

Catshill First School and Nursery

Date of Issue: Friday 1st December 2023



🎄 Value for December 🎄

Courtesy

The definition of courtesy is polite behaviour and the showing of proper manners, or is a polite and socially proper act.

At Catshill, we encourage our children to remember their manners every STEP of the way. We like them to say Sorry, Thank-you, Excuse me and Please.

👘 🗱 🎄 Festive Friday 🎄 🌼 👘

Christmas has arrived at Catshill First School and Nursery, we added a bit of sparkle whilst putting up our decorations!



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📌Important Dates for your Diaries 📌

From Monday 4th December - Foodbank Collection - If you are able to donate an item to our local foodbank, we have a collection this week - please see list

Monday 4th December - Visit to Jamia Masjid Aqsa Mosque Year 2

Wednesday 6th December - Geography Field Trip Year 1

Friday 8th December - Year 1 Library Visit

Monday 11th December - Catshill Methodist Christmas Experience Year 4

Tuesday 12th December - Catshill Methodist Christmas Experience Year 3

Wednesday 13th December - Reception Nativity 2.15pm - 3.15pm (Tickets will be coming home Friday 8th December)

Thursday 14th December - Reception Nativity 9.30am - 10.30am (Tickets will be coming home next week)

Friday 15th December - Nursery Concert 9.15am

Monday 18th December - KS1 & KS2 Christmas Carols (gates open at 2.45pm, come and join us on the KS2 playground for a festival singalong outside).

Tuesday 19th December - Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 20th December - Parties - Children may wear their party clothes all day

Thursday 21st December - Last day of term for Nursery

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Friday 22nd December - Last day of term, children may wear Christmas Jumpers

📚Catshill Children's Choice📚

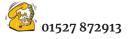
Each half term we will have £50 to spend on new books. Please vote for your top three favourite books from the list below. The top few books that receive the most votes will be purchased for our library. The winners will be announced in our newsletter and shared with everyone in school.

https://forms.gle/EqRkq1LRbMKFniQD6

Happy Voting!

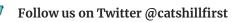


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🎉 Christmas Story Winners 🎉

Congratulations to Oakley, Hannah and Frankie for winning the Christmas Story competition run by Catshill and Marlbrook Parish Council! They switched on the Christmas lights in Catshill Village on Saturday - wow!

Cllr. Bernard McEldowney and Councillor Jessica Parry were overwhelmed by the entries they saw - thank you to all the children who entered.



📚 🞾 🧵 🚯 After School Clubs 🐼 🧵 🞾 📚

Monday - Reading Club for Year 2 Monday - Christmas Sewing Club for Year 4 Monday - Crafting Club for Year 4 Tuesday - Crafting Club for Year 3 Wednesday - Team Games for Year 2 Thursday - Football Skills for KS2 Boys Thursday - Football Skills for KS2 Girls

4.15pm finish and collection from the glass corridor.

The clubs will run for 6 weeks, finishing the last week before Christmas.

School Council

There are still a few Christmas Gift Tags available, 40p a pack or 3 for £1

The Christmas Raffle starts today at 50p per ticket. There will be 2 prizes per class (1 family gift bag and 1 child gift bag).

Thank you for your continued support



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Hearing Screening - Reception Monday 15th January

The 5-19 Public Health Nursing Service offers a routine hearing test to every child in Reception. The main reason for screening children's hearing at this age is to ensure that all children have satisfactory hearing for learning in school. Untreated hearing problems can cause difficulties with speech, learning and behaviour.

Health Care Support Workers working within the Public Health Nursing Team will soon be attending your child's school to test your child's hearing. For this to be recorded accurately on your child's records, we will ask school to provide your child's full name, address, date of birth and gender*.

Worcestershire Public Health Nursing Service is now using a digital system known as School Screener to perform the hearing tests and issue the results. Please register for a School Screener Parent Portal Account using the link below:

http://qlink.uk/WOR255/116658

The School Screener Parent Portal can only be accessed by the web browsers, Google Chrome or Edge.

Please see the attached additional information for you to read.

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 <u>here</u> for further information.

Thank you



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🔋 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/

券 Coats, Gloves and Scarves 券

A reminder that children should have a suitable coat with a hood in school every day. Unless the weather is really poor, we do try to go outside for playtime and at lunchtime every day. As the cold weather approaches and children bring in gloves, scarves and hats, please make sure these items have names written in as they so easily get mixed up or mislaid!

