

OLD CATTON NEWSLETTER



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Welcome back after what I hope was a fun filled, relaxing half term for everyone. With some lovely autumnal days and the excitement of Halloween I am sure you all made some brilliant memories. I hope you are now ready for one of the busiest, (and best in my opinion!) half terms of the year. The run up to Christmas – yes I wrote the C word out loud – is always jam packed with loads of work and brilliant activities to get us ready for the festive period. So buckle up Old Catton – we have a lot to do!

Dates For Your Diary this half term...

- Friday 6th November – we will be observing a 2 minute silence for Remembrance Day at 11:00am.
- Monday 9th – Wednesday 11th November Year 5 Hilltop Residential Trip.
- Friday 13th November Children in Need! Dress up as a Super Hero for the day and bring £1 to donate to the charity.
- Week Beginning 16th November – H²O Reading Project week.
- Thursday 19th November parents are invited into school to work with their children in classes. 2pm-3:15pm.
- Friday 20th November – Author Visit to round up Reading Week.
- Thursday 26th November DISCO! 6-8pm.
- Friday 27th November - Christmas Event at Old Catton Junior School – 3:15 – 5:30pm
- Tuesday 8th, Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th December - Christmas Show evening performances.
- Thursday 17th December – Christmas Carol Service at St Margaret's Church. Year 3 and 4 service will be at 9:30am and Year 5 and 6 will be at 2:00pm.
- Friday 18th December – Christmas Jumper and Bobble Hat Day! Bring £1 for the NSPPC and the last day of term.
- Tuesday 5th January 2016 – Children return to school after the Christmas Holiday.

Assertive Mentoring

Thank you to all parents who attended Assertive Mentoring before half term. I hope it was helpful and informative. If you were not able to make the date, your child's class teacher will be more than willing to make an appointment to see you after school over the next few weeks. Please contact them if you would like to make an appointment.

Hilltop Trip

Thank you to all who came to the Hilltop Meeting held by Mr Semmens and Miss Gedge. I hope you were able to ask any questions you had and that your children are excited about going. Please do come in and ask any other questions before the event. Miss Gedge and Mr Semmens are more than happy to help.

Clubs

There will be no Football Club on **Thursday 5th November** due to a Year 6 football fixture! Football Club will resume on Thursday 12th November.

Gymnastics Club will resume on **Monday 9th November**.

Miss Cooper's Art Club will now be taking place on a **Tuesday Evening** this half term rather than a Wednesday Evening.

Old Catton Christmas Fair

In order to make our Christmas Fair go with a bang I would like to ask for volunteers to help us serve cakes, tea, coffee etc. If you would like to offer your services I can promise an afternoon full of festivities and fun! Please come and 'sign-up' on the form in the lobby from next week. Many Thanks in advance.



Mrs Wright's Maths App of the Week!



Multiplication Genius x 19 Free (Blue Onion Soft Inc)
More times table practice. Times table multiple choice quiz.

Disco Helpers!

If you could lend a hand at the School Disco on Thursday 26th November from 5:30pm in order to set up, ending at 8pm – please come and let me know. I would be very grateful for your help in making this event a success.

Children in Need - Friday 13th November

We will be supporting Children in Need this year by inviting the children to dress up as a Super Hero for the day. This could be a well-known Super Hero or a Super Hero they have created. Please get creative and think about costumes for the day. We ask that the children bring in £1 to donate to the charity. (Dressing up is optional as we realise not everyone likes to.)



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;

Why do we celebrate Bonfire Night? Who are we remembering? What was the historical occasion that happened on the 5th November?



(co-conspirator, schemer, intriguer, planner, plotter, Machiavellian)

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;

Conspirator

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.



Bonfire Night

I have added this information just to remind everyone to please take care when celebrating Bonfire Night. Please spend some time making sure that you and your family are safe. Enjoy!



Please come in and speak to me or one of the Teaching Staff if you have any queries or concerns.

Mrs K Connelly.