhigh, who is leaving us, we wish you all the best for the future and thank you for the wonderful years you have given us, you will be missed by everyone.

## Bromsgrove Park Run

What is Bromsgrove junior parkrun?

A free, fun, and friendly weekly 2k event for juniors (4 to 14 year olds). Nearby Saturday parkrun events can be found [here](#).

When is it?

It is held every Sunday at 9:00am.

Where is it?

The event takes place in Sanders Park, Kidderminster Road, Bromsgrove, B61 7JP. See [Course page](#) for more details.

What does it cost to join in?

Nothing - it's free! but please [register](#) before you first come along. Only ever register with parkrun once and don't forget to bring a scannable copy of your barcode ([request a reminder](#)). If you forget it, [you won't get a time](#).

## Draw Your Perfect Summer - Competitions A-Plan

To celebrate our Summer of Fun campaign, our branches are kicking off the season by giving away a framed children's 8ft Bestway pool (or equivalent) at the start of the summer holidays!

To enter, children up to the age of 16 can submit a drawing or painting, using whatever medium they wish, whatever size they wish, of their 'perfect summer's day' to their local participating A-Plan branch to be in with a chance of winning the pool.

[Click here for further details](#)



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# 🎨 Catshill Summer Art Challenge 🖌️

As the day is drawing to it's close, we'd like to wish you all a happy and safe holidays.

At Catshill First School and Nursery, we are really excited about the creative arts and we'd like to introduce you to the first Catshill First School and Nursery Summer Art Challenge! Below are some ideas for art activities that you can try over the holidays; these range from quick doodle art through to sculptures and everything in between. There is something for everyone! The grids are titled as Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 but you can choose off either grid if there is something you would really like to try.

Please send your completed masterpieces into school in September or send photographs by email to: [Lfreeman@catshillfirst.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:Lfreeman@catshillfirst.worcs.sch.uk)

**Good luck artists... happy creating!**

Catshill First School and Nursery - KS1 Summer Art Challenge.					
Create a piece of artwork using dots.	Create a mini masterpiece on a post it note.	Design a birthday cake for a friend.	Design a doodle.	Create a design using a repeating pattern.	<p>Welcome to our summer holiday art challenge!</p> <p>Use these ideas to help you make your own piece or pieces of artwork. Send photographs of your work or bring them into school in September to share with us. We can't wait to see what you produce!</p> <p>Happy creating! Mrs Freeman and Mrs Cross</p>
Create a sculpture using junk.	Use leaves and natural materials to create a piece of art..	Design your ideal garden.	Draw your own treasure map... X marks the spot!	Design an outfit for your favourite singer or character.	
Create an imaginary creature.	Draw or paint a self portrait.	Use fruits or vegetables to print a piece of art.	Draw paint or collage your own butterfly.	Draw, paint or collage a picture of an animal.	
Draw a picture only using 1 colour	Draw the view from your window on a rainy day. Can you see a rainbow?	Design your own ice cream or ice lolly.	Draw your favourite toy in black and white	You choose... make a piece of art of your choice!	

Catshill First School and Nursery - KS2 Summer Art Challenge.					
Create a piece of artwork using dots.	Create a mini masterpiece on a post it note.	Design a birthday cake for a friend.	Design a doodle.	Create a colour wheel.	<p>Welcome to our summer holiday art challenge!</p> <p>Use these ideas to help you make your own piece or pieces of artwork. Send photographs of your work or bring them into school in September to share with us. We can't wait to see what you produce!</p> <p>Happy creating! Mrs Freeman and Mrs Cross</p>
Create a sculpture using junk.	Use leaves and natural materials to create artwork.	Design your ideal garden.	Draw a map for an imaginary land.	Design an outfit for a celebrity.	
Create an imaginary creature.	Research a famous artist and present your research any way you choose.	Research the artist Arcimboldo and create A piece of artwork inspired by his works.	Look up through the trees and draw what you can see.	Draw, paint or collage a picture of an animal.	
Draw a picture only using 1 colour	Draw the view from your window on a rainy day	Digitally alter a piece of photographic art.	Draw your favourite toy in black and white	You choose... make a piece of art of your choice!	



