



Value for June

PRIDE - What is an example of pride?

Pride can also refer to the standards you have for yourself — your dignity. For example, you might have too much pride to ask for help when you need it. Pride also acts as a verb meaning "be proud of", for example be proud of yourself for being punctual.

Sports Day

Sports day with times, parents and carers welcome

We have 3 events planned

Key Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) - Tuesday 27th June
EYFS (Nursery and Reception) - Wednesday 28th June
Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) - Thursday 29th June

Races/competitions start at 9.15am for approximately 1 hour

For each event, the children will be in groups or classes and will participate in a range of sporting activities and competitions during the session. We ask parents/carers to keep to the edge of the sports area and they can move around the group(s) and support from the side. Parents/carers with more than one child at the same event will be able to move between the different groups.

- In the past, some parents/carers have found it useful to bring a portable/camp chair.
- We ask that parents/carers are mindful that this is a school event and limit attendance to 2 adults per child.
- We remind you that taking photos/videos is prohibited, as we do not have this permission for all children and, for some, this is for safeguarding reasons.
- Children will need their PE kit in school, please also remember hats and sunscreen.
- A separate epraise message has been sent out to Nursery parents, regarding children that do not normally attend Nursery on a Wednesday.



Reception Visit to Catshill Baptist Church

RTY and RM had a wonderful time walking and visiting Catshill Baptist Church on Tuesday morning. They met Simon, the Minister, who showed them around the church. They saw where the band play, the stained glass window, the Bible, the Baptism pool and watched some clips of Sunday church services.

The children had a wonderful time!



School Council

What a fantastic total of £157.50 was raised from the Fathers Day gifts on sale this week, thank you to all of you.

Please look out for our next raffle/sale.

Thank you for your support, we could not do it without your generous donations.



Changeable Weather

Please make sure that your child has a hat for in the sunshine and a coat for the rainy days to wear for outdoor sessions, playtime and lunchtime. We also recommend that parents/carers apply a long lasting 'once a day' sun cream on sunny days.

Thank you



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Classes for September

Current class	New class name	New Teacher (s)	New Teaching Assistants
	Nursery	Mrs Thompson-Yates and Miss Lunnon	Mrs Spooner, Mrs Willey, Miss Marsh and Mrs Warner
	RB	Mrs Banks (Monday to Thursday) Mrs Yarranton (Friday)	The Teaching Assistants will support both Reception classes: Mrs Beeston, Mrs McCandlish, Miss Sheward and Miss Smith
	RM	Mrs Mercer	
RTY	1R	Mrs Reid	Mrs Warren
RM	1E	Mr Elvins (new to our school)	Mrs Wilkes
1R	2F	Miss Fletcher	Mrs Partridge and Mrs Lawrence
1P	2FJ	Mrs Fay (Monday to Wednesday) Mrs G Jones (Thursday and Friday)	Mrs Warman
2FB and 2F	3B	Mr Boyd	Mrs H O'Brien
	3S	Mrs Stacey	Miss Read
3B and 3S	4F	Mrs Freeman	Mrs Cross
	4J	Mrs Jones	Mrs Fannon

Please note that these staffing arrangements could be subject to change if need dictates or circumstances change.

Year 3 and Year 4 in September

After much discussion, we have made the decision to redistribute children in some of the current classes to create new classes for September. This will happen for the children who are currently in Year 2 and Year 3.

Class 2F and Class 2FB will be redistributed to create 2 new Year 3 classes.

Class 3B and Class 3S will be redistributed to create 2 new Year 4 classes.

The reason for this change is that the current classes are not well balanced socially, academically and in terms of children requiring additional support. When schools have two parallel and balanced classes, teachers can plan better together for the majority of the children and then make adaptations to meet individual children's needs. It is most effective for teachers to work together in this way. Some schools shuffle classes each year to get this balance right.

We know that this decision may cause some anxiety for both children and parents/carers and we have worked hard to get the new classes right. The children's current teachers, who know them best, have been fully involved with the new class allocations.

The children in these year groups have found out who is in their class and met their new class teachers and teaching assistants today.



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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 for September 2023. If you are interested please click [here](#) for further information.

Thank you

👨‍👩‍👧‍👦 Family-Friendly Puppet Show 🤖

A colorful poster for a puppet show. At the top, it says 'THE DALE WINGBOTTOM EXPERIENCE' in a circular logo. Below that, it says 'Sunday 2nd July' in a yellow box, 'SHOWTIME 2:30PM' in white text, and the venue 'Catshill Working Men's Club, 13 Meadow Rd, Catshill, Bromsgrove, B61 0JJ' in a pink box. At the bottom, it lists 'TICKETS £7.50 PER CHILD*, £5 PER ADULT, FAMILY TICKET £20**' and includes a QR code with the text 'SCAN HERE FOR TICKETS'. The background features several colorful puppets.



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📌 Head Lice 📌

We have had a few reported cases of head lice in the school. Can parents and carers please remain vigilant and follow our '[Head Lice to Dead Lice](#)' information.



Vosene Kids - Head lice Defence Spray has been recommended by a parent.

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

Thank you

📌 Vacancy 📌

Catshill First School and Nursery are looking to appoint a reliable, hardworking and enthusiastic cleaner to join our school as part of the cleaning team. Closing date Friday 30th June 2023.

17 hours and 30 minutes per week
Monday to Friday: 3.00pm to 6.30pm
with a bank of 47 hours and 15 minutes to be worked during the holiday period
Salary scale Scale 1, Point 2, £8,811.46 per annum

For further information and an application pack, please contact Mrs Kate Sabin on 01527 872431 or email kes37@catshill-middle.worcs.sch.uk

📌 Things to Remember 📌

Summer 2 2023	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Nursery		Forest School (am)	PE (pm)		PE (am)
RM			PE (am)	Forest School (pm)	
RTY			PE (am)		Forest School (am)
Year 1	Forest School (1R pm)	PE (am)	Forest School (1P pm)	Ball Skills (pm)	
Year 2		PE (pm)		PE (am)	
Year 3	PE (pm)	Football Skills Boys (pm) Football Skills Girls (pm)	PE (am)		Cornet (3B) Forest Schools (3S)
Year 4		PE (am) Swimming (am) Football Skills Boys (pm) Football Skills Girls (pm)		PE (pm)	Cornet Continued (4J/4F)

*Please note that there may be some flexibility.



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📌 Reminders and Dates for your Diaries 📌

- ★ **Library Books** - If you need to return library books, we have an amnesty box in the office reception area for you to leave them in.
- ★ Just a polite reminder that ALL appointments/early collections need to be flagged up to the admin office, even if you have told the class teacher, so that they are aware of your child's absence and recorded accordingly. A copy of your child's appointment letter/text will be needed for their file.

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.

📌 Things to remember 📌

- ★ W/C 19th June 2023 is week 2 for our dinner menu. You can find the menu on our website
[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 21st July.*
- ★ *Please find 2022/2023 term dates [here](#)*
- ★ *Please find 2023/2024 term dates [here](#)*
- ★ *Please do not book holidays in term time.*
- ★ *Autumn term starts Wednesday 6th September 2023 (except new reception groups and selected pupils for appoints and visits on Tuesday 5th September).*



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