

# OLD CATTON NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents

I hope that you have all had a great week and that you are finding that the children are settling well back into school. We are so proud of them all for coming back with confidence and showing us that they are raring to go. A great attitude and a willingness to learn is all we ask for.

The children may tell you that they have been completing some assessments in their classes. We have been asking them to complete some questions, focusing on their reading comprehension and maths knowledge, in order for us to best understand where their gaps may be. This has been organised in a very relaxed way, with no time limits or "test" pressure. We simply want to find out what they know and what they need to work on. This can inform our planning and next steps for the Summer Term.

## 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.

3E

### Jake Leynes

For his positive attitude and hard work in lessons. He is always ready to learn and gives his best in every lesson.

### Vicky Stefanova

For all her hard work in lessons and her positive enthusiastic outlook and her kindness towards others - helping when someone is hurt or upset.

3C

### Harry Tunneycliff

For his fantastic attitude in class and his readiness to learn. For lovely work on 'While we can't hug' and a great show of confidence.

### Lily Nicholson Tait

For making excellent efforts in class and remaining in the classroom and focussed despite distractions from elsewhere. Brilliant progress Lily!

4C

### Caitlin Dennehy

For your incredible attitude since returning to school. Your effort in Maths has been amazing and you have clearly understood the key aspects for area and perimeter. Well done.

### Jamie-Lee Goddard-McClure

For your incredible effort in Maths this week. You have worked especially hard on your times tables, where you have managed to get 20 out of 20 regularly this week. Keep it up!

4N

### Brayden Granados

Brayden has worked exceptionally hard when looking at poetry this week, sharing insightful and considered answers with the class! Well done

### Poppy Bates

Poppy has been an absolute superstar this week. Her hand has been constantly up and she has been so eager to share her fantastic ideas with the class. Super effort!

5GS

### Jacob Hughes

For settling in so well to your new class. We're two weeks in and it feels like you've been at Old Catton for the whole year! Keep it up!

### Poppy Wilshaw

For your enthusiasm within your Maths lessons this week. You have been up out of your seat to give answers when we've been converting fractions - fantastic!

5JS

### Ottillie Roelofs-Storie

For her excellent understanding in RE/Philosophy understanding Plato's idea of 'the form of the Good'!

### Sam O'Malley

For his excellent understanding in RE/Philosophy lessons looking at the cross-currents in Christianity and Ancient Greek thought!

6KR

### Eliza Rahman

For a fabulous return to school, listening carefully in all your lessons and being a real role model for your peers in the manner in which you conduct yourself in class. Well done!

### Tyler Barrass

Due to injury, Tyler has had to miss several PE and Games lessons recently. During this time, Tyler created a fabulous PowerPoint all about WW2. He spent a huge amount of energy and effort on this and I've been really impressed by his independent work! Well done!

6LR

### Millie Tennant

For getting stuck into our first lesson of lacrosse. You showed great enthusiasm and made great progress during the lesson. A possible lacrosse start of the future, well done Millie!

### Harry Miller

Harry is a polite and conscientious member of 6LR. He will always hold the door open for others and will always be one of the first to volunteer to help Miss Reeves in the classroom. Your efforts do not go unnoticed, thank you Harry. Keep it up!



### Times Table Masters!

Well done to the following children who have completed their Time Table Challenge Tests up to 12x12. Brilliant work.

**Erin Sheehy**  
**Oliver Bradfield**

### Attendance Cup

**4C** won the attendance cup for their attendance this week with an attendance of **100%** - Well done!

### Congratulations Mr and Mrs Eastwood!

I am sure that you would all like to join me in congratulating Mr Eastwood and his wife on the safe arrival of their first baby. We are all delighted for you both and send all our love to your family. Welcome to the world little one!



### Comic Relief: Red Nose Day 2021

Today we have had a great day raising money for Comic Relief. Thank you to all the pupils who wore non-uniform, wore something red and told a joke to the class to brighten up the day. We would like to say a big thank you for your generous donations for this years 'Comic Relief' fundraising appeal. We will share the total we raised in next week's newsletter so there is still time to donate on Parent Pay if you haven't already done so.



We have also been blown away with the fantastic joke entries for the "OCJS Presents: Funniest Joke" competition with a whole range of great jokes, ranging from the classic "knock, knock" jokes to fantastic one liners. It was an extremely tough decision but after a lot of consulting, we have narrowed down the top jokes. Due to the stellar competition, we have decided to

have a winner from each year group. Here are the winners and their jokes:

### Year 3: Lily Nicholson-Tait - 3C

**Knock, Knock.**  
**Who's there?**  
**Europe.**  
**Europe who?**  
**How rude!**

### Year 4: Roman Holt - 4N

**What do you call a malfunctioning cow?**  
**An udder failure!**

### Year 5: Zoe Frimpong - 5GS

**Two windmills are standing on a wind farm.**  
**One asks, "What's your favourite kind of music?"**  
**The other one says, "Well, I'm a big metal fan."**

### Year 6: Oscar Jackson - 6LR

**I was walking to school when a car drove past me and threw a bit of cheddar at me. I thought to myself, "That's mature."**



Thank you everyone for your great contributions!

### Parent/Carer Meetings with Class Teachers

We are also looking ahead to after Easter and inviting you all to attend an online Teams Meeting with your child's class teacher. This will be in the week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> April. More information regarding how to book a meeting will follow from your child's class teacher after Easter. The meeting will be an opportunity to discuss how your child has settled back into school, how they engaged with online learning and what their next steps need to be. We really encourage parents and carers to engage with these meetings to best support their child and work collaboratively with school.



### Contact tracing over the Easter holidays

If your child has tested positive for Covid-19 and attended our school setting within 48hrs of the positive test result or onset of symptoms, the expectation is that you contact school using the [office@oldcatton.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@oldcatton.norfolk.sch.uk) email address so that we can identify any close contacts and provide the appropriate self-isolation advice. If a positive case is confirmed after the 48hour period, parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace. Many thanks for helping us to keep everyone safe.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Connelly