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# I Spy Nature this Summer

This summer keep your eyes open and see how many of these Great British wonders of nature you can spot.

Herring Gull



Emperor Dragonfly



Garden Bumble bee



Grey Seal



Bell Heather



Robin



Meadow Grasshopper



European garden spider



Greater Burdock (sticky buds)



Wild Blackberries



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Summer Reading Challenge 2023

# Ready, Set, Read!

For 4 - 11 year olds

Presented by the Reading Agency  
Delivered in partnership with libraries

**at Catshill Library**

**Runaway Pea** Thursday 3rd August 3.30pm  
Enjoy this super exciting story of the Runaway pea and join in with our fun sports games. Everyone takes home a Winner's medal!

**There's nothing faster than a cheetah** Friday 11th August 10.30am  
Join us for this laugh out loud story and make your own sparkling trophy

**Spinderella** Thursday 17th August 3.30pm  
Find out what this football playing spider gets up to and make your own spider and football game to take home

**Green lizards, red rectangles and the blue ball** Friday 25th August 10.30am  
Discover what the happens when the blue ball joins the lizards and rectangles and then make your very own cup and ball game

£1 per child per session - booking essential  
Call 01905 822722 or speak to a member of staff to book your place

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## ☀ Catshill Village Hall Table Top Sale ☀

Please note that the table top sale at the Village Hall has been postponed from Sunday 6th Aug and is now on Sunday 1st October.

Many thanks

## 🍴 Shire Services Menu 🍴

Here are the menus for September 2023 to give you a taster of what's to come!

[Menus](#)  
[Weeks](#)



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As a thank you for visiting All Things Wild they would like to offer all students to be able to visit them again with their family during the Summer holidays. Using the code on the poster everyone will receive a discount of 15%. All bookings are to be made online to receive this discount - [Buy Day Pass Tickets online - All Things Wild \(digitickets.co.uk\)](http://Buy Day Pass Tickets online - All Things Wild (digitickets.co.uk))



The poster features a background of colorful bunting and a dinosaur. Text elements include: 'all things wild' logo with a paw print; 'WILD SUMMER OF FUN ROARING INTO SUMMER'; 'USE DISCOUNT CODE SUMHOL22ATW FOR 15% OFF'; 'JOIN THE ADVENTURE AND BECOME A DINO RANGER AT BASECAMP HONEYBOURNE'; 'PREPARE FOR A FEEDING FRENZY AND MEET SOME AMAZING CREATURES ALONG THE WAY'; 'PARTY TIME! JOIN OUR DAILY WILD PARTY FILLED WITH MUSIC, FOAM AND BUBBLES'; 'ALL INCLUDED IN YOUR TICKET PRICE! DISCOUNT CODE APPLIES ONLY TO PRE-BOOKED ONLINE TICKETS PURCHASE YOUR AT WWW.ALLTHINGSWILD.CO.UK'. Social media icons for Facebook and Instagram are also present.



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## First Aid

As lots of summer holidays are on the horizon, Skill Base First Aid are delighted to share with you their free Summer Holiday First Aid Guide!

Packed with practical tips for common summertime first aid incidents, such as burns, bites and heat exhaustion, this guide will equip you to handle any unexpected situations.

[Click to download your guide >](#)

They also have more detailed information covering each topic over on their website, which you can visit anytime! Here are the handy links...

[Guide to Stings & Bites](#)  
[Guide to Heat Exhaustion](#)  
[Guide to Fainting](#)  
[Guide to Burns](#)

## Reminders and Dates for your Diaries

- ★ An epraise has been sent out informing those who are eligible that free school meal edenred vouchers will be emailed out Friday 21/7/23 to cover the Summer holiday period.
- ★ **Uniform** - A polite reminder to label/name all items of clothes when returning in September.
- ★ **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.
- ★ **Found** - Silver coloured ring with a stone, a silver heart shaped pendant and a broly. Please see the admin office if this is yours.

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.



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## 📌 Things to remember 📌

- ★ W/C 4th September 2023 is week 1 for our dinner menu.

### [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](mailto: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).*

## 🎉 Happy Retirement Mr Essenhigh 🎉



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