

# OLD CATTON NEWSLETTER



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## Dear Parents

I can't believe that we are into October already. The half term is flying by as we get ready for another exciting week at Old Catton Junior School. There's lots to look forward to, including our first inter-house sports competition. I do hope that you all received my extra letter last week explaining that our individual school photographs had to be moved to last Friday, (earlier in the half term than we anticipated!) I would have communicated this to you in the newsletter but we didn't know of the change of date until after we had sent them out, hence my extra letter and another reason for me to remind you to go digging in the bottom of school bags in case the children forget to give you something important.

## Stars of the Week!

Congratulations to this week's Stars. It was a pleasure to present the awards to such deserving pupils.

**Erin Greengrass – 6E**

**Ben Horth – 6E**

**Alyssa Hoogesteger – 6G**

**Carxel Bofenda – 6G**

**Max Yeomans – 6S**

**Cameron Pond – 6S**

**Ashleigh Bunn - 4R**

**Joe Biggs – 4R**

**Harry Thompson – 4W**

**Keira Edwards – 4W**

**Barney Dann – 3C**

**Max English – 3C**

**Maisy Miller – 3H**

**Ben Coe – 3H**



## Golden Book

This week the following pupils have had Wow moments to be proud of, impressing their teachers and amazing their peers with special moments of brilliance. Well done!

**Brandon Acton**

**Sam Sillet**

**Rikin Kumar**

**Holly Chadwick**

**Ella Murray**

**Ava de Cooper Wride**

**Tanisha Rav**

**Toby Thompson**

**Joe Biggs**

**Yung Loh**

**Daisy Viner**

**Ashleigh Bunn**

**Kyran Reid**

**Sophia Thompson**



## Attendance Cup

6E have won the attendance cup for a second week running with an attendance of 99.26% - Well done!



## Mrs Wright's Maths App of the Week!

Math Masters (HARASHOW Interactive) Mental maths game with training, puzzle and battle modes for practicing addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.



## Year 3 settling in meetings

Thank you to all those who came along for the settling in meetings for year 3. We hope that you feel your children are adjusting to Junior School and feeling happy in their new setting.

## Year 6 Prefect Applications

Many thanks to all the year 6 pupils who have applied to be prefects. I look forward to reading your applications and will be organising interviews for the week beginning the 12<sup>th</sup> October 2015.



## Open Evenings – Year 6

**Alysham High School** – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October, Headteacher presentation at 7pm followed by a look around the departments.

**Broadland High School** – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 6:30-9:00pm, Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 9:15-10:15pm.

**City of Norwich School, an Ormiston Academy**, on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October from 5-8pm. They are also hosting tours of the school at 9.15, 11.30 and 2.10 during the week of 12-16 October. Parents will need to book onto tours by contacting Student Services, [studentservices@cnsmail.org](mailto:studentservices@cnsmail.org)

## House Football!

The first of our planned House Tournaments is due to take place this week. All four houses will compete in a house football tournament, earning points for their house team. Year 3 and 4 will complete their games in the afternoon on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October and year 5 and 6 will complete theirs on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October. Please can all pupils make sure that they have their PE kit in school. It is also nice if the children are wearing their house colour t shirts for events like these. All points will be collated in order to



announce a winning house in Celebration Assembly on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you to Miss Gedge for organising and good luck to all houses!

### School Council – First Meeting

The School Council held their first meeting last week and created a list of things that they would like to try and achieve this year. (I had to say no to the water park on the field!) They have come up with some great ideas for us to help them tackle. They are going to be starting with a project around a display in school.

### Natalie Brown – Parent Support Advisor

Natalie Brown is our Parent Support Advisor at Old Catton Junior. She works with us in school and parents at home to help advise on dealing with the hardest job in the world – parenting! Natalie runs an informal coffee morning, held on the first Wednesday of the month during term time. The next one is Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 9:30-10:30 in The Lodge at White Woman Lane. Please feel free to go along and meet Natalie for a chat. Natalie would also like to see if parents would be interested in a parent group. I have attached a letter for you to fill in if you think this would be of interest to you. Please complete the letter and return it to the school office if you would like to access this service.



### Food Bank Donations

Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far to our Norwich Foodbank donation. Over the next two weeks we would all very much appreciate your support in giving whatever you can. Many thanks for your support.

### Year 4 Swimming

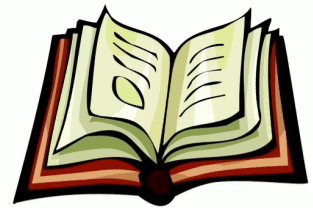
Last week our swimming programme was able to start, a little late this year due to the pool being closed at the start of term. All year 4 children are sent home a letter regarding swimming at the beginning of the year in order to gain parental permission for these lessons to take place. The children are then put into groups on a rota basis so that they all get an opportunity throughout the year to learn to swim in school. The rota for the group that is going swimming is put up in their classrooms and in the year 3/4 corridor. We ask that the children check these for themselves and let you know if they are on the swimming list. There is also a reserve place, so that if we have a child who is absent the reserve can go in their place. The group tends to stay the same for about a half term. Children finish their swimming lessons when they have confidently completed 25m and the swimming instructor feels that they are competent. Some children will complete this easily in the time allocated and others will need more sessions. Non-swimmers will be given extra sessions towards the end of the school year, once all the groups have been swimming. This year the swimming lessons are taking place on Tuesday afternoons. The children go into dinner first so they are ready to leave on time and are back before the end of the school day. Mrs Morgan accompanies the children on the school minibus and during the sessions at Drayton Junior School pool. Please do come and ask us if you have any further questions.

### Dinner Money

Just a polite reminder regarding school dinner money. The school dinners at Junior School cost £2.10 every day. This can be paid daily at the counter when the children choose their food or in advance at the school office. We understand that school dinners for the current year 3 were free last year, unfortunately this Government initiative does not apply to Key Stage 2 children who do need to pay unless they are entitled to free school meals. For more information regarding free school meal entitlement please ask Mrs Mckee at the office.

### Book Club

This week the first Book Club brochure will be coming home for your perusal. There are some fabulous offers on some great texts which you might like to purchase for your child. If so please send in the order form to the school office with the relevant money. If you would like to pay by cheque please make them payable to: Scholastic Book Club. The school also benefits from any orders placed by the pupils as we gain credits that we can use to buy books for the library or guided reading lessons. It's a win win!



## 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;

***What do you understand by the term refugee? Why do you think people decide to leave their own country, home, belongings and families behind?***



***(displaced person, asylum seeker, exile)***

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;

### **Refugee**

Please encourage your child to use this 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.



I hope you all have a great week! Please come in and speak to me or your children's class teachers if you have any worries or concerns.

**Mrs K Connelly.**