



🌸 Value for February 🌸

Empathy

Teaching Children Empathy - Empathy can be defined as the ability to be aware of, perceive, understand, and be sensitive to the feelings, thoughts and experiences of another and to express that understanding through a supportive response.

+-÷ Numbers Day for NSPCC ÷-+

Friday 9th February

(last day of term)

We will be holding our maths themed Numbers Day.

Children will be able to come to school in numbers or maths themed clothes, or just their normal clothes for a suggested contribution of £1.

During the day the children will be involved in lots of fun maths games and challenges and every year they have great fun on Numbers Day.

The donated money will be split between purchase of new maths resources and NSPCC.

We look forward to seeing some fantastic outfits.

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🏠 Class Assemblies 🏠

This term year 1 will be holding their class assembly:-

1E - Thursday 8th February 9.05am

The assembly will be 15 to 20 minutes long, and entrance is via the glass corridor.

Unfortunately we don't have space for prams or pushchairs, they will need to be left outside in the shelter by the glass corridor. Due to safeguarding reasons, we do not allow photography or videos to be taken during the performance.

Thank you



🌲🌳 Forest Fun 🌳🌲

2FJ did charcoal tree rubbings and created a pretend cinema during Forest Fun. We made the rubbings into bookmarks.



🏠 School Council 🏠

Thank you for all of your support, our book sale made £35.50.

Please keep a lookout for our next sale/raffle.

From Mrs Fannon and the School Council



🏆⚽ After School Clubs - Spring 1 ⚽🏆

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

Monday - TTRS Club - Year 4 (selected pupils)

Monday - Phonics - Year 1 (selected pupils)

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

Wednesday - Team Games Year 1

Thursday - Football Skills Boys KS2

Thursday - Football Skills Girls KS2

4.15pm finish and collection from the glass corridor.



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📖 Author of the Month 📖

Each month we will have an author of the month. We want Children at Catshill First School and Nursery to become familiar with an author's work/illustrator's work so that they can identify new books by that author/illustrator independently. Our children will then become interested in reading more books by different authors.



Author of the month
February 2024



Sinéad O'Hart

My name's Sinéad O'Hart and I'm a writer, and enthusiastic reader, of books for children. So far, I've written five novels The Eye of the North, its prequel Skyborn, The Star-Spun Web, The Time Tider, The Silver Road, and The Ravens' Call. I'm really into old things – including anything even faintly medieval, churches, graveyards, antiques, early books, artwork, museums, architecture, and archaeology. I live with my family in a book-filled house in the middle of Ireland where it rains more than you'd think possible, but we're too busy reading to notice.

🌲🌳 Forest Fun 🌳🌲

Reception had fun this week, co-operating, collaborating, and learning to make shelters for the animals together.



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Art in Year 4 - we have been exploring the use of white and black mixed with our primary, secondary and tertiary colours to create different tints and tones. Next week, we will be producing a piece of artwork to share.



📌 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

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.



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In PSHE, 2FJ looked at what the children think about our school as well as looking at similarities and differences of schools around the world.

We think you would agree!



 Reader at Home

A proud Sienna of 2FJ, who has won our raffle of the week for 'Reader at Home'



Very well done Sienna 🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌





PE on Friday has been year 4 performing fitness circuits. We've worked on leg muscles, arm muscles and core strength. The class told us they could feel the muscle groups that we've worked on this week! Well done!



Hartlebury Castle

Find all the lanterns on our Chinese New Year trail!

This February half-term, hunt for the Chinese lanterns hidden around the Castle and learn all about the Chinese zodiac. Are you a mischievous monkey, a dependable dog, or a daring dragon itself in this Year of the Dragon?

Trail runs from Saturday 10th-Sunday 18th February.

[Click here for more information](#)



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Half Term Football

Kidderminster Harriers Community Scheme will be holding our holiday football courses during half term. Course run 10am-3pm and are open to children aged 5-13 years. Younger children can attend for half days if they prefer. The courses will feature our Goalscorers Award and a mini soccer tournament, everyone who competes receive a prize.

