

OLD CATTON NEWSLETTER

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Dear Children,

I hope that this week has been a positive one for you at home or in school. I can't believe that we only have two full weeks and two days left of the summer term. Where has the time gone? Before we know it, it will officially be the summer holidays – a strange concept this year as many of you have been at home since March and the prospect of a 6 weeks holiday may feel strange. It's definitely not the same feeling as we normally have at the end of term. Hopefully you will all be able to manage this time well and use it to enjoy some time away from home learning and have a proper break.

Year 6 Leavers Book

This week Mrs Wright has been putting together the Year 6 Year Book for our leavers! It is looking absolutely wonderful and full of Year 6s photos, pictures and messages as well as photos and messages from teachers and staff. Thank you so much to all the Year 6 who have contributed. Hopefully you will enjoy reading it and keeping it as a memento of your time with us at OCJS. Once it is completely finished, Mrs Wright will be sending it out to Year 6. Watch this space!



As always, we have been adding new work and ideas for you online. Your tasks set by your class teachers are added every Monday and there will be new ones ready for you next week along with lots of other ideas and tasks for you to access. Please check our website for updates.

Poetry Competition Entries

Today was the deadline for the Poetry Competition entries. I have received excellent poems from:

Ashley Owolabi Year 6
Summer Palmer Year 5
Aimee Buttery Year 5
Ellie Alderdice Year 4

All the poems are beautifully written, unique and have their own take on the theme. Very well done to all 4 children who entered. Your poems will be published on the school website so everyone can enjoy and read them and I will be sending you a prize for your efforts. Well done!

Congratulations

Sports Day at school and at home!

This week we have been compiling the results of our school/home sports day! Well done to everyone who competed, especially to those children who sent us in result from home. They are:

Year 3: **Elysia Batterbee, Roman Holt, Elliot White**

Year 4: **Alicja Drozdzik, Bene Coates**

Year 5: **Rufus Teeuw**

Year 6: **Kyan Batterbee, William Jolly, Aaliyah Makudo**



Here are some action shots from Kyan, Elysia, Aaliyah and Bene! A brilliant effort from them all. Thank you for sending in your photos of you taking part.

In school the results of our Bubble Sports Day are as follows!

In the Year 3-5 Bubbles

1st Bubble 1

2nd Bubble 3

3rd Bubble 2

In the Year 6 Bubbles

1st Bubble 4

2nd Bubble 6

3rd Bubble 7

4th Bubble 5

Very well done to Bubble 1 – Miss Cooper and Mr Eastwood's Bubble and Bubble 4 – Miss Strange's Bubble who are our overall winners!

Zoom Meetings

Hopefully you have all enjoyed taking part in your class Zoom Meetings over the past couple of weeks. I know that some of your teachers were so pleased with how they went that they scheduled another one for you! It offered a great way for you to connect with your class and teacher and hopefully allowed you to feel part of class again. Thank you to everyone who has taken part and made these a success.

Reports

Your parents and carers will shortly be receiving your reports for this year. Inside is a covering letter, explaining how the reports have been put together this year and inviting your parents and carers to book a telephone meeting with your teacher if they want to discuss anything written in the reports. We hope that you enjoy reading all the comments with your parents and carers – you should be proud of the achievements and progress that you made, in the time we were in school this year. Well done everyone.



New Classes for Next Year

For all of our children returning to school at Old Catton next year, you will be receiving a letter from us to invite you to come into school, on the playing field, on Monday 20th July, (or Tuesday 21st if it rains,) to meet your new teacher. The letter outlines exactly how we plan to enable this for you. Please take time to think about if you'd like to take part in this activity. We'd love to see you, even for the short time that we can offer and we think that it will help you to feel ready for the Autumn Term when you will be coming back into school properly. This is not compulsory but we'd love to see you there.

The letter tells you the name of your new teacher for next year. We hope that you are excited about coming

back to school and looking forward to all the adventures that the new year at school will bring us. We also understand if the idea of this makes you feel worried or anxious. We will do everything we can to make it a smooth transition for you all back into school.

We will keep you updated with plans for September once we can. Things will definitely look and feel different to how we normally work but the main news from the Government this week is that you will all be coming back in September, fulltime, in your classes. More information about this will follow.



Sunflowers



Here is my weekly update on our sunflowers! The whole flower bed is taking off at the moment with everything getting bigger and becoming more in bloom. I am very happy with the sunflower's progress this week. They seem to have grown in height and strength. When I looked closely at them, I think they are starting to develop a flower head! Exciting news in the sunflower world!

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

Take care,

Mrs Connelly

