

# OLD CATTON NEWSLETTER



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Dear Children,

I hope that you all had a great half term and managed to make the most of some time away from school, online lessons and remote learning. I know that my children are sick of me suggesting, "another walk!" Did your parents drag you along to get some fresh air too!? I am hoping that as the weather changes we can start to get out on our bikes again and at least that will mean me suggesting "another bike ride!" which will at least be something different.

Since half term, we have had some announcements from the Government about how they *hope* things will be able to change over the next few months. Fingers crossed, things are beginning to look a bit more hopeful, starting with...

### Coming back to school – 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021!

The first step to easing lockdown is for schools to open to all pupils on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021. We are so excited to be able to invite you all back to school and start to teach you face-to-face once again.



We will need to continue to operate in bubbles, as we were before Christmas. All of the routines that we had very well established before schools partially closed in January, will be continued. Our cleaning and handwashing schedules, different routes around school and playground areas for each bubble will all need to stay in place for now. We will be reminding you of all of this on your first morning back with us – so don't worry if you have forgotten!

The most important thing is that we will all be back together and you will be able to see your friends and have the routine of school back again. We understand that you may feel worried about coming back after a long period of time away but remember – it feels like that when we come back after the summer holidays and you have already come back successfully after the first lockdown. This time will be the same. We will help you adjust gently back into the school routine and if you are

worried about anything, just tell us! That's what we are here for.



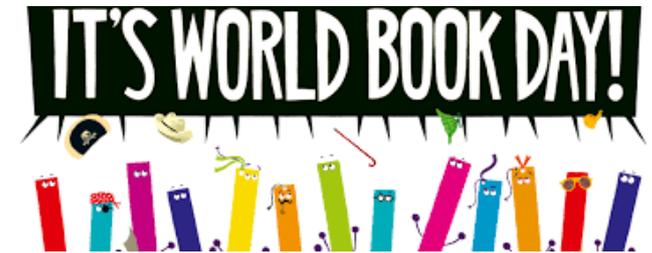
If you are feeling nervous about where you have got to with your learning – please don't. We are going to learn together, just like we always do and always have. Our school motto is – "Together We Learn and Grow" and never has this been more true. The only thing you need to do is make sure that you dig out your uniform, arrive on time and we will take care of the rest!

We hope that you are as excited as we are to all be back together in our school.

### A gift from The Nebula Partnership

Over the weekend, you should be receiving a gift from us to you. I won't spoil the surprise but we wanted to send you a treat to enjoy at home – we hope that you like it.

### World Book Day 2021!



We would normally be getting ready to celebrate World Book Day in school next week on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March, however due to current events and the timing of you all coming back to school on the 8<sup>th</sup> March, we thought we would move it Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March instead. To celebrate all things booky! We are planning some activities and lessons for you in school – there will be more information coming out about this soon.

We would also like to keep with tradition and if you would like to join us in dressing up for the day The teachers will be coming to school as characters from books and you are all very welcome to join us. We



understand that it may be harder than normal for many reasons, to put together a costume. If you would rather we have another alternative. Instead of dressing up as a character from a book you could also chose to wear something cosy that you'd love to curl up and read a book in.

The choice is yours! Get creative and come as a character or pop on your comfiest onesie, pj's or loungewear and let's celebrate World Book Day together!

### **Baby Clitheroe!**

I would like to announce the very happy news, that over half term, Mr Clitheroe became a Dad for the second time. Baby Freya arrived safely and I am sure that you would all like to join me in congratulating him and his family. Mr Clitheroe will be returning from his paternity leave on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March – just in time to be back with his class.



During this lockdown we wanted to keep our Stars of the Week going strong. You are all coming to your live lessons, submitting your work and some of you are coming to school and are present in the classrooms. It is just as important as ever that we continue to recognise all your hard work and huge efforts. This week your teachers have been especially impressed by the following children:

Well done to all our amazing Stars of the Week!

**3C**

### **Skye Ward**

For a great attitude while working in school. You have approached lots of tasks with enthusiasm and a good work ethic. Your behaviour is a great example to the rest of year 3. You have practically sewn a quilt!

### **Gabriel Wilkinson**

For showing great dedication whilst working from home. You attend every live session come rain or shine and are always prepared to offer your insights and ideas. Your assignments have entertained your teachers on more than one occasion.

**3E**

### **Jake Leynes**

For working extremely hard at home. You come to every single live teaching session and always offer your thoughts, ideas and answers. The work you then produce is always superb. Well done Jake!

### **Sammy Webb**

For being a good friend to others while working in school. You are often kind, friendly and warm. You are also helpful around the classroom. You show some great creative ideas in your written work and can be guaranteed to have a go at any question!

**4C**

### **Jack Ellis**

For settling in so well to life at Old Catton, even though things have looked a little different recently! Jack has made some great contributions in lessons and his written work has been of an excellent standard. Great work, Jack. Well done.

### **Ella Mai Pleasance**

For her increased confidence in Maths. Ella Mai has been sharing her ideas more readily this week and has shown that she is starting to believe in herself a little more which is great to see. Not only has Ella Mai grown in confidence but she has also been challenging herself more. Well done, Ella Mai, it's great to see you working so hard!

**4N**

### **Lauren McKenzie**

For her brilliant improvement in all aspects of her learning! Lauren's confidence and attitude has improved greatly and she has shown great engagement in all of her lessons. She is sharing her ideas more and is focussed and always on task. Fantastic work, Lauren. Well done.

### **Finlay Bradstreet**

For a fantastic effort and attitude in all lessons. Finlay is always ready to share his ideas and he puts 100% into all that he does. His work has been of a great standard this week and his contributions have been excellent. Well done, Finlay. Keep up the great work!

**5GS**

### **Izzy Park**

For her hard work within our live sessions. Since coming back from half term, it has been fantastic to see Izzy coming into her own during our live sessions. She has been eagerly sharing her ideas with the class and interacting more during our live learning. Great work!

**Joshua Tidd**

For consistently great work, both online and in school. Joshua has been eager to contribute within all of his lessons during the time that he has been in school and learning online. His hand always flies up with a contribution to any discussions and he is brimming with ideas. This has been great to see!

**5JS**

**Tilly Roelofs-Storie**

For wonderful enthusiasm in RE/Philosophy lessons. We have explored some of the Greats and Tilly has made teaching this subject a real joy.

**Sam O'Malley**

For working so hard, despite all the technological challenges he shows up every lesson and completes his work to the best of his ability.

**6KR**

**Aimee Buttery**

For consistent and excellent efforts across the board in all her online learning. Aimee has gone above and beyond in her work over the last term and really impressed all her teachers with her superb attitude.

**Riley Church**

For working incredibly hard in Geography. Riley has really applied himself to the South America unit we are studying and has produced well-thought out and carefully considered answers in all his written work.

**6LR**

**Jack-Bailey Ward**

For your fantastic work in RE. You have answered questions thoughtfully and made some excellent contributions to class discussions. Additionally, you have been asking some very insightful questions.

**Sophia Andres**

For working extremely hard with your home learning. You are contributing well in class discussions and you are consistently submitting a high standard of work across all of your subjects, well done!

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Take care,

**Mrs Connelly**