



🌸 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.

2022 Happy New Year 2022

Welcome back to the start of a new year and a new term.

It was lovely to stand at the gate on Wednesday and say Happy New Year to so many children and parents. I hope that you all had a lovely Christmas break and managed to have some family time.

I know that we are likely to face some difficulties over the next few weeks as our community copes with the challenge of the new variant of Covid 19. We know that in school there is likely to be reduced staffing levels due to illness and we hope to minimise any disruption for our children and families.

Our priority is to maintain face to face teaching for as many pupils and classes as possible and, if circumstances dictate it, we will look at flexible solutions where possible. We will endeavour to communicate with you any changes via epraise.

Any pupils who are absent and well enough to be able to access home learning will be sent work from their class teacher. Please use epraise to let us know your needs or speak to our office staff.

If there is a positive case in your child's class or your child is identified as having been a close contact, we will contact you via epraise with the latest information and advice.

Curriculum Newsletters and Home Learning ideas will be coming home from today. Please use these along with our Knowledge Organisers (Year 3 and Year 4) to talk to your child and support their learning at home.

🌸 Covid 19 Please Keep Safe 🌸

We continue to have confirmed cases of Covid 19 among our school population and further known cases in the community. Some families are currently waiting for PCR test results. Please be vigilant and refer to the below information.

[Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection - GOV.UK](#)

As from Tuesday 11th January, government guidelines will be changing.

Please check your Epraise messages for updates.

[Self-Isolation Guide](#)



Curriculum Newsletters and Home Learning

Please check your epraise messages as the curriculum and home learning newsletters will be sent to you. You can also find them on our [website](#) under the curriculum tab.

Photos on the School Premises

Please remember that parents/carers should not take photos or videos of children on the school site. This is because there may be other children in the background. This is a safeguarding concern as there are children who do not have permission for their photo to be shared.

Thank you

School Admissions September 2022

First & Primary School Application Reminder

Please see the attached reminders that the closing date for applications for places at all first and primary schools is Saturday **15th January 2022**



**STARTING SCHOOL
IN SEPTEMBER 2022**

- If you live in Worcestershire
and
- Your child was born between 1st September 2017
and 31st August 2018

You need to apply for a school place by 15th January 2022.
For more information and to apply, visit:
www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions



Visit your local library to use a computer and apply for free. Or call the Worcestershire Hub on 01905 822 700.

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[Letter Reminder
Poster with Link](#)

The Dock

Dropping off and Picking up Children - Parking

We have received a complaint regarding bad or irresponsible parking by parents when dropping off and picking up their children at The Dock entrance.

Can parents please be mindful and respect residents driveway entrances and practice safe driving/parking. Failure to comply will only make matters worse and law enforcement measures will be put in place by the residents.

Thank you



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Family Learning Courses

The courses start at the end of January so please book any places quickly as they do fill up.

Parents and carers living in Worcestershire can attend any course below for FREE with the following eligibility:

- FREE if you are unemployed and on benefits or they earn less than £17,000 per year.
- FREE if your child receives a Free School Meal or is known to their school SENCo.
- FREE if any of these courses would improve your health and wellbeing.

Cook with your Family for Parents and Children Sundays 3.30pm online via Teams
<https://rebrand.ly/CookWithFamily>

Maths in Early Years for Parents Wednesdays 1pm online via Teams
<https://rebrand.ly/MagnificentMaths>

Phonics in the Early Years for Parents Wednesdays 10am online via Teams
<https://rebrand.ly/PhonicsEarlyYears>

SEND – Managing Mindfulness Tuesdays 7pm online via Teams
<https://rebrand.ly/ManagingMindfulnessSEND>

SEND – Strategies for Positive Behaviour Tuesdays 6pm in Fairfield Centre, Warndon Worcester
<https://rebrand.ly/SEND-PositiveBehaviour>

Maths in Key Stage 2 & 3 for Parents Mondays 7pm online via Teams
<https://rebrand.ly/MathsSecondarySchool-FL>

English in Key Stage 2 & 3 for Parents Tuesdays 7pm online via Teams
<https://rebrand.ly/EnglishKeyStage2and3>

Family Wellness Course for parents and carers Mondays 10am online via Teams
<https://rebrand.ly/FamilyWellness>

Communicating with Deaf or Hearing-Impaired People Mondays 7pm online via Teams
<https://rebrand.ly/CommunicatingWithDeaforHearingImpaired>

Art for your Child – Ideas for Parents Thursdays 7pm online via Teams
<https://rebrand.ly/ArtForYourChild>

Art for Parents and Carers Thursdays 1pm online via Teams
<https://rebrand.ly/ArtforParentsandCarers>

Art in Key Stage 1 and 2 for Parents Thursdays 11am online via Teams
<https://rebrand.ly/ArtKs1and2forParents>

SEND – Understanding Dyslexia Mondays 7pm online via Teams
<https://rebrand.ly/UnderstandingDyslexia>

English & Maths in Key Stage 1 for Parents Wednesdays 1pm online via Teams
<https://rebrand.ly/FL-EnglishandMathsKeyStage1>

Cooking Creatively Tuesdays 10am online via Teams
<https://rebrand.ly/CookingCreatively>

Please Book your place online at www.worcestershire.gov.uk/courses or ring 01905-728537 for support in booking places.

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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

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 January 2022 is week 2 for our dinner menu. You can find the menu on our website <https://www.catshillfirst.co.uk/our-school-day/> ✓
- ★ Please send all dinner money to school on a Monday ✓
- ★ All children have active sessions every day such as PE, Forest School or fun on the Trim Trail. It is important that children attend school wearing suitable clothing and footwear for these activities. ✓
- ★ Log on to Rising Stars to access your child's online reading books. ✓

Term dates

- ★ *This half term ends on Friday 18 February 2022*
- ★ *Please find this year's term dates [here](#)*
- ★ *Please do not book holidays in term time.*
- ★ *Second half of Spring Term begins: Monday 28th February 2022*



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