

OLD CATTON NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents

I hope you have all had an enjoyable week. We are now in the midst of lockdown number two! I hope that this period of time is proving manageable for your families. Hopefully we will all be able to return to less rigid restrictions soon. Please help to keep our school community and local community safe by leaving the school gates promptly when you are dropped off and collecting your children. Many thanks.

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 Finn Bunter
6KR Oresti Papa
6LR Oscar Jackson
6LR Gabriel Henderson
5GS Lincoln Wright
5GS Phoebe Fuller
5JS Benjamin Clarke
5JS Lola Body
4C Henley Olds
4C Annabel Fraser
4N Lauren McKenzie
4N Lottie Oliver
3C Gabriel Wilkinson
3C Isaac Banham
3E Ed Akpan
3E Viktoriya Stefanova



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 9.11.2020

Johnson Howard
William Ramsey
Chloe McCartney
Sahand Zydin
Dylan Kitley



Attendance Cup

3C won the attendance cup for their attendance this week with an attendance of **98.76%** - Well done!

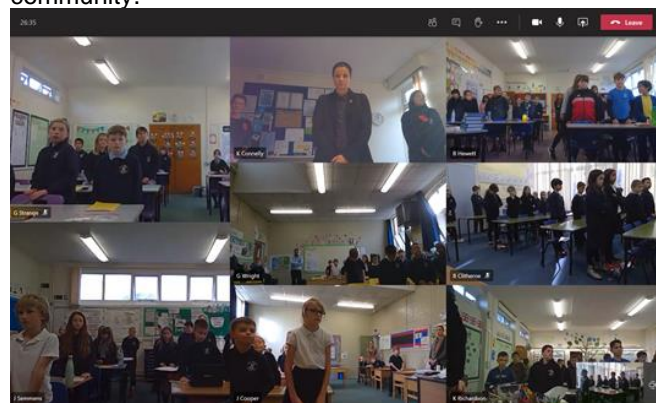
Remembrance Day

On Wednesday 11th November we held a silence at 11am, to respect Remembrance Day. All classes took part using Teams on our laptops and whiteboards so that the whole school could be together virtually. The children were all incredibly respectful and I was very proud of them for understanding the importance of taking part in the silence.

We then held a whole school virtual assembly, focused on Corporal Alan Seager, the war hero we were allocated to have outside our school on the Old Catton Remembers Poppy Trail.

The children listened fascinated about his life. Many of them have been around the trail and knew about him and others included in the project.

It has clearly been a huge success and a great way to bring the names we see on the war memorial to life for our community.



Minutes silence to respect Remembrance Day 2020

New hot food option for school lunches

From next week we will be offering a hot food option for school lunches. The cost of a hot meal will be £2.30, the same as a packed lunch option. Payment will be taken through Parent Pay. We are able to offer a jacket potato option every day. Please see the attached menu for daily toppings and desserts. We will be starting the menu on week 2.

If your child would like a jacket potato we will need all orders to be with the kitchen by 9:30am so there is enough time to prepare the food for lunchtime. If your child is late into school and misses this time they will only be able to order a sandwich option.

All jacket potatoes will be served in takeaway boxes to allow the children to eat in classes. We hope that this is a positive addition to the menu we are able to offer at the moment.

Library Information



All Norfolk Library branches closed on Thursday November 5th as part of the second lockdown. We're looking forward to being able to welcome you back in to libraries when it's safe

to do so, until then, please check out what we can offer you online:

Accessing books

You can still join the library by visiting: <https://norfolk.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/MSGTRN/WPAC/LOGINB?HOMEPRMS=GENPARAMS>

Your details will be sent to you by email, with a card to follow in the post.

Joining the library gives you access to a large range of audio books and eBooks for children and adults. You can download them online at norfolk.overdrive.com or using the Libby app. All e-downloads are free, and there are no reservation charges or overdue charges. If you need help to get started you can email libraries.iconnect@norfolk.gov.uk

Need so ideas to get you started? Our YouTube Channel has videos of library staff talking about their favourite books, as does the National Shelf Service Channel, created by librarians nationwide during the first lockdown. We'll be posting recommendations on our Facebook page daily to help you get inspired.

Still need help? Send us a message via Norfolk Libraries for Families and our librarian team will recommend some books for you.

Things to do

- For under 5s- every week on Facebook we share a picture book story at 12pm on Mondays. The story is available all week for you to watch back, and we suggest some fun activities you can do linked to the story.
- Also for younger children- we share a weekly Rhyme Time on Tuesdays at 10am on both Facebook and YouTube, with all the previous ones available online to watch too.
- Our online Lego Club sets you a new challenge every other Wednesday at 4.30pm and the next new challenge will be on Wednesday 18th November. You can check out our past challenge videos too on Facebook.
- Saturday morning story club begins on November 21st. Each week, we'll share a new chapter of a festive tale. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates.
- Our Zoom storywriters club is for children 8-11 to chat about story ideas and writing and meets every Friday at 4.15pm. If your child would like to join please contact libraries.iconnect@norfolk.gov.uk
- We're adding new code clubs for children aged 8-11. If you'd like to register your interested please contact libraries.iconnect@norfolk.gov.uk

Children in Need

We would like to say a **very big thank you** to all of you for your incredibly generous contributions towards our food parcels for 'Children in Need'. We have been overwhelmed by the amount we have received and we are thankful for all of your support. Miss Emrick and School Council



The children enjoying Children in Need day!

No Nuts in School!

Please can I politely remind everyone that we are a nut free school! We have some children and staff who are allergic to nuts and therefore we can not have them in school. This includes all products containing nuts. Many thanks.



Christmas Lunch Plans – Tuesday 15th December

This year we are planning to offer a Christmas Party Lunch! This will need to be pre-ordered and paid for using Parent Pay – details will follow soon. The Christmas lunch will be a party packed lunch and contain: assorted sandwiches, mini pizza, sausage roll, bag of crisps, Rudolf snacks carrot sticks, a chocolate krispie cake and a satsuma. This will be the only option on the day. Please see the attached poster for the full menu.



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 week I would like you to talk about the UK government's plans to ban all junk food adverts online. The ban would affect food products that are high in fat, salt and sugar in an attempt to solve health problems caused by people being overweight.

The government's health secretary, Matt Hancock said he wants children and families to make "healthier choices" when it comes to food. "We know children spend more time online. Parents want to be reassured they are not being exposed to adverts promoting unhealthy foods, which can affect habits for life."

The government has estimated that children aged under 16 were exposed to 15 billion junk food adverts online last year, compared with an estimated 700 million two years earlier.



The plans will now be discussed before a decision is made over whether the advert ban will happen or not.

However, some companies that will be affected by the advertising ban think it's too strict and goes too far. Many companies are struggling to manage during Covid and this ban would be another huge blow for them.

So! What do you think of the government's plans? Should companies be allowed to advertise junk food online or should it be banned? Remember to back up your decision with valid reasons.

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

Publicity
(advertisement, propaganda, promoting)

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.

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