

OLD CATTON NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

I am pleased to report that our phone lines are now back up and running. Open Reach have now replaced several cables so that we should not experience this issue again. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time.

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 Maisey Goulart
6R Lilia Wilson
6E Lois Lincoln
6E Daniel Carter
5JS Riley Cornish
5JS Holly Boyce
5GS Joseph Pereira
5GS Isobel Chapman
4N Elliot Curmi
4N Maddison McKail
4C Jack Barnes
4C Emilija Sinkunaite
3E Elise Brant
3E Rudi Webster
3C Oliver Rodwell-Stone
3C Zoe Frimpong



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:

Lorcan Mutter X2

Keely Freeman

Finlay Cardis

Aimee Buttery

Millie Slater

Jay Lee Hurren

Millie Tennant

Zofia Kurek

Sophie Lee

Zofia Gapinska

Benjamin Clarke

Attendance Cup

4N won the attendance cup for their attendance last week, with an attendance of **97.73%** - Well done!

Maths Champions

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

Daniel Carter

Jayden Langridge

Maisy Miller

Reece Pleasance

Oliver Bradfield

Elliot Curmi

Elliot Freezer

Josh Everson

Adam Coats

Swimming Year 4

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

5m – Idy Akpan, Tyler Barass, Tabitha Bates, Penny Bunter, Elliot Curmi, Jack Dennehy, Joshua Donnelly, Ruby English

10M – Elliot Curmi

Water Confidence – Riley Church

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

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

Important Date Changes for Summer Term

Due to other clashes with dates in the Summer Term we have had to change two of our big calendar events.

Sports Day has been moved from **Thursday 11th July to Friday 12th July** so that the majority of Year 6 pupils will be able to take part and not be out of school on their transition days to High Schools.

Year 6 Fashion Show will also need to be moved from **Friday 28th June to Tuesday 25th June**.

We are letting you know of these changes as early as we possibly can, as we know that they may be events you wish to attend and you will need time in order to organise these arrangements.

Norwich School Maths Challenge

On Thursday and Friday we had 4 children from year 5 and 4 children from year 6 who were chosen to represent the school at a local maths challenge. The competition took place at Norwich Lower School with 50 pairs of children from schools across the city taking part in timed maths challenges. Year 5 - Kyan Batterbee, William Bowen, NeNe Chen and Tyler Guidone and Year 6 - Daniel Lee, Rachel Lee, Lilia Wilson and Szymon Kurek, all had a very enjoyable morning. After 2 hours of solid maths the children were still smiling thanks to the giant cookies and drinks!! Year 5 came a respectable 27th and 33rd - not bad when you are facing the best year 5 students chosen from across the city! Year 6 results will be available next week. All children were excellently behaved and had a great desire to do well ensuring Old Catton was represented wonderfully and they made their teachers very proud. Well done all!



Fund Raising

Thank you very much for helping us to raise money for Comic Relief – total raised was £287.

We also raised an amazing amount of £498 from the school Disco!

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.



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;

Negotiating

(Find a way over or through (an obstacle or difficult route))

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!"

On 23 June 2016, UK adults made a historic decision. They voted for the UK to leave a group of countries called the European Union (EU).

This is called Brexit, made up of the words 'Britain' and 'exit'.

The vote was over two years ago, but it is still being talked about a lot as the UK hasn't left the EU yet. It is due to leave the EU at 11pm on Friday 29 March, 2019.

At the moment, UK and EU politicians are making all the final arrangements for Brexit to happen, as there are lots to sort out.

No country has ever left the EU before, so it's a significant moment in European history.

Talk to your families regarding Brexit, what are the positives and what are the negatives. See what information you can find at home too!