

OLD CATTON NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents

I would like to say a **HUGE** thank you and well done to all of the children in years 3 and 4 for putting on brilliant Christmas Shows this week. They all dazzled us with their singing, dancing and acting and put on performances that made us all feel so very proud of them. Thank you to Miss Cooper, Mr Eastwood, Mr Pritchett, Miss Norton and Mr Clitheroe for enabling the children to perform as they did – without your guidance, this would not have been possible. Thank you also to our wonderful TAs who made props appear magically out of thin air and to all staff who came back for the performance nights to help with the event. Once again a whole team effort from the staff at Old Catton – I am sure you will agree that it was another successful Christmas treat!

Stars of the Week!

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

6S – Toby Thompson

6S – Yung Loh

6E – Daisy Viner

6E – Jayden Beattie

5S – Alesha Mapiye

5S – Max English

5R – Ayden Webster

5R – Braydon Smith

4P – William Chapman

4P – Conor Day

4N – Ashley Owolabi

4N – Emmanuel Onyewuchi

3E – Harry Miller

3E – Oscar Jackson

3C – Catherine Burke

3C – Kaydon Snorton-Robinson



Attendance Cup

4N won the attendance cup for their attendance this week - Well done!

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:

Freya Chapman

Ava De Cooper Wride

Tyler Bailey

Jay – Lee Hurren

Elliot Curmi

Rufus Teeuw

Tanisha Raviraj

Lexia Superstars!

Well done to the following pupils who have completed their levels in Lexia:

Maddison Loveday – Level 10

Catherine Baker – Level 10

Swimming Year 4

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

5m

Isabella Blyth

10M

Thomas Blackman

Isabella Blyth

Luca Colebrook

Issac Curmi

Conor Day

Skye Vincent

Adam Young



Reminder of dates up to half term:

Thursday 14th Dec— Carol Service at St Margaret's Church - Years 3/4 9:30am and Years 5/6 2:00pm

Friday 15th Dec—Christmas Jumper day (please bring £1 donation for NSPCC)

Monday 18th Dec—Christmas Lunch (must be ordered)

Tuesday 19th Dec—Celebration Assembly 9:00am

Wednesday 20th Dec 2017- Wednesday 3rd Jan 2018— Christmas Holiday

Christmas Quiz Night!

Thank you so much to everyone who came along to the OCJS Christmas Quiz Night on Friday. It was good fun: I hope you all enjoyed yourselves in raising some money for school and having a festive night out.

Celebration Assembly

On **Tuesday 19th December at 9:00am** we will be having our end of term celebration assembly. For year 3 parents who have not attended before, we invite parents of the children who will be receiving an award. The Bug Awards, (Bronze in the Autumn Term) Attendance Awards and Head Teachers Awards will all be presented in the assembly. We ask that you do not tell your children if they are receiving a Headteacher's Award as it is always lovely if the children in question have a great surprise! We are proud of all the children and their achievements this term so please do not think that if your child is not receiving an award this week that they have not done exceptionally well – I am sure they have! They will be working towards achieving their Bronze Bug



Award for next term. Logistically we simply can't fit everyone in the hall and therefore have to invite only those whose children are receiving awards on the day.

Christmas Dinner

On **Monday 18th**

December we will be having our Christmas Dinner! Please remember that if your child has not ordered and paid a Christmas Dinner they need to bring a home packed lunch on the day as the school kitchen will not be able to serve any other options on the day. Thank you.



Carol Services

On **Thursday 14th December** we will be holding two carol services. Year 3 and 4 will be having their service at St Margaret's at 9:30am and you are more than welcome to join us if you would like. We will be singing carols and listening to readings from staff and children as well as listening to an address from Rev Parsons. Year 3 and 4 will then return to school to continue with the rest of their day. We will then be repeating the service at 2:00pm with year 5 and 6. Again, please join us if you would like to. After this service year 5 and 6 will return to school but you can collect your child from their classroom after the service and take them home rather than waiting until the end of the day. Please note that we can only allow other children to go home with an adult who is not their family member if we have a letter to give permission. You may also take siblings home at the same time if they are in lower school. I look forward to seeing you there if you can attend.

Cross Country Club

Please note that Cross Country Club is now finished for the term and will be returning in January 2017. We will let you know in the newsletter when we will be starting training again so please watch this space...

Art Club

The last sessions for Art Club will be Thursday 14th December (after school from 3.30 – 4.30). It will then commence in the Spring Term with the same children who are currently taken apart, to make sure they have their full 6 weeks. In order to give children who haven't attended an opportunity to join I will be sending out letters in the first week for children to apply/reapply if they wish to. **Miss Cooper**

Dance Club

The last sessions for this term will be on 12th December and Dance will be starting again on 9th January. The same children as started in the Autumn Term are able to just continue. If there are any other children who would now like to join please come and let me know as Katie is happy to add to the class.

Money Raised for School

I wanted to say a **HUGE** thank you to everyone who has helped us to raise money for school this year so far. In doing the Christmas Fair, the Disco, the Quiz Night and the collections at the end of the shows we have raised over £1600! This is superb and I am very grateful for your contributions. It all adds up and will make a difference in enabling us to make the school a better place for the children. Thank you very, very much.

thankyou

Homework over Christmas!

The teachers in school wanted me to make it very clear that while they are setting homework during the school Christmas Holidays as some children really enjoy it, in this case, ***IT IS NOT COMPULSORY!*** If the children would like to complete it – great! If they do not wish to – that is also totally fine. There will be no consequence of anyone not completing homework over Christmas.

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;

The BBC's Christmas Advert "Christmas Together" has been touted as being the best Christmas Advert of 2017 but why do you think so many people like the short film?

<http://www.cambridge-news.co.uk/news/uk-world-news/bbc-heartwarming-christmas-advert-2017-14006941>

Click on the link above, which will take you to the video. Watch it with your family and then have a discussion about the meaning behind the video. What are the key messages? How does the video relate to Christmas and what do you like about it?



Use our vocabulary and 'big up' our sentences to make them more interesting!



Our **'WOW'** Word this week is;

in conjunction

(together, with each other, jointly, conjointly, in cooperation, cooperatively, in collaboration, in partnership, in combination, as one, in unison,)

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 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.

I hope you all have a great week! Please come in and speak to me or your children's class teachers if you have any worries or concerns.

Mrs K Connelly.