

# OLD CATTON NEWSLETTER

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## Dear Parents

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Assertive Mentoring Meetings next week which are being held officially on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday after school but with some added extra days for some of the classes due to other commitments the teachers have during the week.

## Have Your Say – Parent Questionnaires

During the week of Assertive Mentoring Meetings we will be asking you to fill out one of our parent questionnaires. Your child's class teacher will give you one of the questionnaires with your child's report. Please take time to fill it in and tell us what you think. Mrs Connelly, Mrs Wright or Mrs Hewett will be in the Hall where you can sit down to fill in the questionnaire and hand it in. It's great to hear your comments – positive ones are lovely to hear and really make a huge difference and constructive criticism helps us to improve and make positive changes so please have your say!

It is a very busy two weeks to round off the term and we hope that the children and you are able to enjoy all the special things that we have going on.

## 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 – Ella Iftimie Hau  
6S – Jake Dodds  
6E – Jayden Muzembe  
6E – Jayden Beattie  
5S – Jayden Langridge  
5S – Julia Andres  
5R – Ben Mallett  
5R – Lois Lincoln  
4N – Alexander Payton  
4N – Mikey Bradstreet  
4P – Aaliyah Makudo  
4P – Murray Mead  
3E – Millie Slater  
3E – Rufus Teeuw  
3C – Emilija Sinkunaite  
3C – Lewis Hambling



## Attendance Cup

**4P** won the attendance cup for their attendance last week. With an attendance of 98.67% - Well done!

## Maths Champions

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

**Ellie Blyth, Ella Bisby**

## Reminder of dates:

**Mon 9<sup>th</sup> July** - Assertive Mentoring Meetings. Yr3, 4 & 5  
**Tues 10<sup>th</sup> July** - Assertive Mentoring Meetings Yr3, 4 & 5  
**Wed 11<sup>th</sup> July** - Assertive Mentoring Meetings. Yr3, 4, 5, 6  
**Wed 11<sup>th</sup> July** - Nebula Sponsored Run  
**Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> July** - Assertive Mentoring Meetings. Yr6 only  
**Fri 13<sup>th</sup> July** - Summer Fair  
**Mon 16<sup>th</sup> July** - Sports Day  
**Tues 17<sup>th</sup> July** - Sports Day rain check  
**Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> July** - Yr 6 Leavers Show **7.00pm**  
**Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> July** - Celebration Assembly **9:00am**  
**Tues 24<sup>th</sup> July** - Last Day of Term  
**Wed 25<sup>th</sup> July to Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Sept** - Summer Holiday  
**Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Sept** - Inset days (**school closed**)  
**Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Sept** - Children return to school

## Driving and Parking around school

Please can all parents and carers work together to make sure that all our children are safe on the roads and pavements when arriving at school and leaving at the end of the day. I have written many times, politely asking that this be a priority for everyone. We have, once again, had more incidents involving people parking in dangerous places, such as on the raised crossing immediately outside of school on Church Street, on both sides of the road – meaning that children and families crossing in this place, may need to step out between cars or in front of cars in order to cross. We have also had people blocking the school gate with their cars or turning around in the school carpark. This is not safe as staff and children may be walking in this area or staff maybe moving their own cars in or out of school. There simply is not enough room for any additional cars to use this area; unless this has been previously agreed with the Head of School. There have also been reports of people blocking each other into the Rec Road car park, parking in the middle of this road, driving too quickly in or out of the road and being verbally rude to each other. Again, children are leaving on foot and on bikes from our school gate and need to be able to do so safely.

Please can I urge that we all work together as a community to make sure that we are trying to alleviate the problems of parking around school. In this beautiful weather walking or biking to school could be helpful alternative or parking a little further away from school if there are no spaces in the car park. Old Catton Junior School is considered to be a safe area for parking as we are very lucky to have the Recreation Ground space. I have previously tried involving the local Police and have passed on concerns to our Chair of Governors to address with the Council. I am not able to police the roads myself – all I can do is ask that everyone is sensible and careful in order to keep all our children safe. Thank you. Mrs K Connelly.

### Nebula Sponsored Run

Our Nebula Sponsored Run is fast approaching on Wednesday 11th July! The timings and organisation of the day require all children to bring a packed lunch to eat on this day. Please could you provide your child with a packed lunch from home. Including a snack that they can have before they run or after they return to school would be brilliant. Please provide plenty of drinks too, although water will be available on site during the run. If you are eligible for a free school meal, please complete the slip on the letter that has been sent out to you, in order to request a free packed lunch which will be provided by the kitchen.