Thank you

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As the winter season progresses we ask parents to be vigilant of usual childhood conditions. These include chicken pox, slapped cheek, <u>head lice</u>, ringworm and threadworm etc. Please advise us of any of these conditions when you call to notify us of the absence. Many of these conditions are easily treatable via your local pharmacy or with advice from your local GP surgery.

We also remind you that our policy in respect of sickness and diarrhoea is that 48 hours needs to have passed between the last bout and return to school.

If you are unsure in respect of any symptoms or ailments your child may have, further help and information can be found on the <u>NHS Website.</u>

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🥫 Foodbank 🥫

Next week we will be collecting for Catshill Baptist Church foodbank.

If you are able to donate any of the following it would be greatly appreciated:-

Packets and 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 puddings, sponge pudding.

Toiletries - toilet rolls, soap, toothpaste, washing-up liquid, nappies, ladies sanitary items.

Thank you







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Parking at Schools Within Bromsgrove District and Redditch Borough

This is a joint letter sent by Bromsgrove District Council, Redditch Borough Council and West Mercia Police, reminding all parents/guardians, when dropping off and picking up their children at school, to comply with traffic road markings such as double yellow lines, zig-zags, etc., and to avoid obstructing vehicle access points which serve private properties.

While many parents and guardians are adhering to the rules of the road and parking safely, there are a small minority who unfortunately do not. This is putting children at unnecessary risk of harm on their way to and from school, and causing access issues to residents living in close proximity to our schools.

There are a number of important points that we would like to bring to your attention:

Where at all possible, parents/guardians are asked to walk their children to and from school. This not only helps with traffic congestion but promotes active travel options and health and fitness. However, we fully appreciate that many parents need to transport their children to school by car for a number of reasons. If you do need to drive to school, please 'park and stride', leave your car 5-10 minutes' walk away from the school and walk the rest of the journey. This will help to ease congestion close to the school where children and parents will be crossing;

If you are a driver, you have a responsibility to 'stop and think' about whether you are parking in a safe and considerate manner. If you do not, you could be endangering a child's life. Co-operation and consideration for others is the key. It is not about competition for the best parking space, it's about the safety of your children and everyone else in the area;

Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) are implemented in areas by the Highway Authority after careful consideration and consultation with many relevant partner agencies. In general, their implementation is not only to assist with the free flow of traffic, but primarily to ensure that highway safety can be achieved, for all road users. Please remember, children's safety should always be in the drivers' mind when approaching the school. Enforcement takes place to ensure these rules are adhered to, and ultimately to improve the safety of the roads for everyone who uses them;

Did you know? One in five cars on the road during the morning rush hour is transporting children to school. Please ensure you allow sufficient time to travel. If you must use a vehicle, 'just this once' or 'we are running late today', are NOT valid excuses for ignoring the rules of the road and putting other road users in danger;

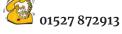
Please ensure your vehicle is not blocking any access into a private property when you park. This can be classified as an obstruction of the highway. Many of us have experienced being blocked in in some form or another and understand how frustrating this can be.

Civil Enforcement Officers and Police Officers will continue to attend schools during drop-off and pick-up times where possible, and will enforce parking and driving offences as necessary, to ensure that the safety of children during these times remains paramount. Please therefore adhere to any restrictions in place around your school to avoid the possibility of any Penalty Charge Notices being issued.

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ear 2	Reading Club	PE (2FJ) Forest Fun (2F)	PE Team Games		
'ear 3		Crafting Club	PE	Forest Fun (3S) Ukulele (3B) Football Skills Boys Football Skills Girls	PE
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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.

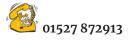
Children must NOT be on the school car park at ANY time.

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 📌	📌 Term dates 📌
★ W/C 4th December 2023 is week 1 for our dinner menu.	\star Here and on time at five to nine.
dimer menu.	★ School collection times
Our School Day	Reception 3.20pm
	KS1 (year 1 and 2) 3.20pm
 Please send all dinner money to school on a Monday. 	KS2 (year 3 and 4) 3.25pm
a monaay.	★ This term ends on Friday 22nd
★ To report an absence, please state child's	December.
name, class and reason for illness.	★ Please find 2023/2024 term dates <u>here</u>
Phone - 01527 872913 - option 2 (from 8.15am) Leave a voicemail - 01527 872913 - option 1 Text - 07786 132612	★ Please do not book holidays in term time.
Epraise - Admin Email - office@catshillfirst.worcs.sch.uk	★ Spring 1 term starts Tuesday 9th January 2024.



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