OLD CATTON NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents

Can I just remind parents, that if your child is cycling to school, they must wear cycling helmets and lock their bike in the cycle rack. It's lovely that the children are able to get exercise on the way to school in the nice weather.

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

- Holly Chadwick 6R
- Megan Field 6R
- Keely Freeman 6E
- Bryan Szendro 6E
- Tyler Allen 5JS
- 5JS Kvan Batterbee
- 5GS Luke Dodds
- 5GS Fern Rutterford
- 4N Madison McKail
- 4N Catherine Baker Gabriel Henderson 4C
- 4C Oliver Bradfield
- 3E Phoebe Fuller
- 3E Summer Webster
- 3C
- Alicija Drozdzik
- 3C George Morgan

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:

Toby Alderdice Mia Glenton Keelv Freeman Sam Frizell-Taylor Tabitha Bates Oscar Jackson **Ruby Lightening**

Swimming

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

25m - Caleb Ssemwanga and Millie Slater

Attendance Cup

4N won the attendance cup for the week with an attendance of 99% - Well done!

Maths Champions

Congratulations to our Maths Champions who have completed their Times Tables Master Sheets **Oliver Vianna** Mollie Bowen Anais Vincent Rebekah Kulikowski **Otillie Roelofs-Storie**

Key Dates

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 Thurs 4th July - Rocksteady Assembly Fri 5th July - SkillForce Ceremony Day Yr 5 Fri 5th July – Non uniform day (fine for summer fair) Mon 8th July – Yr4 Cathedral trip Wed 10th July - Yr 3 Bewilderwood Trip Fri 12th July - Sports Day Week/B Monday 15th July - Assertive Mentoring Mon 15th July – Bible presentation and tea party Tues 16th July – Keyboard Assembly 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

Fashion Show

On **Tuesday 25th June** Year 6 parents are all invited to come along and watch their children take part in the annual Fashion Show! We will be starting at 10am so come along from 9:45am to get your seat and enjoy the show. I for one can't wait!

Non School Uniform Day

We are holding a non-school uniform day on Friday 5th July for donations of items for our summer fair. We would like to have bottles of wine and prizes for our tombola stall which can either be for adults or children. Any donations are greatly appreciated. Childrens and adults prizes can be taken into class and given to the teacher on the day, but could you please bring any alcohol products into the main office. Thank you.

Bible Presentation & Tea Party Mon 15th July 2019

St Margaret's Church and Reverend Parsons have kindly donated bibles to every child in school and we are planning a special day to present them. We would like to hold a tea party for the children after a Collective Worship from Reverend Parsons. Please could we ask that you donate cakes and biscuits for this day; sending them in with the children on Monday 15th July.

No Electronics in School Please

We have had pupils bringing electronics into school in order to take them to a friend's or family member's house after school. The school office cannot take responsibility for expensive items and we have very little space to store them safely. Please can we politely ask that children do not bring such items to school. The only exception to this rule may be if electronics have been allowed as part of a class award and then this will be separately organised by the class teacher. Many Thanks.



Showcase Extravaganza

After weeks of extremely hard work, last Friday the choir performed at the Sprowston Cluster Sing Up show at St. Andrew's Hall. Along with several other schools from around the City, Old Catton Junior sang a fantastic selection of songs, all featured around the theme of Bravery. OCJS also joined forces with Garrick Green Infant School to sing the beautiful yet tricky, "I Believe" by Eric Lavisalles, as our showcase song. I could not be prouder of the children's dedication to learning the repertoire (which featured some very difficult and high notes!) and attend singing practice every week. They sang beautifully on the day and many people remarked to me how impressed they were that the children tackled such a well-loved song with such confidence. Congratulations to the choir – you are true performers!

Thank you to all the friends, parents and family members who came to support the choir on the day. And to those leaving us in Year 6, I hope you will have been inspired enough to join your high school choir and continue lighting up the stage!

OCJS will have news about exciting singing opportunities coming up next academic year (including Young Voices 2020), so do remind your children to look out for my messages in assembly! Miss Richardson

Open the book

This week's 'Open the Book' collective worship took us back to the Old Testament. It told the story of King Belshazzar who did not respect God and misused the gold and silver cups from the temple. Mysterious writing appeared on the wall at one of the banquets given by the King. Daniel interpreted the writing for the King. It foretold the King's death and the destruction of his kingdom. This story encouraged the children to respect others and to think about times when they may have used something without asking permission.

Mrs Connelly's Cycling Challenge

Next week on Saturday 29th June, I am going to be trying to cycle the first leg of the Tour de France, in Brussels, with my Dad. This means cycling 126 miles in one day, following the route that the professional cyclists will do when the Tour starts. My Dad and I are trying to raise money for Prostate Cancer UK. My Dad was diagnosed with Prostate Cancer 5 years ago and has since become a very keen cyclist in order to keep himself fit and healthy. He has now completed the first leg of the Tour, for the past 3 years and this year I am lucky enough to do it with him. SO! I wanted to say thank you very much to all the children who have bought ice pops from me this week - all the money will go towards the charity. I have a Just Giving page set up to raise money for this great charity. If anyone would like to donate, I have put the link below. Many Thanks for all your support. Hopefully I will manage to survive the ride and be back to tell the tale!

Check out my JustGiving Page for PROSTATE CANCER UK. Help me raise more! http://www.justgiving.com/Kate-Connelly2?utm_id=27



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;

Today is Summer Solstice, which is the longest day of the year. We also have a Winter Solstice, which is the shortest day of the year. To even out the lighter times of the day, the UK uses Daylight saving. Talk to your family about how this works and what the benefits from it are.

Our 'WOW' Word this week is

Solar

(from the sun, or using the energy from the sun to produce electric)

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

