



Value for January

Resilience

We teach the children that it is ok to make mistakes and that it is important not to give up when 'the going gets tough'. Some situations require us to try and try again.

Happy New Year

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year to you all, I hope you had a lovely Christmas break and made the most of the opportunities to spend time with family and friends. A warm welcome to our new children in Nursery and those that have started in other classes.

The children have started the new term very well and I have enjoyed going around the school and seeing the children with their positive learning attitudes. The work I have seen has been of a good standard - I like how proud the children are of their achievements.

All classes have started new topics and their curriculum newsletters with further details and the home learning opportunities have been sent out to you this week, via epraise, and are also available on our website.

I hope that 2024 brings all of us good health and happiness.

Kind regards

Mrs Georgia Plant, Head of School

After School Clubs - Spring 1

The following After School Clubs are running this term (Spring 1)

Monday's - TTRS Club - Year 4 (selected pupils)

Monday's - Phonics - Year 1 (selected pupils)

Tuesday's - Arts & Crafts - Year 1 (selected pupils)

Wednesday's - Team Games Year 1

Thursday's - Football Skills Boys KS2

Thursday's - Football Skills Girls KS2

4.15pm finish and collection from the glass corridor.



Healthy Snack and Lunch

At playtime, we ask that children have a healthy snack and remind you that we are a nut free school. Please swap crisps and chocolate for healthy snacks at playtime. Some ideas would be carrot sticks, fruit/cheese strings, yoghurt tubes, boxes of raisins or maybe breadsticks. All KS1 children are given a free piece of fruit each day.

Some children's lunchboxes are filled with many unhealthy choices. Talk to your children about what they might like to eat at lunchtime to avoid the chocolate and crisps options every day. For example, wraps, rice cakes with cheese or ham, sandwiches, cucumber and pepper strips, yoghurt or maybe jelly pots with fruit in.

These foods, along with plenty of water, will help your child to stay alert and focused during the afternoon. The NHS Change 4 Life website has some great ideas for healthy snacks and lunchbox ideas and can be found at

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>



Bad Weather Procedure

During periods of severe weather such as heavy snow, we may need to close the school at short notice. The decision to close the school is only taken after a number of factors have been taken into consideration, such as local weather forecasts, highways information, health and safety and discussions with other local Head Teachers. We also have to ensure that sufficient numbers of staff are able to get to school. Should it become necessary to close the school the following will happen:-

- ★ You will receive an epraise message (please ensure the school office has your up to date contact details).
- ★ A message will be put on our school website www.catshillfirst.worcs.sch.uk.
- ★ A message will be on one of the following local radio stations:-
BBC Hereford and Worcester 104FM and 94.7FM
Free Radio 97.6FM and 102.8FM
- ★ A message will be on the Worcestershire Hub web site: www.worcestershire.gov.uk.
- ★ We will put a message on Twitter and Facebook



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Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisor to join our friendly team providing children's supervision during the lunchtime break.

You will be required to work 1 hour 15 minutes per day Monday to Friday, term time only as a Lunchtime Supervisor.

The lunchtime experience should be a positive one in which our children should feel safe, socialise and enjoy themselves. This role involves a range of tasks including; playtime supervision, play leading, maintaining clean dining areas and being a good role model for the children.

If you are enthusiastic, a good team player and flexible then please contact Mrs Kate Sabin, School Business Manager by email kes37@catshill-middle.worcs.sch.uk for further details and an application form, or collect a pack from the office.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful applicant will be subject to a clear enhanced Disclosure and Baring Service (DBS) check. Holidays are not allowed during term time.

[Job Description](#)



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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 [here](#) for further information.

Thank you



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📌 Things to Remember 📌

Spring 1 2024	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) Phonics Club	Arts & Crafts Club	Team Games	PE	
Year 2		PE (2FJ) Forest Fun (2F)	PE (2F & 2FJ)		
Year 3			PE	Forest Fun (3S) Ukulele (3B) Football Skills Boys Football Skills Girls	PE
Year 4	TTRS Club	Swimming		PE Football Skills Boys Football Skills Girls	Cornet Continued

*Please note that there may be some flexibility.

🤒 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](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/managing-specific-infectious-diseases).

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/>

☔ Coats, Gloves and Scarves ☔

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, children should bring in gloves, scarves and hats.

Please make sure these items have names written in as they so easily get mixed up or mislaid!

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Reminders

- ★ **Found** - Multi coloured scarf on the playground (before xmas), please see the office if this is yours, also a marvel/hulk/minion key ring.
- ★ **School Admissions September 2024 - Reception and Year 4** - Just a polite reminder that the application cut off date for your child starting Reception or Year 5 is Monday 15th January 2024, please apply via [Worcester Schools Admissions](#) if you haven't already done so.
- ★ **Phonics Fun Workshop for Parents** - Tuesday 16th January 9.00am (selected year 1 parents).
- ★ **Lunch Money** - Just a polite reminder regarding lunch money. Can all parents please provide the correct money where possible, along with name, class and which days your child would like a lunch. **All money should be handed in on a Monday morning.**
- ★ **Medication** - A polite reminder to parents that medication can only be given to the children if it is prescribed by the Doctor and is required to be given 4 times a day, as per the school policy, and a medication form completed, which can be collected from the administration office.
- ★ **Contact Details** - Just a polite reminder that if you have changed address, phone number, email address, or emergency contact details, 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.
- ★ **Head Lice** - Can all parents and carers please regularly check their child/rens hair, and follow our '[Head Lice to Dead Lice](#)' information if they find head lice. We also recommend that all long hair be tied back in school time.

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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 **Toddler Football** 
Catshill Village Hall

Starting this Saturday (and following Fridays) 13th January 2024
18 mths - 3 years 9.00am - 9.45am
3 years - 5 years 10.00am - 10.45am

All sessions are 9am to 11am at the moment and it costs £6.50 a session. We are currently offering a free taster session to new sign ups.
Sessions run every week throughout the year.

We also have a Sunday session starting the end of January 2024 and hoping for new venues to start February

Bromsgrove scout hut on Mondays and Tuesdays
Cockshute Hill scout hut Droitwich on Mondays, Tuesdays and Sundays
Saturday. Times and dates to be confirmed.

Our website is www.toddlersfootball.co.uk



 **Things to remember** 

- ★ W/C 15th January 2024 is week 2 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 Friday 9th February*
- ★ *Please find 2023/2024 term dates [here](#)*
- ★ *Please do not book holidays in term time.*
- ★ *Spring 2 term starts Monday 19th February 2024.*



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