

OLD CATTON NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents

Please can you help to make sure that all the children have a pair of **indoor and outdoor shoes in school**. At this time of year we have breaks in the weather which allow us, (in theory) to use the school field at break and lunch times. This is always our preference as it gives the children so much more space to play. However, we can't use the field as much as we would like if the children are not changing their shoes. It brings too much mud into the classrooms and leaves the school dirty and very hard to clean. We ask that all children have a pair of indoor and outdoor shoes to allow us to use the outdoor space we have and keep the school clean. Indoor shoes could be a pair of plimsolls and outdoor shoes a pair of trainers. Or if you prefer your child to wear fitted shoes indoors, a pair of trainers or wellies for outside would also be fine. Please can everyone help us to make this rule more successful in school. The alternative is that we have to shut the field until the weather significantly improves. Thank you for your help with this matter.

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 Jayden Langridge
6R Mia Glenton
6E Sam Frizell-Taylor
6E Ethan Ssemwanga
5JS Skye Vincent
5JS William Bowen
5GS Emmanuel Onyewuchi
5GS Alexander Payton
4N Thomas Ward
4N James Wright
4C Paige Wright
4C Finn Bunter
3E Elise Brant
3E Shiloh Horth
3C George Morgan
3C Isabella McDonald



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:

Rachel Lee
Ayden Webster
Dominik Kulikowski
Zofia Kurek
Millie Slater

Attendance Cup

5GS won the attendance cup for their attendance last week, with an attendance of 98.33% - Well done!

Maths Champions

Congratulations to our Maths Champions who have completed their Times Tables Master Sheets

Aniela Bisby
Maisey Andrews

Swimming Year 4

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

5m

James Wright, Emilio Williams, Thomas Ward, Millie Slater, Georgina O'Connell, Harry Miller, Madison McKail, Harry Maclean, Sophie Lee, Erin Langeskov, Oscar Jackson, Kieran Vaughan-Williams

10M

James Wright, Emilio Williams, Thomas Ward, Georgina O'Connell, Harry Miller, Madison McKail, Harry Maclean, Sophie Lee, Erin Langeskov, Oscar Jackson, Kieran Vaughan-Williams

25M

James Wright, Harry Miller, Sophie Lee, Erin Langeskov,

Key Dates for this Term

Fri 1st Feb - Young Voices Choir O2 London
Tues 5th Feb - Parent meeting yr 4 Holt Hall Trip 3:30pm
Week Beginning 11th Feb - Assertive Mentoring Meetings.
Mon 18th Feb - Half Term
Mon 25th Feb - Children return to school
Mon 25th Feb - Free Fencing sessions in school
Wed 27th Feb - Yr 4 Residential Trip to Holt Hall
Thurs 28th Feb - Yr 4 Residential Trip to Holt Hall
Fri 1st March - Yr 4 Residential Trip to Holt Hall
Mon 4th March - Free Fencing sessions in school
Thurs 7th March - World Book Day - Dress as a character
Fri 8th March - OCJS Cross Country Catton Park
Thurs 14th March - Disco yr 3/4 5:30-6:45pm
Thurs 14th March - Disco yr 5/6 6:50-8:15pm
Fri 15th March - Comic Relief Appeal details to follow
Mon 25th March - Luke Temple author visit
Wed 27th March - Luke Temple author book signing
Tues 2nd April - Easter Service at Church yr 3/4 9:30am
Tues 2nd April - Easter Service at Church yr 5/6 2:00pm
Thurs 4th April - Celebration Assembly 9:00am invite only
Mon 8th April - Easter holidays begin
Tues 23rd April - Staff and children back to school

A Polite Request...

We have had reports from parent, who have been experiencing ongoing problems with head-lice. Could I ask that you please all regularly check your child's head to make sure that they are clear. If necessary there are products that are easy and safe to apply that will quickly deal with the problem. The products do not require your child to have any time off school. Using a nit-comb and conditioner is a good preventative measure, but when head-lice are already there they need proper treatment to kill both the lice and the eggs – otherwise the problem just continues!

Holt Hall

We are pleased to say that all children who paid their deposit and returned the forms have a place on the Holt Hall trip. Please don't forget to pay your final balance by 8th February and that we are holding the parent meeting on 5th Feb.

Norse Invent a Menu Day

Last week, we had a change to our menu because of the competition that are School Caterers' (Norse) offered. I am super proud to announce that 2 of our students came in runners up from over 1029 entries. Well done - Tabitha Bates and Isobella Chapman.

Change to Menu

As part of Norse Commercial Services' theme days, we will be holding a special 'Chinese New Year Lunch on Tuesday 5th February. The menu will be:

Chinese Pork Balls with Sweet 'n' Sour Sauce
(v) Veggie Strips with Sweet 'n' Sour Sauce
Chinese Savoury Rice
Broccoli
A taste of Crispy Seaweed



Mandarin Jelly and Chinese Cookie

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This will replace the normal menu. Meals will be ordered and paid for in the normal way.

Holiday camps from Premier Sport

After a very successful Holiday Camp at Thorpe St Andrews High School, Premier Sport are going to run another Camp during February Half Term at Sprowston Community Academy. If you are interested, please contact the office for a booking form.

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!"

We talk a lot in school about E-safety and how to stay safe while we are using devices that connect us to the internet. One of the most critical things that we can all do is to talk to each other. Parents and carers to talk to their children about what they are doing online, what they are writing and who they are communicating with. Children to talk to their parents and carers if they are unsure of what they have seen online or if they are receiving anything that upsets them. This week I want you to discuss with your families the SMART rules!

Safe *keep your personal information private.*
Meeting *never meet someone that you have only met online.*

Accepting *do not accept emails or open attachments that you are unsure of; it could lead to viruses or damage to your devices.*

Reliable *check information on the internet at least 3 times in different places to check that it is reliable.*

Tell *tell an adult you trust if something makes you worry or feel scared.*



Protection

(safety, welfare, well-being, security.)

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

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 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.