

OLD CATTON NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents

I feel that the children are settling back into the swing of school and that Year 3 and our new pupils in other years are starting to feel at home at Old Catton Junior School. The buzz about school has been very productive as classes and sets get down to business.

School Uniform

Just a little reminder about indoor and outdoor shoes. We ask that the children have a pair of each in school. An outdoor pair for playing in the playground (trainers are great,) and an indoor pair for the classroom (leather school shoes or plimsolls are perfect.) It helps us to keep the indoor environment clean and mud free and allows the children to run about without worry that their school shoes are filthy! Thank you.



Lunchtime and After School Clubs Run by Teachers

Here is a list of the clubs on offer this term to your children. The Teachers will run these clubs either at lunchtime or after school.

Mrs Wright	Cross Country Club Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday mornings	Starting at 8:30am – children can come in kit ready to run but please remember your uniform!
Mrs Morgan and Mrs Mundford	Cooking Club Monday and Tuesday	Lunchtime 12:45 – 1:10pm
Miss Holmes	ICT Club Wednesday	Lunchtime 12:45 – 1:10pm
Miss Cooper	Art Club Wednesday	After School 3:15 – 4:30pm
Mr West	Choir Thursday	Lunchtime 12:45 – 1:10pm
Mr Semmens	Debating Club Thursday	Lunchtime 12:45 – 1:10pm
Miss Emrick	Italian Club Thursday	After School 3:15 – 4:00pm
Miss Gedge	Football Club Thursday Years 4,5,6	After School 3:15 – 4:15pm

If your child would like to join one of these clubs, the lunchtime ones simply require them to sign up with the Teacher running the club and turn up! No booking or letter slips needed. If the club is after school I have attached a letter, so we know which children will be expected at the after school club and how they will be collected afterwards. In the interests of keeping the children safe once we have allocated a place to the after school club we will expect them to attend and will take a

register to log who is present. If there is a session they can't make please let us know so that we know not to expect them that day. In terms of the after school clubs run by specialist practitioners: Gymnastics, Dance and Tag Rugby, we will make sure that registers are taken in these clubs too and therefore the same arrangements apply if your child can't attend. Thank you for helping with this matter.

This week I have handed out slips to the children who have a place at the Gymnastics, Dance and Tag Rugby Clubs. Due to the enthusiastic response to the Gymnastics club unfortunately not everyone secured a place but I have kept these names to take part later in the year. Thank you for understanding that we have maximum numbers that can attend.

Contact Information

Thank you to everyone who has sent in new contact information so far - please keep it coming into the office! It is essential that we have the correct information so that we can contact you, especially in the event of an emergency.



A Polite Reminder...

Please can I remind parents that the front of school staff car park is only for staff to use and park in. We are at full capacity when all our staff are parked in school and need all available spaces. In order to keep the front of school safe for people moving around, especially at the beginning and end of the school day, we need the area free from parents picking up or dropping off children. Please use alternative places to park and turn around. I appreciate your cooperation with this request.

School Council Elections

This week the children have been busy in their classes deciding whether to stand for election for School Councillors. There have been many candidates considering this important role and writing impressive manifestos. On Friday the manifestos were shared in their classes and elections held. I am very happy to announce that this year's School Council looks like this:
3C – **Rachel Lee** and **Daniel Lee**
3H – **Daisy Phillippo** and **Kaine Quantrill**
4R – **Yung Loh** and **Toby Thompson**
4W – **Jessica Park** and **Tom Dann**
6E – **Abbie Chapman**, **Lucy Moscrop** and **Amelie Orr**
6G – **Faye Lincoln**, **Harriet Locke** and **Owen Tuttle**
6S – **Annie Tipple**, **Lola Thompson** and **Ben Kimpton**
I am sure that you will join me in congratulating them all and I look forward to working with them this year, with the help of Miss Emrick, to make things happen!

House Captains!

Our four houses: Eagles, Falcons, Hawks and Kestrels are led by our Year 6 House Captains and Vice Captains. The members of their house vote them into this position of responsibility after hearing them speak passionately about why they would like to lead their house, (much like the process we use for School Council.) This year I am very pleased to announce that the following Year 6 pupils will represent and lead their houses:

Eagles:

Lottie Sanderson and **Owen Tuttle** House Captains
Chloe Smith and **Ben Kimpton** Vice Captains

Falcons:

Cara Tipple and **Sam Leverett** House Captains
Abigail Scantlebury and **Evan Arthur** Vice Captains

Hawks:

Lucy Moscrop and **Cameron Walker**
Rhiannon Andrews and **Marley Seger**

Kestrels:

Amelie Orr and **Jeya Kandola** House Captains
Erin Wilde and **Jack Morris** Vice Captains

Well done to all who put themselves forward and to the final 16 who were voted in by their peers.

Stars of the Week!

Well done to the brilliant Stars of the Week – what a great way to start the term.

Lucy Moscrop – 6E
Joel Frimpong – 6E
Harriet Locke – 6G
Faye Lincoln – 6G
Erin Wilde – 6S
Joseph Zagni – 6S
Toby Thompson – 4R
Yung Loh – 4R
Rohan Day – 4W
Freya Chapman – 4W
Izaak Turner – 3C
Rachel Lee – 3C
Daisy Phillippo – 3H
Reece Pleasance – 3H



Mrs Wright's Maths App of the Week!

Mrs Wright is going to suggest a maths app of the week in order for you to try them out with your children at home. They will all be free so have fun and give it a go!



Times Tables (Dorling Kindersley)

A game where children practise their tables against the clock in a fun car race. 3 levels of difficulty:

Bronze where the questions are in order, Silver where the questions are in a random order and Gold where the inverse operations have to be used.

Dates For Your Diary so far...

Autumn Term 2015

- **Tuesday 29th September – Year 3 Settling in meetings.** A chance to drop in and see your child's Class Teacher to see how they have settled into Junior School. No appointment necessary, please come and see us.
- **Tuesday 13th October – Year 5 Shakespeare performance of A Midsummer Night's**

Dream. More information to follow regarding times and tickets.

- **Thursday 22nd October** – Assertive Mentoring. Make an appointment to meet with your child's Teacher to discuss their progress in school so far this term and targets for the next half term.
- **Half Term Thursday 22nd October – Friday 30th October.**
- **Monday 2nd November children back to school.**
- **Monday 9th – Wednesday 11th November Year 5 Hilltop Residential Trip.**
- **Friday 13th November Children in Need! Fundraising for the Charity.**
- **Week Beginning 16th November – Dragon Reading Project week.**
- **Thursday 26th November DISCO! 6-8pm.**
- **Friday 27th November - Christmas Event at Old Catton Junior School – 3:15 – 5:30pm**
- **Tuesday 8th, Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th December - Christmas Show evening performances.**
- **Thursday 17th December – Christmas Carol Service at St Margaret's Church. Year 3 and 4 service will be at 9:30am and Year 5 and 6 will be at 2:00pm.**
- **Friday 18th December – Christmas Jumper and Bobble Hat Day! Bring £1 for the NSPCC and the last day of term.**
- **Tuesday 5th January 2016 – Children return to school after the Christmas Holiday.**

I know how important for your organisation giving you good notice of dates is and I will endeavour to make sure I keep you up to date with what is going on in school. I'm sure you understand that new events and plans get put in place all the time as we work to create a varied and creative curriculum for the children. However these major dates are ones to put in the diary and they should not change.

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;



***"If you were stranded alone on a desert island
what three things would you like to have with you
and why?"***

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;

PARADISE

(heaven, bliss, ecstasy, glory, utopia, delight, joy)

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.



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.