

OLD CATTON NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents

I hope that you all have a lovely Easter Holiday. May your break be restful and filled with sunshine and chocolate!

This will be my last newsletter to you before I finish my role as Head of School at Old Catton Junior School. I know that you have been made aware of my new appointment – thank you to those of you who have congratulated me on this – your kind words mean a great deal to me. I am leaving the role as Head of School but my new role as Executive Deputy for School Improvement within the Nebula Federation, means that I am still part of the whole Federation and still get to work alongside the staff, families and children at OCJS. So I suppose it's not goodbye; more of a see you soon.

For those of you who know me well, you will know that I am rarely stuck for words and often use too many but trying to write down what being Head of School at OCJS means to me is impossible to do. I have spent my whole career in education at Old Catton, starting as a new teacher, with my first class in 2005, being made Assistant Head in 2010 and then Head of School in 2015. It has felt like my home from home; OCJS is my third baby and I have grown here both as a person individually and as a Teacher and leader. I got married, had my children, moved house three times all whilst being here!

The people that have surrounded me over the years have been the reason I love the school so much. The staff that I am so grateful to work with, the families I feel so lucky to work for and most importantly the children who are the reason I come to work every day – all of you make OCJS the place that it is and I will be forever thankful for my time working here and leading everybody.

So as I take "one more step" in my journey and "travel from the old to the new", I am excited about the next chapter and can't wait to start my new role. I am also able to handover to Miss Emrick knowing that OCJS is in safe hands under her leadership. We will still be working closely together and I look forward to seeing where she will take OCJS in its next chapter. I know that the present time is uncertain but I have full faith in the fact that all our schools have a positive future – we will continue to build that together.

Thank you for all your support, trust and faith that you have put in me over the years. I look forward to seeing you again soon in my new role.



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

Freya Cardis

Freya has been working hard all week, especially in maths and English. Well done Freya!

Harry Read

Harry's attention to detail and thoroughness in his work has been particularly apparent in our Indus Valley work in humanities. Brilliant work!

3C

Dylan Kitley

For making an excellent return to school and trying hard in lessons, completing some pleasing pieces of work.

Thomas Clarke

For an excellent day on Tuesday, working with adults to complete his tasks and showing great ideas and creativity.

4C

Malina Clapuci

For your incredible attitude since returning to school. Your effort in English this week has been amazing and you have worked extremely hard. Keep up the good work.

Malachy McKenna

For your amazing effort in all areas of learning this week, particularly in Maths. It has been great to see you sharing your answers with the class. Keep it up!

4N

Jack Everett

Jack has been working incredibly hard in Science this term, thinking carefully about the topics and asking in depth questions to challenge himself. Well done!

Alani Lawrence

Alani has impressed us all immensely this week with the incredible focus and effort she has been putting into all of her work. She has worked hard to ensure it is beautifully written and detailed! Great work Alani.

5GS

Rudi Webster

For fantastic work in RE. Your clay sculpture of Icarus flying was beautifully created and your second sculpture of Icarus after he had fallen really adds to the impact. Well done!

Cody Lee

take this opportunity to thank you for everything you have done for us as our Vicar and we wish you a very well deserved and happy retirement.

The children have made you a special card and we will be sending you a very special video message from the whole school once we have editing it for you.

HAPPY
retirement

Comic Relief: Red Nose Day 2021 Total Amount Raised

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Comic Relief Total this year. You helped us raise **£128.50!**

Thank you so much!

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I hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Connelly



Friends of Catton Park

Saturday 3 April 2021

EASTER DECORATED STONES COMPETITION



Free to enter!

**Small prizes for best
entries**



**Bring your decorated stones* to the picnic area in
Catton Park (off Oak Lane) between 10 & 11 am**

Judging at 11 am

Please attach label to bottom of stone with your child's name
and your phone number

Please don't use glitter, plastic, sequins or other environmentally
unfriendly decorations

There may be other people around - please bring masks and
other appropriate Covid protection

Please do not congregate in the picnic area
Hayman Lodge will not be open



* if you can't find a stone then a potato or hard boiled egg will be fine

Please note dogs are not allowed in the picnic area