OLD CATTON NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents

I hope you are all excited for one of our busiest weeks of the year - Christmas Play week! I can't wait to see both productions in action for the first time. This has been the first year that I have not been directly involved in their creation, which I have to say has been very odd. I am therefor now looking forward to feeling very festive and incredibly proud of the children as they entertain us all. I am sure I will see many of you this week as you also come along to enjoy the shows. Please could you bring the children back to school for 6:45pm on the show nights. The shows will start at 7pm. After the shows the children will return to their classrooms with their teachers. We will then ask parents to collect the children from the classroom door to make sure everyone is safely returned to their parents. Year 3 children will use Mrs Wright and Mrs Hewett's room in the year 4 corridor in order to avoid using the Old School building. Thank you in advance for supporting the children and the school. Break a leg everyone!

Stars of the Week!

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

Rhiannon Andrews – 6E Jay Kahler-Rowell – 6E Victor Onyewuchi – 6G Annalise Mallett – 6G Lola Yeomans – 6S Sam Leverett – 6S Daisy Viner - 4E Bradley Copping – 4E Rohan Day – 4W Luke Copping – 4W Seth Queensborough – 3C Lukas Stuknys – 3C Lilly Richardson – 3H Daisy Phillippo – 3H



Golden Book

This week and last week the following pupils have had Wow moments to be proud of, impressing their teachers and amazing their peers with special moments of brilliance. Well done!

Yung Loh Kyran Reid Toby Thompson Julia Andres Toby Alderdice Seth Queensborough (twice!) Izaak Turner (twice!) Aneila Bisby Henry Locke Lola Thompson Willow Kingston Miles



Annalise Mallett Cara Tipple Erin Wilde

Attendance Cup!

This week's winners of the attendance cup with an attendance of 97.5% were **3C**! Congratulations!!!

Lexia Superstar Awards

Well done to the following pupils for completing levels in their Lexia Programme. Henry Locke – Level 2 Harriet Locke – Level 9

Ben Mallet – Level 1

Swimming Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils for completing their swimming distances. Fantastic work!

<u>10m Distance</u> Connor Hanworth Bradley Copping Kye Gray

<u>25m Distance</u> Rohan Day Tom Dann

Christmas Show Tickets

Many thanks for your swift return of the letters regarding tickets. You should have received your allocated tickets for the shows last week. (Please dig in bags if you have not been handed them.) Extra tickets may be available this week – we are working out how many spare seats we have left over!

This week's menu

Due to the fact that our lovely kitchen staff are making Christmas Dinner for Drayton Junior on Wednesday as well as making dinner for the children here at Old Catton, we have agreed that for this week Wednesday's meal will be fish fingers and chips and Friday's meal will be roast dinner. We have simply swapped these days around to ease the workload for the kitchen.

Dates for your diary:

- 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.

The Nebula Partnership



- 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.

Advent Assembly

On Tuesday 1st December Reverend Parsons came into school to deliver a whole school assembly about Advent. The children were beautifully behaved and it was a pleasure to welcome him into our school.

Mrs Wright's Maths App of the Week!

Number Snap (William Alexander) Mental arithmetic practice selecting the missing numbers from calculations. Good practice into understanding inverse operations.

1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16

Italian Club

During the Autumn Term, 18 enthusiastic linguists have been learning how to speak Italian! They have learnt how to introduce themselves, count to 20, explain how they are feeling, describe their family AND use the Italian words for food and drink. To end the Autumn Term, in true Italian style, they designed and topped their own pizzas! A big thank you from me to all of you who have taken part in Italian Club, you have been a pleasure to teach and have worked extremely hard. Well done! I will be sending out a letter at the beginning of the Spring Term opening up spaces to those who have already attended as well as any other pupils who wish to join. From all of us in Italian Club we wish you a Buon Natale! Miss Emrick



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;

Advent - what is it all about?! What does advent mean to Christians? Why do we have advent calendars? What other traditions do your families have in the run up to Christmas? What does the picture of the candles represent and how does it relate to advent?



(arrival, appearance, materialization, surfacing, occurrence, dawn, origin, birth, rise, development.)

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;

Emergence

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.