

## ☀️ Value for July ☀️

### FRIENDSHIP

**"A friend is someone who makes it easy to believe in yourself."**

**This week we have been exploring different ways that we can support our friends. How we can help them in difficult situations. Sometimes this means that we have to be brave and have courage to speak out to support them.**

## 🏹 Archery 🏹

**Year 4 enjoyed a morning of team building on Wednesday, archery and creative tasks.**



## 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 spent Wednesday morning in their new classrooms, being taught by their new teachers, working with new Teaching Assistants and interacting with new friends at playtime.

## 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 Willey, 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.

## End of Year Reports

On Friday 7th July, all children (who have been on our registers for at least one term), will bring home their end of year report. Each report contains personalised comments and information about your child's learning this year.

We hope that you find the information useful.



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## 🏆🏃🏆 Sports Day Results 🏃🏆🏆

A big well done to all the children at Catshill First School and Nursery for competing in our Sports Days last week, but especially to 'Hedgehogs' who came 1st. The competition was very fierce with only 10 points separating 1st and 3rd.



## 🌈 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

## 📚 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!



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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

### Worcestershire Children First

Summer activity pack to encourage children to wash their hands

Continuing the promotion of the 'Clean Hands, Safe Hands' campaign. Public Health in Worcestershire has put together a summer holiday activity pack to help encourage children to wash their hands. It is aimed at children in early years and primary school and includes activities such as 'colour in an ugly bug', a maze and a wordsearch.

There is also an opportunity for children to design their own ugly bug and send it in to us. Public Health will create a gallery of ugly bugs and use the best ones in our next handwashing campaign in the autumn.

All ugly bugs designed should be returned to public health by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023. Completed entries can be posted to Rachel Cockayne, Public Health, Worcestershire County Council, County Hall, Spetchley Road, Worcester, WR5 2NP or digital copies can be emailed to [PHcomms@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:PHcomms@worcestershire.gov.uk)

The new summer activity pack can be downloaded from <https://bit.ly/HWSummerPack>

There are more packs and information here: <https://bit.ly/WorcsEYandSchoolsResources>



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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.



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

## Second Hand Uniform Sale

We will be holding a second hand uniform sale at the end of the day on Thursday 13th July (weather permitting).

## Hartlebury Castle

Step back millions of years, to a natural world filled with roarsome creatures....dinosaurs!

What's your favourite dinosaur? Join us for exciting crafts inspired by history's most famous creatures. What will you create to take home?

Plus: Follow the trail around the Castle, as you spend the day with friends and family.

Explore the Castle as you discover its fascinating stories through talking portraits, hands-on displays and wonderful objects. Take a walk around the moat and drop in to our adventure playground.

Bring a picnic to enjoy in our outdoor spaces, or pop into Hayley's Kitchen Café for a delicious meal, or simply a cuppa and slice of chocolate brownie (other slices/cakes are available!).

[Visit our events page to find out more!](#)

## Parking at The Dock

We have had further 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, or they can't attend visits, due to their car being blocked in.

Thank you



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## Summer Holiday Camp

We're delighted to announce HAF IT 2023 Holiday and Food Activities Program are back for the Summer Holidays. We are delighted to announce we're a part of the HAF Program.

This allows anyone with free school meals to attend our Holiday Camps for FREE!

Our Multi-Sports approach is a research-based approach to giving children a positive introduction to a variety of sports and developing their athletic skills. It involves a variety of age and ability-related sports and fun games, which creates a positive motivational climate for children to build a passion for the sport.

**HAF it!  
2023**

**ENERGISE**

**MULTI-SPORTS**

4-12 YEARS OLD  
(4 YEAR OLDS - 4 HOURS MAX)

TUESDAYS-FRIDAYS

10-3PM

ST THOMAS MORE PRIMARY SCHOOL  
WICKHAMPTON CENTRE, WICKHAMPTON ROAD, REDDITCH, WOX1 1BY

WHAT WILL THEY LEARN?

- ✓ Motor skills
- ✓ Social Skills
- ✓ Teamwork
- ✓ Confidence
- ✓ Communication

BOOK A HAF SPACE

BOOK VIA WEBSITE

PRICES  
(FOR FOOTBALL AND MULTI-SPORTS)

**£15 PER MAIN DAY**

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HAF IT 2023 READY, STEADY GO!

We're running our Multi-Sport Camps in Redditch!. Children can attend our clubs for FREE if they're on Free School Meals, and we're only £15 per day for children who aren't on free school meals.



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## Reminders and Dates for your Diaries

- ★ **Chromebooks** - Can any chromebooks loaned out to pupils during the course of the year, please be returned to the admin office no later than Wednesday 12th July.
- ★ **Cornets** - Can any cornets loaned out to pupils during the course of the year, please be returned to their form tutor no later than Tuesday 11th July.
- ★ **After School Clubs** - Please note that next week will be the last after school club for Football on a Tuesday evening for both boys and girls, and Summer Ball Skills on Thursday for year 1.
- ★ **Thursday 13th July** - Year 4 Bell Boating - An Epraise has been sent out to those participating in the Bell Boating Regatta.
- ★ **Tuesday 18th July** - Year 4 Leavers Assembly and Celebrations.
- ★ **Lost Uniform** - Can we kindly ask parents to name all items of clothing, we are having a lot of lost uniform at the moment, which can't be returned to the rightful child, as it has no name inside.
- ★ **Signing In/Out System** - We have had a new signing in/signing out system at school, so please allow time when signing in late children, or collecting early for appointments.
- ★ **Contact Details** - A polite reminder to ensure that the admin team in the office have up-to-date contact details for your child, eg, emergency contact details, telephone numbers, address etc. Please epraise your amendments to Admin, or call in at the office and complete a form.
- ★ **Children's Behaviour Before School** - We have had several parents flagging up that children are kicking stones in KS2 playground before school, and children climbing on the metal railings in KS1 playground before school. Can we politely remind parents that they are responsible for their child's actions before school, so can they kindly refrain their child from injuring themselves or other children.
- ★ **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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## 📌 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.

## 🚫 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 10th July 2023 is week 2 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](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).



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