

OLD CATTON NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

We have been experiencing issues with our phone lines coming into school. The engineers have been working hard to try and resolve the issues but unfortunately this has taken a little longer than expected. If you need to contact school please use our alternative number of 01603 424029 or you can email office@oldcatton.norfolk.sch.uk and we will get back to you. We apologise for this inconvenience and I am sure we'll be up and running and back to normal shortly.

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 Gabriel Lualhati
6R Rachel Lee
6E Adam Coates
6E Dominik Kulikowski
5JS Ne Ne Chen
5JS Jacob Delf
5GS Izzy Dale
5GS Murraray Mead
4N Harry Maclean
4N Ruby English
4C Isaac Kiddell
4C Zofia Kurek
3E Joshua Tidd
3E Isobel Park
3C Isobella Chapman
3C Hayden Cornish



Luke Temple - Visit and Book Signing

On Monday 25th March, we are delighted to be welcoming Luke Temple, children's author into Old Catton Junior School. Luke will be holding a presentation in school showing us his spooky books and entertaining the children with his stories. He will then be returning to sign books on 27th March. Letters will be coming home with the children after the visit, giving details on how to purchase books that are signed.



Open the Book

This week's 'Open the Book' assembly focused on the shepherd and the lost sheep. At the time when Jesus lived people found it hard to understand that God cares about everyone, good or bad. In this week's story Jesus explains this by telling the people a story about a shepherd who had lost one of his sheep. The shepherd did not give up, he searched diligently until he found the lost sheep and was full of joy when the lost sheep was found. This story promoted an understanding of the school's Christian value of 'Joy' through encouraging the children to appreciate that every single one of us is special and precious.

Slime and Putty!

This week we had an incident in school involving some slime / putty that one of the children had brought into school. It resulted in a child's coat being damaged! Please may I ask again that all putty and slime please stay at home so that we do not have any reoccurrences. It is just too problematic in school. Thank you for helping us with this matter.

Named School Uniform

Please could I ask that you check your child's school uniform at home and make sure that all items belong to your children. We have had some school uniform being misplaced or accidentally taken which is clearly named but not turning up in our lost property. It is therefore possible that items have been taken home accidentally. I would be very grateful if any such items could be returned to school so that we can reunite them with their owners! Many thanks for your help with this matter.

Comic Relief 2019

Today we have been raising money for Comic Relief! The children have worn non-school uniform and donated £1. At break time they took great delight in throwing wet (and very cold) sponges at the teachers! We were completely soaked and freezing cold but that didn't matter because we raised lots of money for charity and the children loved it! Thank you very much for helping us to raise money for Comic Relief – total to follow in next week's newsletter.

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
Lilia Wilson
Sam Maslen
Tyler Allen
William Jolly
Riley Cornish
Tyler Bailey

Attendance Cup

4C and 4N jointly won the attendance cup for their attendance last week, with an attendance of 99% - Well done!

Maths Champions

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

Daisy Harris
Zofia Kurek

Key Dates for this Term

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
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Thurs 4th April - Celebration Assembly 9:00am invite only
Mon 8th April - Easter holidays begin
Tues 23rd April - Staff and children back to school



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;

Seasonal

(periodic, repetitive, circular, patterned, recurrent, recurring, regular, repeated.)



Change to Menu

As part of Norse Commercial Services' theme days, we will be holding a special Easter Lunch on Thursday 4th April. The menu will be:

Sausage and Meat Plait
(v) Vegetable Plait

Jacket Potato Wedges
Tomato Sauce Dip

Baton Carrots
Garden Peas

'Easter Nest'



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

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.

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!"

This week I would like you to talk about the seasons. Which season is your favourite and why? Which time of year do you look forward to the most and why? What memories do you have about the different seasons we experience? Do all the people in your family like the same season or do you differ in your choice? Ask the adults at home to talk to you about their favourite season and what memories they have of it from when they were your age.