Cost: Online price: 1 day = £10, 2 days = £20, 3 days = £28 Half days (5-7 years only) @ £5 per day
10-12.30 or 1-3pm - 10% sibling discount

Pay on the day price: 1 day = £12, 2 days = £22, 3 days = £30 Half days @ £6 per day- No sibling discount

The venues are

Droitwich Leisure Centre Astro– Monday 12th & Tuesday 13th *£15 per day
Kinver Sports & Community Association DY7 6ER - Monday 12th & Tuesday 13th
Worcester – Bishop Perowne College - Monday 12th & Tuesday 13th
Malvern – Dyson Perrins Academy - Tuesday 13th & Wednesday 14th
Bromsgrove - Catshill Middle School - Wednesday 14th & Thursday 15th
Cleobury Mortimer Sports Centre - Thursday 15th & Friday 16th
Kidderminster – Baxter College - Wednesday 14th, Thursday 15th & Friday 16th

Please bring both indoor and outdoor footwear, packed lunch, drinks, umbrella and waterproof clothing. Online price is available until Friday 9th Feb after which pay on the day price applies.

To book a place email harrierscommunity@hotmail.co.uk

We do not save you details so please email details EACH time you book
Name, Age, Any Medical Conditions, Emergency Contact number, Course Venue,
Days attending. Payment details will be sent with confirmation of booking.

[February Half Term Football - Catshill Middle School](#)

Harriers Half Term Football for children aged 5-13 years.

Goalscores and Goals, Goals, Goals competitions and our regular 6-a-side tournaments.

Catshill Middle School
Wednesday 13th- Thursday 14th February
10am-3pm

Cost: Online price: 1 day = £10, 2 days = £20
Pay on the day price: 1 day = £12, 2 days = £22

To book a place email harrierscommunity@hotmail.co.uk with childs name, age, any medical conditions and an emergency contact number.



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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.

[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!

Thank you



🤒 Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) 🤒

Vaccination UK have been instructed by NHSE to administer the MMR vaccination to all school aged children who are outstanding one or both doses. The MMR would have been given at the age of 1 year and the second dose at 3 years and 4 months. There has been an outbreak of Measles in the West Midlands which have been on the rise within the last few weeks. If your child is outstanding one or both doses of the MMR, please contact their office on **01527 390030** to make an appointment.'

Please Note - This will **NOT** be done in school and parents will be required to bring their children to a Saturday clinic at an alternative location.

Kind Regards,
Worcestershire Team | Immunisation Administrator



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📌 Reminders 📌

- ★ **Friday 9th February - Library Visit - Year 1** - Don't forget your child's library card for their visit.
- ★ **Tuesday 27th February - Botanical Gardens Visit - Year 2** - We will be leaving school at 9.10am and arriving back to school at around 3.00pm. An epraise has been sent out with further information re payment and lunch.
- ★ **FSM Vouchers** - An Epraise will be sent out shortly informing those who are eligible, when free school meal edenred vouchers will be emailed out to cover the half term holiday period.
- ★ **School Uniform** - If you have been loaned any items of our school uniform in the last month (trousers, tops, shoes, trainers, PE kit etc), can they please be returned to the office, so that other children can benefit from their use.
- ★ **Absence** - When reporting an absence can we kindly ask parents and carers to state the child's symptoms: cold, cough, rash, vomiting, diarrhoea etc.
- ★ **Appointments/Medicals/Opticians** - Can we kindly remind parents and carers that all medical, optician, hospital, dental appointments etc, need to be reported to the admin office, either in person or via Epraise or email, so that we can record your child's absence accordingly.
- ★ **Medication** - 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 school office.
- ★ **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.**
- ★ **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



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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 (2F) Forest Fun (2FJ)	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.

⊖ 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 5th February 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 find 2024/2025 term dates [here](#)*
- ★ *Please do not book holidays in term time.*
- ★ *Spring 2 term starts Monday 19th February 2024.*



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Half term, free preloved school uniform event



**Thursday 15th February
9:30 am to 4:30 pm**

Come along, browse items and
pick up any you need.

Donations are also welcome!

**The Duke of York Bromsgrove
83 Broad Street, Sidemoor B61 8LN**



Charity number: 809754
www.ruberyswapshop.co.uk

No swaps needed, no questions asked!



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