

# OLD CATTON NEWSLETTER



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## Dear Parents

I hope you all had a very happy half term holiday. We have now come back to the second half of the Autumn Term. I can't believe it is already November! With the weather changing and the light fading it is more and more important that the children have warm clothes in school in order for us to still be able to take them outside. Please ensure that they have warm coats, PE kit and extra layers for inside if they feel cold. We are more than happy for them to use an additional hoody, sweatshirt or even a cosy vest in order for them to be comfortable in school. The heating is on but the classrooms are still required to be well ventilated so it will feel colder than normal inside.

## 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 Emilio Williams  
6KR Dylan Howard - Sirdar  
6LR Ruby English  
6LR Rufus Teeuw  
5GS Adam Lakey  
5GS Elise Brant  
5JS Sam O'Malley  
5JS Finn Dann  
4C Willow Gent  
4C Jake O'Neill  
4N Elliot White  
4N Isla Gent  
3C Thomas Clarke  
3C Dylan Kitley  
3E Genevieve Block  
3E Sammy Webb



## 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 02.11.2020

Miss Reeves  
Sama Al-Khanaq  
Isabella McDonald 2 entries!  
Zoe Frimpong  
Regan Rowell 2 entries!  
Mollie Stone  
George Dickerson  
Kiera Sadd  
Maddison Loveday



## Attendance Cup

4N won the attendance cup for their attendance this week with an attendance of **99.48%** - Well done!

## A quick reminder that school meal prices have increased

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 Return Any School Sports Kit!

Please could you have a good look at home and return any sports kits that your child may have borrowed last year. We are missing a number of kits and need them in order to make sure that we will be ready to play, if/when the rules on playing competitive sports in schools change. Many thanks, Mr Eastwood and Mr Clitheroe



## Assertive Mentoring Meetings

Thank you to everyone who has attended a virtual assertive mentoring meeting this week. We have never held parent meetings in this way and although very different, (and not without a few technical hitches!) it has been great for all the teachers to see you and be able to talk about your child and how they have settled back into school. Discussing their targets for the term and how they are managing all the different elements of school at the moment is so important. As I always say – the home/school relationship is vital to best supporting your child's learning and progress. The teachers have fed back to me the overwhelmingly positive feedback and kind comments that you have shared with them this week. We are all so grateful for your support at this difficult time. It really makes a huge difference and impact to us to know that you are confident in what we are doing in school and support us as we navigate through this challenging and ever-changing time. Thank you very much.

If you haven't made an appointment or yet been able to speak to your child's class teacher, they will be making contact with you to see if you can organise a convenient time. Please do take the opportunity to have this conversation with the teacher – it is important in being able to help and support your child at home and understand their next steps and current progress in school. Many thanks for working with us to best support your child.



### School Council Letter

Please read the attached letter from Miss Emrick and School Council about the fundraising and charity focus they would like to try and support this academic year. We really appreciate your support and understanding with this change of focus in an unprecedented year. 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!"



Many people choose to wear a poppy in November for Remembrance Day to show respect for the people who died fighting in the First World War and the conflicts that followed it.

But did you know that there are other coloured poppies too - purple, black and white - that have different meanings.

The **red poppy** is the most famous symbol used to commemorate those who sacrificed their lives in World War One and conflicts that followed. Wearing a poppy was inspired by the fields of poppies that grew where many of the battles were fought. The red poppy is connected to the Royal British Legion - a charity created by veterans of World War One. They say that the red poppy represents remembrance and hope.

The **purple poppy** is often worn to remember animals that have been victims of war. Animals like horses, dogs and pigeons were often drafted into the war effort, and those that wear the purple poppy feel their service should be seen as equal to that of human service.

In particular, many horses were killed or injured in World War One. Donations to the Purple Poppy Appeal, which is organised by the War Horse Memorial, will go to charities like World Horse Welfare and the animal charity, Blue Cross.

The **black poppy** is most commonly associated with the commemoration of black, African and Caribbean communities' contribution to the war effort - as servicemen and servicewomen, and as civilians. The campaign organisers say that while they also support the red poppy, they feel that the black poppy highlights this contribution and the place of black, African and Caribbean communities in remembrance.

Some people feel that the red poppy glorifies war and conflict. Instead they might choose to wear a white poppy.

The **white poppy** is handed out by a charity called Peace Pledge Union, which promotes peace. They say that the white

poppy commemorates people who died in conflict, but focuses on achieving peace and challenging the way we look at war.

So what do you think? What poppy do you wear? Or do you choose not to wear a poppy? Discuss the different meanings behind the colours and what you think about what they stand for.

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*

### *Remembrance*

*(remembrance, flashback, recall, regard, retrospect)*

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.**