

OLD CATTON NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

As we are gearing up for the festive period I wanted to say a big THANK YOU! To all our parents who have supported us so much this term. I know that we all have busy lives with so many things to juggle: children, families, jobs, home and the 500 other commitments that fall into any one week. I am very grateful to everyone who cares and thinks about supporting school and adds that "job" onto their to do list for the week. With your kind support we have been able to raise fantastic totals for The Poppy Appeal and Children in Need this year, hold another Christmas Fair and get ready for our Christmas Shows and Carol Services. We really can't do this without your help – so thank you to our supporters.

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 Claudia Brown
6R Bella Blyth
6E Tyler Allen
6E Tyler Guidone
5JS Rufus Teeuw
5JS Sofia Andres
5GS Lorcan Mutter
5GS Amelia-Faie Weeks
4N Hollie Harvey
4N Florrie Whales
4C Oliver McKail
4C Lucy Williams
3E Caitlin Dennehy
3E Poppy Bates
3C Ember-Rose Carolan
3C Elisa Claxton



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:

Erin Langeskov
Zofia Kurek
Mikey Bradstreet
Danny Chen
Rianna Aldous

Attendance Cup

4N won the attendance cup for their attendance last week, with an attendance of 99.29% - Well done!

Swimming Year 4

Well done to our Year 4 swimmers who have been presented with their swimming certificates. Brilliant work!

10m

Adam Lakey
William Ramsey
Kiera Sadd

25m

Isobel Maslen

Izzy Park

Florrie Whales
Abby Hanworth
Hollie Harvey

Key Dates for this Term

Monday 9th December—Dress Rehearsals for the Christmas Play—Year 3 and 4
Year 3 9:30am, Year 4 1:30pm. Parents welcome to attend as an alternative to an evening performance—especially good for little brothers and sisters to see the shows
Tuesday 10th December— Year 3 Christmas Show
Performance starting at 6pm
Wednesday 11th December— Year 4 Christmas Show
Performances starting at 6pm
Thursday 12th December— Carol Service at St Margaret's Church Year 3/4 9:30am
Carol Service at St Margaret's Church Year 5/6 2:00pm
Parents invited to attend the service
Friday 13th December—Christmas Jumper day! Wear your Christmas jumper and donate £1 to Save the Children
Friday 13th December—Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 17th December—Celebration Assembly
9:00am—by invitation only please
Thursday 19th December 2019-Friday 3rd January 2020— Christmas Holiday
Monday 6th January 2020—Children return to School for Spring Term

Children in Need 2019!

This year, with your help, we have managed to raise a **FABULOUS £1645.76!** This is by far the biggest total that we have raised for the charity in the time we have been supporting them. I think School Council, guided by Miss Emrick, did a brilliant job of coming up with a whole week's worth of activities aimed at us having fun and raising money. It really was a great effort. Many thanks to School Council, Miss Emrick and all of you for helping us to support the great work done by Children in Need.



Children in Need Cake Sale!

Hilltop

On Wednesday 20th November, 44 Year 5 children arrived at Hilltop Activity Centre in Sheringham ready for 3 jam-packed days of adventurous action. "Challenge by Choice" was the motto, explained to their eager faces by our activity leader Adam, and these Year 5s certainly challenged themselves! With chilled out activities such as Archery, Orienteering and Team Building to the terrifying heights of High Ropes, Vertical Challenge and Crate Stacking, I have never seen quite so many smiling faces. This group of children certainly seemed to love it all! They battled freezing winds and aching limbs, but with the help of their encouraging peers (and plenty of hot chocolate!) they certainly made OCJS proud! Special thanks must, of course, go to Mr Semmens, Miss Strange, Miss Reeves, Miss Cooper and Mrs Gray, who gave up their comfy beds to enjoy all the fun too!



Open the book

This weeks' 'Open the Book' Collective Worship continued the story of a famous person in the Bible called Joseph. His brothers had sold him into slavery and had told the family that he was dead. However, God was looking after him and he rose to a position of great power in Egypt during a time of famine. His brothers came to buy food from him and he could see that they had changed. He forgave them for their previous treatment of him and brought them to live with him in Egypt. This story promotes an understanding of the school's Christian value of 'Love', through encouraging the children to be forgiving towards others.

Tickets for Year 3 and Year 4 Shows

Next week we will be sending out letters to all Year 3 and Year 4 families, to ask if you would like your allocation of tickets to come and see the children's Christmas Show. We are able to allocate **2 tickets to each family**. We will be asking if you require both tickets for the evening performance and if you would like to request any extra tickets, should we have any available.

There is one evening performance for the Year 3 show and one evening performance for the Year 4 show. Should you wish to bring young children along to see the performance, we ask that you come along to the **dress rehearsals, on Monday 9th December, Year 3 at 9:30am and Year 4 at 1:30pm**. We ask that young children do not attend the evening performances as the children in school have worked very hard to learn their lines and songs and it can be distracting if younger children are unsettled during the performances. The dress rehearsal is an excellent opportunity for them to see the plays, at a more suitable time. Many thanks for your cooperation with this and we hope that you enjoy the shows!

End of Autumn Term Celebration Assembly

Please remember that the end of term celebration assembly is an invitation only event. If your child has achieved an award this term we will be letting you know by letter during the week beginning Monday 9th December.

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;

We are about to enter the period of Advent. Please talk together at home about what Advent means? Is it all about chocolate calendars or is there a deeper meaning behind the run up to Christmas? Why do we celebrate Advent? How long does it last and why do we have calendars? Find out all you can and talk about it with your families at home



Advent

(arrival, appearance, emergence, materialization, surfacing, occurrence, dawn)