

OLD CATTON NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents

We are now fully in the throes of Christmas at school! Plays are being rehearsed, the Christmas Fayre was a huge success – thank you very much for helping to make it so fantastic, we then have Carol Services, Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day. You really can't escape the Christmas cheer in and around school! I hope that the children enjoy all of these events as well as rounding off their subjects for the end of term.

Stars of the Week!

Congratulations to the Stars of the week– wonderful work and attitudes shown; what brilliant role models we have in our school.

6R Jessica Donnelly
6R Mia Glenton
6E Sam Sillett
6E Toby Alderdice
5JS Amelia Wicinska
5JS Priya Neave
5GS Cole Hodgkinson
5GS Tyler Bailey
4C Harry Dyke
4C Emilija Sinkunaite
4N Erin Langeskov
4N Kieran Vaughan-Williams
3E Layla Bury
3E Florence Whales
3C Benjamin Clarke
3C Poppy Wilshaw



Golden Book!

The following children were put into the Golden Book for amazing work that has astonished, astounded and amazed their teachers. Huge congratulations to the following children:

Casey Atkins
Alicja Drozdzik
Murray Mead
Rufus Teeuw
Paige Wright
Ben Foley
Jack-Bailey Ward
Tyler Guidone
Hannah Chapman
Izzy Dale
Nick Vianna
Asha Kandola
George Atkinson
Zoe Frimpong
Abby-May Hanworth
Maddison Loveday
Ruben Barnes
Holly Chadwick
Bella Blyth
Isabel Chapman
Elliot Freezer
Florence Whales
Benjamin Clarke
Mollie Bowen
Zack Craske

Attendance Cup

5JS won the attendance cup for their attendance last week, with an attendance of 99.67% - Well done!

Swimming

Very well done to the **year 4 swimmers** who have been presented with their swimming certificates. Brilliant work – keep it up!



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Isaac Oarton
Paige Wright
Miley Banham

Key Dates for this Term

Mon 10th Dec - Dress Rehearsal YR3 & 4 TBC
Tues 11th Dec - Year 3 Christmas Show 6pm
Wed 12th Dec - Year 4 Christmas Show at 6pm
Thurs 13th Dec - Carols at Church YR 3/4 9:30am Parents invited
Thurs 13th Dec - Carols at Church Yr 5/6 2:00pm Parents invited
Fri 14th Dec - Christmas Jumper day
Fri 14th Dec - Christmas Lunch
Mon 17th Dec - Celebration Assembly 9:00am, invite only
Wed 19th Dec - Christmas Holiday
Thurs 3rd Jan 2019 - Children return to School

Prefects 2018/2019

Please can I start by saying a huge well done to all pupils who applied to be a Prefect this year. The applications were a pleasure to read and the interviews a delight to conduct with the children. They all did themselves very proud. We always enter into the Prefect applications making sure that the children know and understand that making an application or attending an interview does not mean that they will become a Prefect. There are many factors that we consider in making the final decisions and I want to reinforce the message that all the children have done very well throughout the process. The position of Prefect can and should only be a small proportion of the year group, otherwise it is not a special position to aim for. We thank you in supporting us with this important experience for the children involved. It may be the first time that they have experienced applying for a position that they want and either being successful or unsuccessful in that ambition. This is a true reflection of life and a valuable life experience that should be taken in a positive way.

Year 6 Pupils will also be offered the positions of Play Ground Buddies and Reading Buddies in school. These roles are aimed at helping the younger pupils in school and this is something that many of the children spoke passionately about in their applications and interviews. I hope to see lots of them keen to put themselves forward for these important roles.

Very well done to the 12 children who will be our Year 6 Prefects this year:

Maisy Andrews
Megan Field
Keeley Freeman
Daniel Lee
Rachel Lee
Lois Lincoln
Gabriel Luhati
Jack Stone
Lucas Stukneys
Ayden Webster
Lilia Wilson
Isaac White

Christmas Fair

Please can I say a huge "Thank You" to all everyone who came to our school Christmas Fair on Thursday. It was a huge success and we loved seeing you all there. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help us run stalls and set up and to everyone who donated prizes and cakes. Very well done to Year 6 who once again made a variety of amazing treats to sell. They worked so hard to make this happen and it really showed on the night. Finally Thank You to all my staff who helped and especially to Miss Emrick, Miss Richardson and Mrs Morgan who worked with the Year 6 pupils to make their ideas a reality. A wonderful school event!

TALK HOMEWORK & 'WOW' WORDS

Each week we send a Talk Homework activity and 'Wow' Words home and we would be very grateful for your support.

We are trying to help all our children develop excellent speaking and listening skills, which in turn will help them with their writing. "If a child can't say a sentence then they can't write it either!"

Please spend at least 10 minutes talking with your child about the questions below;

Virtual reality has increased in its popularity this year with nearly one in ten homes having a virtual reality headset in their house by Christmas!

While entertainment and gaming are the most obvious uses of the technology, many people think it could also have a role to play in education.

What do you think? Will virtual reality make our lives better?

Our 'WOW' Word this week is

Virtual Reality

(Artificial, illusion, simulation, fantasy, hallucination)

In Big Talk, we use **'WOW' Words** to improve our vocabulary and 'big up' our sentences to make them more interesting!

Please encourage your child to use this WOW word, in the right context, as much as possible.

- The 'Talk Homework' and 'WOW' words will be set every Friday in the newsletter; children will then share their 'Talk' with their class on Friday afternoon.
- We will encourage the children to use the WOW word throughout the week.

Please do not hesitate to come into school and speak to me or another member of staff if you have any questions or concerns. Have a great week!

Mrs K Connolly

