

OLD CATTON NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents

I hope you all enjoy the bank holiday. Let's hope we actually have a nice day weather wise.

It is SATs week in school from 14th May. This is an important week for our year 6 cohort. They have all been working very hard, all year and I know that they will all tackle the tests to the very 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 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 show 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!

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.

6S – Hayley Allen
6S – Alfie Jones
6E – Katie Williams
6E – Dominic Milton
5S – Ruben Barnes
5S – Lilly Richardson
5R – Ethan Ssemwanga
5R – Maisey Andrews
4N – Joshua Everson
4N – Evan McKenzie
4P – Tyler Guidone
4P – Jacob Delf
3E – Georgina O'Connell
3E – Solomon Thompson
3C – Theoden Kiddell
3C – Tabatha Bates



Attendance Cup

4P and 3C jointly won the attendance cup for their attendance last week. With an attendance of 99.66% - Well done!

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:

Aimee Buttery
Madison McKail

Maisie Atkinson

Bella Blyth

Conor Day

Joshua Everson

Rachel Lee

Jack Stone

Maths Champions

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

Georgia Herod

Swimming

Very well done to the **year 4 swimmers** who have been presented with their swimming certificates. Brilliant work – keep it up!

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Mikey Bradstreet

Adam Young

Issac Curmi



Lexia Superstars!

Well done to the following pupils who have completed their levels in Lexia:

Ruby English – Level 3

Reminder of dates:

Mon 7th May - May Day Bank Holiday (**school closed**)

Mon 14th May (all week) - SATs for Year 6

Mon 21st May - Cycling Yr6

Tues 22nd May - Cycling Yr6

Wed 23rd May - Cycling Yr6

Thurs 24th May - Cycling Yr6

Tues 22nd May - Year 5 Norwich Castle Trip

Mon 28th May to Fri 1st June - **Half Term**

Mon 4th June – Walsingham Trip Yr 3

Tues 5th June - Whitlingham Trip Yr 6

Wed 6th June - Walsingham Trip Yr 4

Wed 6th June - Whitlingham Trip Yr 6

Thurs 7th June - Whitlingham Trip Yr 6

Fri 8th June - Class Photos all year groups **am**

Fri 8th June - Sing Up at St Andrews Hall **pm**

Fri 15th June – ESKA Karate day (all classes)

Thurs 21st June - New Intake Evening Yr 2 **7.00pm**

Fri 29th June - Yr 6 Fashion Show **10:00am**

Mon 2nd July - City Sports at UEA

Tues 3rd July - City Sports at UEA

Thurs 5th July - City Sports at UEA

Mon 9th July - Assertive Mentoring Meetings.

Tues 10th July - Assertive Mentoring Meetings

Wed 11th July - Assertive Mentoring Meetings.

Wed 11th July - Nebula Sponsored Run

Mon 16th July - Sports Day

Tues 17th July - Sports Day rain check

Fri 13th July - Summer Fair

Thurs 19th July - Yr 6 Leavers Show **7.00pm**

Mon 23rd July - Celebration Assembly **9:00am**

Tues 24th July - Last Day of Term

Wed 25th July to Wed 5th Sept - Summer Holiday

Tues 4th Wed 5th Sept - Inset days (**school closed**)

Thurs 6th Sept - Children return to school

Thank You

Thank you to everyone that donated to Autism awareness. We raised £90 for silly socks. This is a fantastic amount of money!



Year 5 Cycling

Well done to all our year 5's who completed their Level 2 cycling proficiency this week, they will receive their certificates in celebration assembly next week. Thank you to the parents who offered their time to help. There are more dates in June, if there anyone able to help. Please let the office know

SATs Breakfast Club

Year 6 SATs Breakfast Club is at 8am on Monday 14th 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 helping to make this possible.

Year 6 Whitlingham Trip

Letters for the Year 6 Whitlingham trip were send home on 30th April. This is a great way for year 6's to have some fun after the heavy weeks of SAT's planning, revision and the stress of taking the tests. We would love all of year 6 to be able to take part in this trip. Please could you return the forms and deposit by the 14th May to ensure your child place. If you have any concerns over payments, please do not hesitate to come and talk to us. Thank you

Change to Menu

To celebrate the forthcoming Royal Wedding, Norse Catering will be offering a special 'Street Party' lunch on **Thursday 17th May**. This will replace the normal menu for the day and will be:

'A Selection of Sandwiches'
(Ham, Cheese or Cucumber)

Pizza Bites
Sausage

Carrot and Cucumber Batons

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Decorated Cupcake
Fruit Cuplet

Special Diets: For any children who we currently cater for with gluten, dairy or egg allergies then the menu above has been adapted to suit their requirements.



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;

Recently we have *welcomed a new baby to the royal family and there has been lots of publicity about the royal wedding. With your family at home, I would like you to discuss what you think makes a family? Does it mean baby and marriage or are there other things that make a family?*



Our 'WOW' Word this week is

Equality

(being equal with rights or opportunities)

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 Connolly