

OLD CATTON NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents

Stars of the Week!

Congratulations to this week's and last week's Stars. A wonderful array of different reason for being brilliant!

Abbie Chapman – 6E

Jacob Coe – 6E

Evie Smith – 6G

Ivy Henderson – 6G

Ryan Gray – 6S

Rowan Pipe – 6S

Sophia Thompson – 4E

Ava De Cooper Wride – 4E

Faye Bridge – 4W

Harry Arbon – 4W

Issac White – 3C

Megan Field – 3C

Cole Haynes – 3H

Sam Sillett – 3H



Attendance Cup!

This week's winners of the attendance cup with an attendance of 99.58% were **3C**! Congratulations!!!

Lexia Superstar Awards

Well done to the following pupils for completing levels in their Lexia Programme.

Abigail Scantlebury – Level 8

Emma Gray – Level 9

William Orr – Level 8

Julia Andres – Level 7

Oliver Drury – Level 12

House Cross Country Certificate of Achievement

Alfie Hayward – for outstanding effort and determination in House Cross Country.

Daisy Viner – for exemplary spirit and goodwill during House Cross Country.

Amelia Allen – for outstanding contribution to the House Cross Country.

Mrs Wright's Maths App of the Week!

Thinking Blocks: Multiplication and Division Practice. Gives children Multiplication and Division problems and models how they can be answered step-by-step.



Dates for next 3 weeks:

- **Tuesday 1st December – Assembly by Reverend Andrew Parsons about Advents.**

- **Tuesday 8th, Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th Christmas Shows 7pm start – children back to school for 6:45pm.**
- **Monday 14th December – parents invited into school to watch the gymnastic club and see what they have been doing this term – arrive at 4pm please.**
- **Wednesday 16th December – Celebration Assembly for the Autumn Term – 9am.**
- **Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Lunch.**
- **Thursday 17th December Christmas Carol Services – Year 3 and 4 at 9:30am. Year 5 and 6 at 2:00pm.**
- **Friday 18th December – Last day of term. Christmas Jumper day! £1 donation for NSPCC.**

Christmas Performances 2015

This year we are putting on two shows, one from year 3 and 4 and one from year 5 and 6. We are performing for 3 nights in order to give everyone a chance to come and see them. I have attached to this newsletter a form for you to let us know which night you would like to come to see the show. We are allocating each family 4 tickets which can be used all on the same night or across different nights, depending on what you would prefer. There may be extra tickets available once we know how many families would like their 4 ticket allocation. If you would like the opportunity to have extra tickets there is space for you to say so on the attached letter. We will allocate any extra tickets on a first come, first served basis. Please fill in the form attached and return it to your child's class teacher ASAP.

The Christmas performances are always one of the highlights of the year and a great deal of work and effort goes into producing them. Whether the children have a main speaking part, a smaller speaking role, a singing part in the chorus, an acting role or a responsibility involving props everyone is important and valued in the performance. I would ask that everyone comes back for the evening performances in order to make them as special as possible and to support the rest of their classmates and teachers who have all worked so hard towards them. In the event that your child is ill for one of the performance dates please could you let us know at the earliest opportunity so that we can organise for understudies to step into different



roles. Thank you in advance for your support and I look forward to seeing you all there.

House Cross Country

Well done to everyone who participated in House Cross Country last week! The event was super successful because ALL the children tried really hard, nobody gave up and they were extremely prepared for running! The results: Kestrels 4ths, Hawks 3rd, Falcons 2nd and Eagles 1st. Keep up the great running everyone! Miss Gedge

Cross Country

On Friday 27th November, 14 children took part in the Norwich Cluster Cross Country Event. This event is one out of five races (the next race is Friday 11th December). Our team score is calculated from the top four individual positions, then our score is ranked against the other schools' scores. We worked brilliantly as a team; encouraging all competitors around the course! Well done: Jeya Kandola, Oliver Drury, Kevin Murray, Bradley Copping, Rohan Day, Sam Brandish, Sam Sillett, Lottie Sanderson, Cara Tipple, Lucy Moscrop, Sophia Harrigan, Emily Taylor, Ava De Cooper Wride and Rachel Lee. Thank you to all the supporters who cheered us on! Miss Gedge



Christmas Event

On Friday 27th November, we held our annual Christmas Event here at Old Catton Junior School. We had some fantastic stalls from local sellers in the hall as well as two classrooms filled with delicious goodies made by our Year 6s. Over the past few weeks, Year 6 pupils have designed, budgeted and made their produce in preparation for the selling on Friday. In the lead up to the event, we had many discussions about what we could make and sell and the children were very involved in this thought process. On Friday afternoon, both classrooms were alive with the anticipation of customers and the children were very excited about selling what they had made. I think their involvement in all stages, along with their enthusiasm on the day, was the reason why it was so successful.

This was my first time organising the Year 6 Christmas Event and I have been wowed by all of their hard work and I am incredibly proud of what they have achieved! I would like to thank all members of staff who have helped both myself and the Year 6s during the past few weeks and on the day. In addition to this, a very big thank you

to all friends and family who came to support them on Friday, it would not have been as successful without you! Well done, Year 6, I'm sure we'll see you on The Apprentice in no time at all! Miss Emrick.

(A huge Thank You to Miss Emrick for organising the Year 6 stalls this year and to Mrs Morgan and Miss Knowles for being cooking wonders!)

Thank you also to all parents and staff who attended the Disco on Thursday night and stayed to help at the Christmas Event. Without your help these extra events that the children enjoy so much would not be possible.

Illness

At this time of year unfortunately we all know there a lot of bugs about. This is just a polite reminder, that if your child suffers from sickness or diarrhoea please keep them away from school for 48 hours after their last episode. This should ensure that they are no longer passing the bugs onto others. There has been a lot about locally so we are doing our very best to clean thoroughly every day to keep school healthy.

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;

If you had one wish for Christmas but it could not be anything material (e.g. not a present,) what would it be and why?



(desire, want, hope for, long for, yearn for, crave, hunger for, thirst for, lust after, sigh for, pine for, dream of; aspire to, set one's heart on.)

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;

Covet

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

- The 'Talk Homework' and 'WOW' words will be set every Monday 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 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 Connelly.



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