



🍁 Value for October 🍁

Tolerance

Tolerance is respecting and appreciating the culture of others. Tolerance is mutual respect through mutual understanding. The seeds of intolerance are fear and ignorance. The seed of tolerance, love, is watered by compassion and care.

🍎🍏🥛 Harvest Festival 🥛🍏🍎

Our annual Harvest Festival Assembly will be on Monday 16th October. Children are asked to bring in items to be donated to Catshill Baptist Church Food Bank. Items that you might consider bringing in are:-

Packets & Jars - Tea bags, coffee, hot chocolate, long life milk, long life fruit juice, cereals, rice, pasta, savoury rice, noodles, pasta sauce, custard, jam, biscuits.

Tinned Food - Fish, meat, potatoes, vegetables, tomatoes, soup, baked beans, spaghetti, fruit, rice pudding, sponge pudding.

Toiletries - Toilet rolls, soap, toothpaste, washing-up liquid, nappies, ladies Sanitary Items.

Thank you

🏠 Parents Evening 🏠

We are holding our Autumn term Parents' Evenings in school during the week commencing 16th October.

For the majority of classes, these meetings are being held on Tuesday 17th October between 3.30pm - 6.00pm and on Thursday 19th October between 5.00pm and 7.00pm. Class 1R are having their meetings split over 3 nights so there is an additional Parents' Evening for them on Monday 16th October between 3.30pm and 5.00pm. There are also different arrangements for Nursery.

We invite you to make an appointment to see your child's class teacher via Epraise. Parents' Evenings can be found under the Community tab. Each slot is 7 minutes long and we would prefer that only one booking per child is made. If you are a split family and unable to have one appointment, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Thank you



☀️🌧️❄️☁️ Seasons - 2F ☁️❄️🌧️☀️

Year 2F have been making season boxes for our topics Seasons. Can you guess which box is for which season? Autumn, winter, spring and summer.



📷 School Photographs 📷

Have you ordered your school photos yet?

A polite reminder that the closing date for free delivery back to school was Thursday 12th October. Delivery will now need to be paid when you order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

Thanks



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Parent/Carer Survey

Below is a QR code which will take you to a parent survey. Can you please complete by the end of Friday 20th October. Please only complete the survey once for each child.



Many thanks

Fire Drill

On Thursday morning we had a fire drill to make sure that all of our children know what to do in the event of a real fire.

They evacuated the building in a super quick time, safely, and knew to line up quietly while we made sure everyone was accounted for.

Well done Catshill First School and Nursery - you followed our core expectation of Be Safe (everyone has received an epraise point).

♥World Mental Health Day♥

On Tuesday, it was World Mental Health Day and to raise awareness at Catshill First School we set our Catshill families a challenge. If you would still like to get involved, please see below the attached letter with some of the suggested activities with friends and family (but most of all have fun together)!

[World Mental Health Day](#)



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Please look out for our next competition, which will be sent out with your child next week to 'Decorate a Pumpkin'.

The competition will be run for the week 16th October to 20th October, with prizes awarded on Thursday 26th October.

Thank you

Join the Blue Peter Book Club

Welcome to the Blue Peter Book Club, where awesome stories and fun await you! We want everyone to get involved – so dive in, start reading and let's explore the world of books together!  

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/blue-peter-book-club>

Nasal Flu Vaccinations Reception to Year 4

Vaccination UK, who are commissioned by the NHS to provide child immunisations within schools, will be attending our school to deliver the Flu Nasal Sprays or IM alternative (porcine free injection) on Thursday 16th November.

It is really important that they receive a consent form back for every child, even if you do NOT wish for your child to receive the immunisation, there is an option to decline.

An Epraise has been sent out to you this week, to complete the form as soon as possible, together with further information, or follow the below link.

[Flu Immunisation Form](#)

Thank you

Maternity Leave

On Thursday we said a fond farewell to Mrs Thompson-Yates in Nursery, as she starts her maternity leave, put your feet up whilst you can and hope to see you soon!

Welcome to Mrs Lunnon, who teaches Nursery on a Friday, and will now be taking over fulltime.

And Congratulations to Mrs O'Neill, who is expecting in Spring.

From all the Catshill First School and Nursery Team



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 **Sports, Hobbies and Interests Day** 
Thursday 26th October

On Thursday 26th October, we will be holding our annual Sports, Hobbies and Interests Day for all the children at Catshill First School and Nursery. This is to celebrate all the different activities that the children take part in outside of school and to perhaps encourage them to try some new ones.

