

OLD CATTON NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents

We have had a lovely week in school getting festive! The classes all set about turning our windows into Christmassy scenes and I hope you agree that they look AMAZING! If you take a stroll past you will see everything from stained glass, to reindeers, to the Grinch! Well done to all the children and Teachers for creating some lovely artwork for us all to enjoy!



The Teachers have been filming their classes signing to the carols in readiness to make our school Christmas video – watch this space for it's premier coming soon!

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.

6KR Elliot Curmi
6KR Tyler Barrass
6LR Dominika Zuk
6LR Jack-Bailey Ward
5GS Florrie Whales
5GS Nicole Warner
5JS Casey Webster
5JS Jakub Grzyb
4C Ella-Mai Pleasance
4C Miri Wiltshire
4N Nora Whitehead
4N Elysia Batterbee
3C Iris Richardson
3C Emilia Bentley
3E Chloe Mc Cartney
3E Harry Read



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:

Week Beginning 07.12.2020

Brooklyn Webster



Attendance Cup

5GS won the attendance cup for their attendance this week with an attendance of **100%** - Well done!

Times Table Masters!

Well done to the following children who have completed their Time Table Challenge Tests up to 12x12. Brilliant work.

Jack-Bailey Ward
Rufus Teeuw
Chloe McCartney
Gabriel Wilkinson
Rianna Aldous
Jack Barnes
Harry Maclean
Thomas Ward
Paige Wright
Kieran Vaughan-Williams

Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 11th December, we all came to school sporting our Christmas jumpers to support National Christmas jumper day! In keeping with School Council's idea to support local charities this year we were delighted to receive so many lovely donations towards our Salvation Army collection. Thank you to everyone who donated items. We were once again overwhelmed by your generosity and kindness.

Many thanks for your continued support.
Miss Emrick and School Council



Christmas Packed Lunch

Next Tuesday the 15th December will be Christmas Packed Lunch Day. We can't take any more orders for Christmas lunches now. There are no alternative meals available from the school kitchen on this day. Therefore, if you have not pre-ordered a Christmas party lunch for your child, please ensure they bring a home packed lunch on that day.

Please note that all children will remain in their classes for this lunchtime as they have done all year so far. Your child will not be missing out on any special event on the day if they are bringing in their own packed lunch. We will make sure each classroom is festive and fun but due to Covid restrictions we are unable to have our Christmas lunch

altogether in the hall as we normally would. The bubbles will remain as per our risk assessments.

Local Residents Parking Plea!

I have received more emails from our local residents and neighbours outlining continuing problems they are encountering with parking around school. It seems that despite many pleas for parents and carers not to block private driveways or paths in and around Church Street, this is still an ongoing issue. Please can I politely ask once again that everyone is mindful of where they are parking their cars when dropping off and collecting their children from school. If it is possible for you to walk or park slightly further away from school, please do so. We all need to work together to make sure that we are courteous to our neighbours and that we are keeping all the children safe at these busiest times in the day. Many thanks for your help and support.



Contact Details

Please can we ask that if your contact details change, you update them with us at school. Having the correct phone numbers, email addresses and home addresses is vital to us being able to contact you regarding your child, in an emergency or to send you information. If you are unsure that your details are up to date, please give the office a call and Mrs Queensborough will be happy to check them with you. Many thanks.

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!"



This week I would like you to talk about Christmas films! I love to watch Christmas films in December but I often find it difficult to decide which is my favourite! Newsround have an online quiz for you to answer some questions to reveal which Christmas film character you are most like. I have added the link below for you to have a go.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/55227690>

This week I would like you to discuss which Christmas film and/or character is your favourite and why?! Are you more of an Elf fan or would you rather cosy up and watch The Snowman? Maybe you love The Grinch or you feel festive with A Muppet Christmas Carol? (Having taken the quiz above, apparently I

am most like Kevin McCallister from Home Alone! Which is strange because I LOVE that film and think if I *had* to choose one Christmas film as my favourite, that would be it.) Have a go yourself and then talk to your family members about their favourite characters and films – remember to ask them *why* they have made their choice!

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

Our 'WOW' Word this week is
Joyous
(Festive, hearty, jovial, merry)

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 a Friday afternoon.
- We will encourage the children to use the WOW word throughout the week.

Thank you for your support in helping your child.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. Have a great weekend!

Mrs K Connelly.