

OLD CATTON NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents

Christmas Fair Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who came along to support our Christmas Fair last week. Year 6 did a marvellous job of creating lots of tasty treats and fun things to sell and as well as our normal stalls run by the Teachers and volunteer helpers, we also had a lovely selection of traders here as well. Thank you so much to the parents who helped us and to all who came. Thank you also to Miss Emrick, Miss Richardson, Miss Reeve and Mrs Morgan for helping Year 6 to create and run their own stalls and the Cathy Fiddy for coordinating everything for us. A great team effort!

The weather this week has been very wet and wintery and we still have some children coming into school without a coat. Please can I ask again that all children come suitably dressed for the time of year. Hats, gloves and scarves are a good idea too!

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 Ellie Gall
6R Will Morgan
6E Charlie Fuller
6E Mikey Bradstreet
5JS Millie Slater
5JS Jack Bailey Ward
5GS Thomas Ward
5GS Madison McKail
4N Jodie-Mae Hurren
4N Lola Body
4C Hannah Gapinska
4C George Morgan
3E Mia Williams
3E Roman Holt
3C Harrison Armstrong
3C Poppy Clements



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:

Mr Semmens
Emily Reynolds
Sabina Gherciu
Will Chapman
Izzy Dale
Issac Curmi
Elsie Blackman
Erin Langeskov
Lewis Hambling
Fern Rutterford
Olivia Garvey
Maia Walker
Millie Feast

Tyler Bailey

Attendance Cup

6R won the attendance cup for their attendance last week, with an attendance of 99.31% - Well done!

Swimming Year 4

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

5m

Brooklyn Webster

10m

Ryan Monaghan

Mollie Stone

Sam O'Malley

25m

Adam Lakey

Joshua Tidd

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

Visit to Old Catton Junior School by the Bishop of Norwich

On Wednesday 4th December Old Catton Junior School had the privilege of Bishop Graham coming into school to take part in Collective Worship. Bishop Graham spoke to the whole school about what it means to be a Bishop and explained his role through the stories of St Nicholas, The Good Shepherd and the Prodigal Son. The children were treated to seeing some of the special items that a Bishop is allowed to wear and Year 6 were able to stay behind for an extra questions and answers session. It was a real pleasure to have Bishop Graham meet our pupils and to be part of an Assembly that I am sure they will all remember.



Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Shows

Next week Year 3 and Year 4 will be performing their Christmas Shows. Year 3 will perform on Tuesday 10th December at 6pm and Year 4 on Wednesday 11th December at 6pm. We have now allocated your tickets which you will need to bring along with you on the night. We can't let you in without a ticket, so please bring them along! Please come along from 5:30pm so that the children can get ready with their teachers and you can be seated in the hall.

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!

Parking

Whenever we have big events at school parking is always a problem. We have organised that the Recreation Ground Car Park be left open for us to use until after the show has finished so you can park there without getting locked in. Please can I ask that everyone is sensible when parking around school. We do not have a school car park, we can't police the roads as teachers and therefore we all need to drive and park safely and sensibly around school. Thank you.

Carol Services

Next week on Thursday 12th December we have our Christmas Carol Services at St Margaret's Church. Year 3 and 4's service will take place at 9:30am and Year 5 and 6's service will take place at 2pm. You are all invited to come along and join with us in hearing the Christmas Story and singing carols. If you are attending the 2pm service, you are more than welcome to follow us back to school and take your children home after we have finished. Please remember that we need consent from parents of carers for any child to go home with another adult or family. We look forward to seeing you there.

Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

We will be having our Christmas Dinner on **Friday 13th December which is also Christmas Jumper day in school!** 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. If you would like to wear your Christmas jumpers please bring a donation of £1 for save the children. Thank you

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.

Lateness in the Mornings

Please can I remind you that school starts at 8:50am when the whistle is blown on the playground. The registers are then taken promptly and are open from 8:50am-9:05am when your child will be marked as present. From 9:05am-9:20am your child will be registered as late. After 9:20am your child will be registered as unauthorised even if they are then present in school. We have been experiencing a number of children coming in late or past the registers being closed. Ultimately, this is a very unsettled way for the children to start their day. They miss important lesson time which cumulatively impacts on their learning and lessons are interrupted with children coming in once teaching has begun. Please help us to tackle this problem and make attendance better. Thank you.

Sports Hall Athletics

On Thursday 28th November we took two teams to the UEA for the Norwich East School Sports Partnership School Games Sportshall Athletics event. In the morning the year 3/4 team competed and in the afternoon the 5/6 team competed. The children took part in a variety of indoor track and field events. The children all enjoyed the event and all performed really well. Overall the 3/4 team finished 8th and the 5/6 team finished 4th. Well done to all the children who competed.



Swimming Gala

On Monday 2nd December we took a team of swimmers to the Norwich East School Sports Partnership swimming gala.

All children swam excellently, especially as this was the first time some of them has swam in a competition. A special mention goes to Hannah and Phoebe who both won their events and were presented with medals. Well done to everyone who went.



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;

In Assemblies we have been talking about the real meaning of Christmas. Please talk with your families about what the real meaning of Christmas is to you. What traditions make you feel festive and have been passed on through generations of your family? What special things do you look forward to and what is your favourite part of Christmas?

WOW WORD!

Tradition

(custom, practice, convention, ritual, ceremony)