

# OLD CATTON NEWSLETTER



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## Dear Parents

I hope that you were all able to read the letter regarding traffic, parking and driving near school that I sent out on Friday. My aim is very simple – to all work together to make sure that the children are safe when coming into and leaving school. I really appreciate everyone's commitment to doing this. We are going to continue to monitor the Recreation Ground Road approach road and if necessary work together with the local Police to help us make sure everything is as safe as possible. Many thanks for all your support and help with this.

## Stars of the Week!

**Congratulations to the Stars of the week before half term – wonderful work and attitudes shown; what brilliant role models we have in our school.**

6E – Callum King

6E – Sophie Callow

6R – Georgia Tilley

6R – Connor Hanworth

6S – Hayley Allen

6S – Keira Edwards

4G – Kane Quantrill

4G – Alesha Mapiye

4P – Ella Bisby

4P – Keeley Freeman

3C – Charlie Fuller

3C – Sam Maslen

3E – William Morgan

3E – Claudia Brown



## 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:

Ava De Cooper-Wride

Daisy Viner

Emmy Allen

Emily Mallett

Jackson Dale

## Golden Homework Award

**Congratulations to the following children who have achieved their Golden Homework Award for gaining 10 Golden Homework stickers!**

Luca Colebrook

## After School Hockey Club!

Please remember the after school hockey club will be starting on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017. If your child has been allocated a place they will have received a slip. Please remember that this club requires the children to come prepared with mouth guards and shin pads in order to take part safely.

## Science Fair

On **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017 (between 3:30pm and 4:30pm)**, we will be hosting our very first 'Old Catton Junior School Science Fair'. The children have been working hard over the last half term to create research questions and organise experiments in preparation for the big day! We really hope that you can come along to look at all of their wonderful hard work and you'll even have a chance to see some working experiments!

There will also be an opportunity to vote for your favourite experiment and this class will be presented with a prize during the week's celebration assembly.

We look forward to seeing you there,

Miss Emrick.



## Mad Science After-School Club

Please remember on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April, the first Mad Science after-school club will be taking place! If your child has received a slip to say that they have been given a place for the after-school club, we ask that they meet (promptly at the end of the day) in the school library.

## May the 4<sup>th</sup> Be With You!

We are going to be supporting a charity called **Finnbar's Force** by dressing up in Star Wars related clothes on **Thursday May 4<sup>th</sup>**. This charity is very close to us and is connected to a family at one of our partnership schools – Frettenham Primary School. Finnbar's family are raising awareness and money for children fighting brain tumours after losing Finnbar, aged just 6 years old. So far they have raised over £12000. On May 4<sup>th</sup> they would like children to enjoy dressing in the theme of Star Wars to celebrate Finnbar's love of



Star Wars and the incredible fighting force that he demonstrated. We would ask that you donate £1 towards the charity on this day. Dressing up could be as elaborate as you like – full Yoda outfit? Or much simpler – a Star Wars T Shirt or your hair in the style of Princess Leia. Whatever you decide – please help us to raise some money for this worthy cause. Thank you.



### SATs Breakfast Club

Thank you to all who have returned the letters to let us know that they would like their children to attend the Year 6 SATs Breakfast Club during the week of the KS2 tests. We are aiming to cater for most of the year group! Please do 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 8<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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;

#### *Is this "Art"?*

*French artist, Abraham Poincheval, sat on eggs to make them hatch! He sat on eggs like a hen for his latest bizarre art project. He was in a special tank in a museum in Paris using his own body heat to make the eggs hatch. It took three weeks for the chicks to hatch! It's not the only unusual thing he's done for art. He's also lived inside a rock and travelled up the Rhone river inside a large plastic bottle with a cork in it! This is all very abstract but do you think it counts as art? Discuss with your families at home and bring your ideas to talk homework feedback this week!*



Our 'WOW' Word this week is

## Abstract

*(non-representational, non-realistic, non-pictorial, symbolic, impressionistic "abstract art".)*

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 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.



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 Connolly.**