

# OLD CATTON NEWSLETTER



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## Dear Parents

I hope that you have all had a good week and are looking forward to a restful weekend.

Please can I ask for your help and support in making sure that our school gates are cleared as soon as possible, once you have dropped your children off in the mornings and collected them at the end of the day. We want to try and make our school and surrounding areas as safe as they can be during this difficult time. In order to do so we appreciate your commitment to leaving promptly once you are able to. Many thanks for your continued help with this matter.

## 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 Abigail Castlino  
6KR Penny Bunter  
6LR Solomon Thompson  
6LR Paige Wright  
5GS Lola Gilman  
5GS Bene Coates  
5JS Alicja Drozdziak  
5JS Isabella Chapman  
4C Dexter Walton  
4C Layla Hoogesteger  
4N Emily Reynolds  
4N Charlie Freezer  
3C William Bowen  
3C Lily Donnelly  
3E Freya Cardis  
3E Abigail Bor- Szlopovszky



## 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:

Week Beginning 05.10.2020

Lewis Pound  
Caleb Ssemwanga  
Jack-Bailey Ward



## Attendance Cup

6KR won the attendance cup for their attendance this week with an attendance of **98.03%** - Well done!

## Layering up!

As the temperatures drop outside we are aware that the children may be cold in school and need to wear more layers to keep warm. The heating in school is on but we have to maintain good ventilation by keeping the windows open. This may mean that the classrooms are cooler than normal. We suggest that layering up is a good way for them to be warmer. Putting a vest

under their t shirt or wearing a hoody over their school jumper is fine and we will allow all children to wear extra layers if needed. We do not hold a stock of school fleeces however we are able to order them from our school uniform supplier. They are very warm and cost £12. If you would like to order one, please visit your ParentPay account to make a payment. Orders are placed with our supplier weekly and items take approx. 2 weeks to arrive with us. We will send items home with your child as soon as we have them.

We also need the children to be warm and dry outside as this will help keep them warm back in the classrooms. Please make sure that they have coats with them every day in order to play outside. Hats, gloves and scarves are fine too as additional winter items.



## High School Transfer Year 6 Pupils

The Transfer to Secondary school 2021 application process closes for online applications on 31 October 2020. Reminder letters will be sent to those who have not applied. Please go online to: [www.admissionsonline.norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.admissionsonline.norfolk.gov.uk) or request a paper form by calling 0344 800 8020 to complete the necessary paperwork.

## School Meal Price Increase

After Half Term, from 2<sup>nd</sup> November, the cost of a school meal will be £2.30. If your child receives free school meals, this will not be effected in any way. Please note that school meals will continue to be in the form of a cold, packed lunch until further notice.

## Information from Norfolk Libraries

We have received the following useful information from Norfolk Libraries about how they are operating at the moment – the good news is, they can still provide a great service for you and your children and it's completely free!

## Accessing Norfolk Libraries

45 of Norfolk's 47 libraries have now reopened! Information about branch opening times can be found by clicking the relevant branch from this page on the libraries website ([click link](#))

When you come in, you will notice that things are slightly different and this is because we are following the Government guidelines to ensure that we are COVID safe. The library has limited capacity for customers allowed in to make sure we can maintain social distance. This also

means you may be asked to queue outside before we can allow you in.

We are taking test and trace details on entry and we have a QR code on display outside if you would rather use that. You will be asked to wear your face covering and sanitise your hands on entry and then follow the one way system inside. All our staff are wearing masks and are frequently washing and sanitising their hands too.

When books are returned, we are quarantining them for 72 hours so that they are safe for our customers to borrow. All of our touch points and self-service machines are kept clean throughout the day.

### **What can I borrow?**

For children, we have a limited amount of stock available for browsing. We also have a wide selection of "Grab and Go" bags, which are ready packed with our best stock for you to be able to take away and enjoy; why not try a couple?

For adults, we'll shortly be introducing grab and go bags as well as having stock available for browsing. You can still borrow DVDs and audio books too.

We're keeping borrowing limits to 20 books for everyone!

Is your child waiting for the latest bestseller? Chapter books can be reserved online and reservations are free for children. Just browse our catalogue to place your reservation. Lots of great new books are being published in the coming weeks and months, and we're still buying just as much as usual – please come and borrow it! You can visit the Norfolk Libraries catalogue here ([click link](#))

### **I'm not a member yet, how can I join?**

The easiest way to join is online. Just use this link to receive your card in the post (your details will also be emailed to you to allow immediate access to our online services: ([click here](#)))

### **What about events?**

We are not able to offer events and activities in the library at the moment, but we have lots happening online: check out our what's on page to see what we're offering ([click link](#)).

There's also our Facebook page for Children and Families, with lots of useful information too:

[www.facebook.com/NorfolkLibrariesForFamilies](https://www.facebook.com/NorfolkLibrariesForFamilies)

You'll find author events, story times, bounce and rhyme time, Lego club and storywriters club as well as book recommendations and links to our newest stock.

### **How about eBooks?**

If you haven't given it a try, why not take a look at our eBook library? Download the Libby app to get started, and log in with your library card and PIN number.

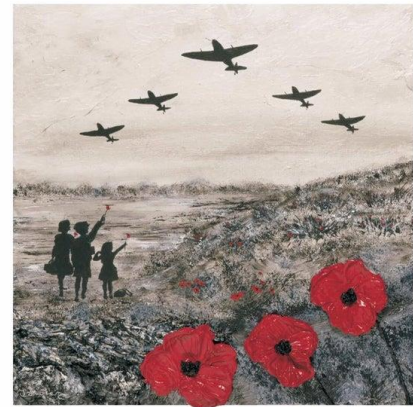
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### **RSE Teaching**

As per changes in the National Curriculum, Relationship and Sex Education is now a compulsory subject to be taught in schools. Therefore, we will be covering this in all year groups in an age appropriate manner. The teaching will cover six main areas which are: My Feelings, My Body, My Relationships, My Beliefs, My Rights and Responsibilities and Asking For Help. These will be taught throughout the academic year. Your child may come home and mention topics they have discussed in school, if you are uncertain how to approach these, please see the attached guidance. Alternatively, you can seek advice from your child's class teacher.



### **Poppy Trail**

Our school is pleased to be participating in the Old Catton Remembers Poppy Trail. The Royal British Legion are posting biographies of all the WW2 names on our war memorial throughout the village and we will be hosting the biography of Corporal Alan Seager. The trail will be up for two weeks prior to Remembrance Sunday and we have attached a map to this newsletter for your information. Maps are also available on Facebook and in the Old Catton News parish magazine. We hope that this community event gives your families the opportunity to find out about our local history and the amazing individuals, who came from Old Catton, who were involved in WW2.

## **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!"



This photo was named Young Grand Title Winner. 'The fox that got the goose' was taken by Liina who was 13 years old when she took it. This hungry fox, with feathers in its mouth, dragged away the goose that their mother had brought and refused to share with their siblings...cheeky fox! What an extraordinary photo Liina captured here of a moment that we would be very unlikely to witness ourselves.

If you were to take and capture a wildlife photo to enter into a competition, what animal would you want to try and photograph and why? Where in the world would your chosen animal live and what do you think you would try and photograph them doing? Talk to your families at home and see what they think too? Discuss with your class on Friday! Maybe you even have a wildlife photo that you have taken that you could share with your class?

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*

*Capture*

**(express, reproduce, represent, show, encapsulate, record)**

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.**