Any Year 5 children who are currently taking part in SkillForce, will complete their run in the morning, allowing them to come back to school in time to go to the last SkillForce session of the year. This will take place as normal next week, so please collect your children as you would normally do from White Woman Lane.

### HELP!

We are looking for donations of cakes for the cake stall for summer fair. If you are able to make or buy cakes it would be greatly appreciated. Please bring any items into school on Friday only. Also we are still looking for help with stalls. We really do need the help of parents and carers in order to make this happen. You can either email me, call the office or pop in and tell one of the teachers. Please get in touch!

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### Library Books Returned to School Please

Please can we ask that all school library books are returned to school by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July. We would also appreciate a good hunt around at home to see if you can find any school books that may be lurking under the bed, lost in the bottom of school bags or hidden in a cupboard. Please don't worry if you find 10! We would just like them back so that we can organise the library in time for next year. Many Thanks and happy hunting!

### Sports Day!

Sports Day is planned for Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July. This is of course weather dependant and this year the rain check date is Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> so hopefully we will be able to go ahead on one of the days. You are invited to join us for all or part of the day on Sports Day. We plan to follow the same format as last year and do the rotation of field events in the morning with all pupils taking part to gain points for their houses. We will then break for lunch, if the children want a school dinner on that day they will need to pre-order a packed lunch. There will be **no hot dinner option on that day**. The form to pre-order a packed lunch will be coming home next week. You are welcome to bring along a packed lunch too and eat with your children – picnic style. All children will be allowed to eat outside whether they have an adult attending sports day or not. In the afternoon we will commence the track events. We will then invite parents to run in the parent races and if the staff are all still standing; a staff relay event! We will need to ask adults to sign in and out of the school site and will set up tables and signing in/out sheets which will be situated on the Recreation Ground Road entrance. This will be the only way in and out of the school grounds on the day so please do not use the front of school or the Church Street entrance for this event. We hope that many of you are able to join us for all or part of the day but of course understand that many of you are busy and working and this may not be possible. Your children will be fully involved in the day regardless of whether or not you are able to come along so please do not worry!

### Lost Property

Once again we have a huge amount of lost property in school. We have returned all named items to the children, however we have a lot of items that are unnamed and still unaccounted for. We will need to get rid of all lost property at the end of term as we simply have nowhere to store it. Please come in and have a look for items that are yours. We will have it laid out in the hall during the week of Assertive Mentoring Meetings. While you are in school to see your child's class teacher, please pop in to have a look.

### The Old Catton Festival and Homework until September 2018

**(A reminder of this new project and the link to our homework tasks for the rest of this year.)**

We are planning the first ever Old Catton Junior School Festival. This will be an inter-house competition between the Hawks, Falcons, Eagles and Kestrels. There will be a task or activity for each subject for year 3 and 4 and for year 5 and 6. Children have now had their house meetings to pick just one of these activities to complete. Your child should know and be able to tell you what they are working on. They are welcome to choose more but no more than 3 tasks per person. Some of the tasks are collaborative and others can be done independently. The aim of the project is to encourage the children to think creatively and interpret the tasks in their own way, as well as working together in their houses to produce a showcase of their different talents. **The remaining summer terms homework tasks will be dedicated to the festival. We would also like to give children the summer holidays to complete their task should they wish and will aim to show case and judge the entries in the Autumn Term**, when parents will be invited in to school to see the results of the children's efforts. If children would like to hand in their entries before the end of term they may. Anything perishable (e.g. the cooking, flower arranging or mini garden projects) can still be entered as it can be photographed.

### Year 6 Show

Just a reminder that Year 6 are currently working hard on their Year 6 Leavers show which they will be performing for their families and friends on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm. You do not need tickets – just arrive and enjoy as we celebrate Year 6 and start to say our goodbyes!

### Celebration Assembly

Celebration Assembly invites will be coming out very soon for those children who have a certificate to collect in the Summer Term Celebration Assembly. These will be emailed to parents. Please also try to keep it a secret if they are going to receive a Headteacher's Award – it makes the assembly so much more special if they do not know ahead of time! Thank you.

## 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;

The week, the NHS (National Health Service) celebrated its 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday. I would like you to talk with your families about how you think the NHS works, whether you believe England has benefitted from the NHS, how this affects us when we require medical treatment compared to other countries. What would it be like if we didn't have the NHS?

*Our 'WOW' Word this week is*

## ***Beneficial***

(helpful, useful, or good)

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**