On the day, we encourage the children to wear something that shows their interest, for example they might choose to wear a sports kit, a special uniform or a hobby related costume. Some interests, such as reading or collecting coins don't require any special clothes so own clothes are fine - please do not feel the need to buy anything extra. Please only wear clothes that are suitable for school (including shoes and coats) as the children will still need to go out to play.

Each class will plan activities so the children can talk about and share their experiences of their sports, hobbies or interests and some classes will get the opportunity to try out something new.

If your child would like to bring something in to show (such as a collection) or if you have a hobby that you think the children would like to find out about, please see your child's class teacher or speak to Mrs Plant on the gate.

Please note, children in year 1 and year 4 will still have PE and 3S will have Forest Fun (arms and legs will need to be covered).



 **Important Dates for your Diaries** 

Monday 16th October - Harvest Festival Assembly

Tuesday 17th October 9.00am to 9.30am - Reception Coffee Morning (focus on phonics)

Tuesday 17th October Afternoon - Reception RB Community Walk

Tuesday 17th October 3.30pm to 6.00pm - Parents Evening

Thursday 19th October 9.05am - 3B Parents Assembly

Thursday 19th October Morning - Reception RM Community Walk

Thursday 19th October 5.00pm to 7.00pm - Parents Evening

Friday 20th October - Year 4 Bikeability

Wednesday 25th October - Reception Vision Tests

Thursday 26th October - Sports, Hobbies and Interests Day

Thursday 16th November - Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Tuesday 21st November 9.00am to 9.30pm - Reception Coffee Morning (focus on maths)

More details to follow shortly



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Shire Services/Muller Competition

(This Competition is on behalf of Shire Services/Muller to be done at Home)

We are excited to launch a Shire Service/Muller competition, we would love you to take part!

With saving the environment at the forefront of everyone's mind currently, we wanted to find a way to help with this.

We have come up with a competition to help make that change.

Our yoghurt pots are now one of the only products we use that can't be washed and reused, whilst we wait for Muller to develop an alternative product for us (coming Spring 2024!).

We would like children to invent another use for a Muller yoghurt pot once the yoghurt has been eaten.

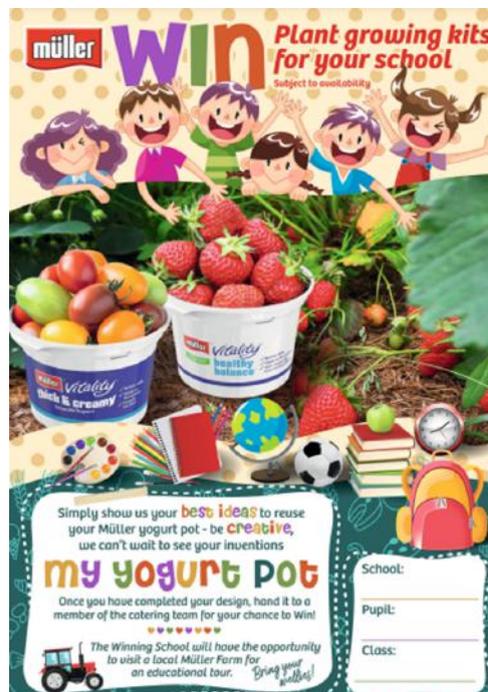
Please hand the creation into the school catering team, everyone that enters will receive a sticker for taking part, all entries across Shire Services will be judged, and the winner will receive a gardening set for their class.

The 6 winning entries will then be placed in a hat and one lucky winner will receive an Educational Muller Farm visit for their class.

All entries must be given to the kitchen team by Friday 10th November.

Winners of the gardening kits will be announced w/c 20th November – Muller and Shire Services are available to attend site and present the winner with gardening kit during assembly.

Farm visit winner will be announced w/c 4th December.



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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, so if you are interested, please click [here](#) for further information.

Thank you

Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about [managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK](#).

These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day. Let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason. If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know.

Follow the below link for further information and advice on managing coughs/colds/ Slapped cheek/sore throat etc.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Head Lice

We have had a few reported cases of head lice in the school. Can all parents and carers please check their child/rens hair, and follow our [‘Head Lice to Dead Lice’](#) information.

We also recommend that all long hair be tied back in school time.

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🌲🌳 Forest Fun 🌳🌲

2FJ used colour palettes in the forest to match different natural objects. We also went on a conker hunt! In Geography we have worked collaboratively to make seasons boxes! They look awesome!

Look how hard 2FJ try during their handwriting lessons! Super sitting and focusing so hard!



📖 Catshill 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.

Happy voting!

