

OLD CATTON NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents

SATs week is now fast approaching. Year 6 will be taking their tests from Monday 13th May – Thursday 16th May 2019. This is a very important week for Year 6 and they have all been working very hard in preparation for their tests. We know that all the pupils will tackle the tests to the best of their ability. At Old Catton we believe that every child is an individual who is different and unique. The SATs tests are one measure of an individual's progress during their time in Key Stage 2. We know that they show us certain elements of a child's development and ability but they certainly do not show us the whole picture. The children in our school are talented artists, musicians, sports men and women and scientists; they are deep thinkers, caring friends and compassionate classmates; they are courageous, adventurous, creative and confident young people – and all of these things are impossible to measure on a SATs test. The tests have their place and are part of our education system so we need to tackle them to the very best of our ability; my message to Year 6 is exactly that – do your best and you have done all you can. Before you have even taken the tests we are already immensely proud of you for your hard work and dedicated attitudes. Good luck to all of Year 6!

KS2 SATs Timetable

Monday 13 th May	SPAG Paper 1 and 2
Tuesday 14 th May	Reading Paper
Wednesday 15 th May	Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning)
Thursday 16 th May	Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)

Please note that all tests will be conducted in the morning. It is very important that pupils arrive in school on time and feel settled; having had a good night's sleep and breakfast.

We will be running the Year 6 SATs Breakfast Club during the week of the KS2 tests. We are aiming to cater for most of the year group! Letters have been sent home this week so please make sure that you have given consent for your child to attend so that we know, you know, where they are at 8am on Monday 13th May – Thursday 17th May. We are looking forward to having a great start to each day, altogether, before we commence each test. Thank you in advance to all the staff who are helping to make this possible and to all parents who have returned the form.

In order to help your child during the SATs week we suggest the following things at home: **Relax!** Let them rest and chill out at home. They will have been working hard in school and need down time after school is done. **Sleep!** A good night's sleep will help them feel ready for the next day so not too late to bed please! **Food!** Making sure that they are well fuelled and full up is really important to prepare them for the busy week at school.

Water! Stay hydrated to make sure they avoid feeling sleepy or poorly. **Talk to them!** Showing an interest and talking to them about how they are feeling about the tests is really important to encourage them and show that you are proud of them and how hard they are working. **Fresh air!** Time outside is relaxing and takes away stresses and worries – let them play!

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 Mia Glenton
6E Izaak Turner
6E Julia Andres
5JS William Chapman
5JS Christina Frizell-Taylor
5GS Zach Crask
5GS Emmanuel Onyewuchi
4N Lorcan Mutter
4N Tyler Barass
4C Rianna Aldous
4C Jay-Lee Hurren
3E Hana Gapinska
3E Evie Brittain
3C Zoe Frimpong
3C Lily Frizell-Taylor



Attendance Cup

4C and 5GS jointly won the attendance cup last week. With an attendance of **99.17%** - Well done!

Maths Champions

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

Olivia Garvey
Issac Curmi
Emmanuel Onyewuchi
Sam Maslen
Maia Walker
Amelia Wicinska
Taryn Hayward
Theo Kiddle
Jack Barnes

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:

Finn Dann
Isabella McDonald
Maddison Loveday
Oscar Jackson
Alesha Mapiye

Key Dates

Mon 6th May - Bank Holiday school closed
Week/B Mon 13th May - SATs Week for Yr 6
Fri 24th May - Class Photos
Mon 27th May to Fri 31st May - Half Term
Wed 5th June - Whitlingham Trip Year 6
Thurs 6th June - Whitlingham Trip Year 6
Fri 7th June - Whitlingham Trip Year 6
Fri 7th June - Goblin Race Yr 5
Thurs 13th June - Free Karate Taster Sessions
Fri 14th June - Sing Up at St Andrews Hall
Thurs 20th June - New Intake Evening Yr 2 at 7pm
Tues 25th June - Yr 6 Fashion Show 10:00-11:00am
Mon 1st July - City Sports at UEA
Tues 2nd July - City Sports at UEA
Thurs 4th July - City Sports at UEA
Fri 5th July - SkillForce Ceremony Day Yr 5.
Fri 12th July - Sports Day
Week/B Monday 15th July - Assertive Mentoring
Thurs 18th July - Year 6 Leavers Show 7pm
Fri 19th July - Summer Fair 3:30-6pm
Tues 23rd July - Celebration Assembly at 9:00am
Tues 23rd July - End of Year Disco! 6:00-8:30pm
Wed 24th July - Last Day of Term
Thurs 25th July to Wed 4th Sept - Summer Holiday
Wed 4th Sept - Children return to school

Open the Book

The first 'Open the Book' assembly of the Summer term was on Monday 29th April and it focused on the Easter Story as experienced by Peter, one of Jesus friends. Peter denied knowing Jesus three times and then regretted it. The story reminds us that sometimes we wish we could go back and change what we have done. It encourages us to say sorry and to try to put things right. It promoted an understanding of the school's Christian value of 'Hope' through encouraging the children to hope for forgiveness for themselves and to forgive others if they have let them down.

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;

SATS!

SATs week is coming up (in case you didn't know!) I would like you to discuss at home how you feel about SATs. Are the tests important? Do you feel that they are fair? If we didn't have them how would we measure how well schools perform? Can you think of other measures that we could use? Talk to your families at home and see what they think.

Our 'WOW' Word this week is

Examination

(A formal test of a person's knowledge or proficiency in a subject or skill)

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 Friday afternoon.
- We will encourage the children to use the WOW word throughout the week.

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.