

OLD CATTON NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents

Thank you so much to all of those parents and carers who have taken the time to tell me or email me with positive comments about the return to school. It has been great for us to hear these words and to have the knowledge that you feel your children are happy and settling back into school.

Only last week I was writing to ask you to provide hats and sun cream because of the hot weather. Isn't our climate brilliant!? I now need to ask you all to provide coats and appropriate clothing for the wet and cooler weather we are now experiencing. With Autumn well and truly upon us we need the children to come to school with a coat. They will be going outside if we feel the conditions are suitable; this may include when it is raining and cold. Please make sure they are prepared for the season.

It is also important to note that the gate times still stand if it is raining. Please arrive close to the correct time so you do not have to wait in the rain. We will be promptly at the gates, at the agreed times and will let the children into school as soon as we can.

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.

6KR Ben Foley
6KR Madison Mckail
6LR Zofia Gapinska
6LR Sophia Andres
5GS Regan Rowell
5GS Zoe Frimpong
5JS Hayden Cornish
5JS Ellie Alderdice
4C Jamie Goddard-Mcclure
4C Oscar Oliver
4N Johnson Howard
4N Sahand Zydin
3C Emilia Payton
3C Sophie Ella Tanner
3E Riley Lin
3E Daisy Rusten- Putting



Attendance Cup

3C won the attendance cup for their attendance this week with an attendance of **100%** - Well done!

Update for items allowed in school – spare shoes for inclement weather

When the weather is very wet or if we have snow, the children can bring a spare pair of shoes, in a carrier bag, into school. All items need to be clearly named. For example; this allows the children to wear wellies to walk to school and have a dry pair of school shoes or trainers to change into. Any school bags or items not permitted, will be kept outside, under the canopy until they can be taken home at the end of the day. The updated permitted items for children to bring into school are:

- A named lunchbox and water bottle
- A coat or sunhat (weather dependant)
- Reading book
- A carrier bag containing a spare pair of shoes, in inclement weather
- Any medication that needs to be signed in at the front of school by a parent/carer after you have dropped your child off at their allocated gate

We are also unable to allow the children to bring in treats to hand out to their class on their birthdays. I am very sorry about this and of course wish it could be different. However for now, we must comply with the risk assessments and keep home/school transfer of items to a minimum. Thank you for your understanding.

Flu Immunisations 2020

Please can you make sure that you have completed the online permission for your child to have the nasal flu immunisation this Autumn Term. The school-based nasal flu immunisation programme requires that you submit the form to say if you give consent or that you decline this immunisation. Either way, the form needs to be completed. In order for any child to receive the immunisation, parental consent **MUST** be given. The deadline for the form to be submitted is **30th September 2020**. We have emailed out the letter this week. A copy is available on our website (under this newsletter link)

Year 6 High School Transfer Information

Please visit our website and click on the link "Year 6 High School Applications" for all the information we have been sent from our local high schools about applications and transfers. Most high schools appear to be running virtual open evenings this half term. We will post any information that they send us onto the school website for you to access.

Residents of Church Street Parking Issue

I have been contacted by one of our neighbours who lives in Park Close, opposite the school, on Church Street. They have asked that I bring to your attention that the Park Close drive is a private road and not a place where you can park to drop off or collect your children. The signs on the drive explain that it is a private road and the residents have also used cones to signal that cars are not allowed to enter the drive. On occasion the residents have been blocked in by cars parking inappropriately. Please can we be mindful of this, respect our neighbours and not park in this area. Many thanks.

Family Voice Norfolk

Family Voice has organised a session for parent/carers with children with SEND to meet with Rachel Gates, the strategic health and disability commissioner, to talk and answer any questions that parent carers may have about Short Breaks – Please see flyer attached.

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!"



Here are some of the new emojis being released in 2020. They range from including the recognisable hand gesture from Italy – pinching the fingers together to mean “perfect” to an anatomical heart and recognising different types of relationships, gender identities and roles in society. If you could invent an emoji what would it be and why? Discuss this with your family at home and bring your ideas to your class discussion. You could even draw what they emoji would look like to show everyone your idea.

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

Emotion

(feeling, sentiment, sensation, reaction, response.)

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 contact us if you have any questions or concerns. Have a great weekend!

Mrs K Connelly.