<https://forms.gle/tNsPeHV6qbEzdgQV9>



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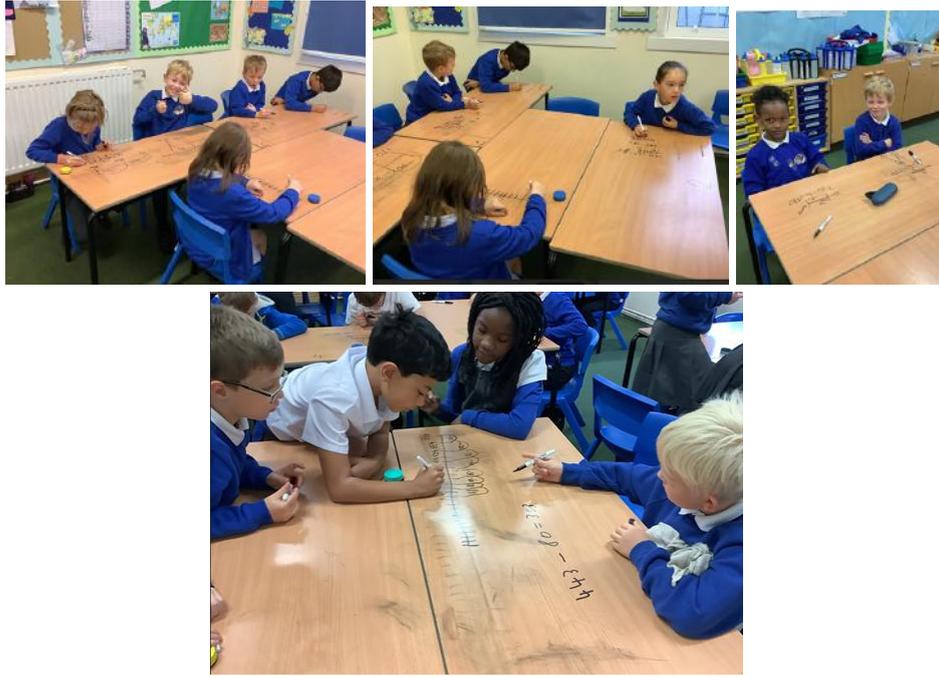
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⊕ − ÷ Maths - 3B ⊕ − ÷

3B enjoyed doing some practical maths in groups today. They all successfully used their value of teamwork!



📖 Reading - Year 4 📖

Year 4 children came to read with reception this afternoon!



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Worcestershire County Council

The following services will be taking place at the Pod in Bromsgrove if you are interested, please click on the link below.

[Mindfulness for Life – HoW College Starting Thursday 12th October, 1pm-2:35pm.](#)

[The Launch of “The Joy Project” in Bromsgrove for both community members and professionals. From Wednesday 11th October, 10:30am-12:00noon.](#)

[360 Drop-in – Fridays 11am-1pm.](#)

Ordering of School Dinners

We need to remind parents and carers about the procedure for ordering school meals for your child.

Dinners must be ordered for the whole week on a Monday morning. This is vital as it allows Shire Services to order enough food for all the children. We have had a number of children recently coming to the office in the middle of the week with their dinner money.

Money or cheques (made payable to Shire Services), must be placed in a sealed envelope with your child's name and class written on the front, along with the days on which dinner is required.

The cost is £2.40 per day, we do not deal with the money in school, we simply pass it on to Shire Services. Therefore, if you do not provide the correct amount for payment, you will need to wait for change to come back from them.

Thank you for your co-operation

Reminders

- ★ **Vision Screening for Reception** - An Orthoptist will be visiting our Reception children on Wednesday 25th October. A form has been sent out for you to return, but only if you do not want your child to have a vision screening test.
- ★ **After School Clubs** - Please note that Team Games and Football Skills will now end at 4.15pm and not 4.30pm.
- ★ **Contact Details** - Just a polite reminder that if you have changed address, phone number, email address, or emergency contact details over the summer break, can you please pop round to see one of our admin staff in the office, or Epraise admin with the correct information, so that we can update your details.

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🚫 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 📌

Autumn 1 2023	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Nursery	PE	PE	Forest Fun		
RM	PE		Forest Fun		
RB	PE				Forest Fun
Year 1	PE (1E) Forest Fun (1R)			PE	
Year 2		PE (2F) Forest Fun (2FJ)	PE Team Games		
Year 3			PE	Forest Fun (3S) Ukulele (3B) Football Skills Boys Football Skills Girls	PE
Year 4		Swimming		PE Football Skills Boys Football Skills Girls	Cornet Continued

*Please note that there may be some flexibility.

📌 Things to remember 📌

- ★ W/C 16th October 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

📌 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 Thursday 26th October.*
- ★ *Please find 2023/2024 term dates [here](#)*
- ★ *Please do not book holidays in term time.*
- ★ *Autumn 2 term starts Monday 6th November 2023.*



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