# **OLD CATTON NEWSLETTER**



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#### **Dear Parents**

Thank you so much for all your support this week. We are so grateful for your measured and sensible approach to our first positive case in school. Working together as a community is always the best way to tackle any challenging time – thank you to everyone who has helped us to do this.

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I have attached a poster this week all about getting involved with a local Halloween project to decorate your garden or window to give a spooky Halloween trail around Old Catton. This gives the opportunity to still enjoy the fun of Halloween in a safe and socially distanced way.

#### 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 Harry McClean 6KR Amy Buttery 6LR Miley Banham 6LR Thomas Ward 5GS Joshua Tidd 5GS Cody Lee 5JS Ottilie Roelofs-Storie 5JS Brooklyn Webster 4C Kasper Gorczyczewski 4C Anna Misjune 4N Beth Moore 4N Sabina Gherciu 3C Tianna Snorton Robinson **3C Emilia Bentley** 3E Jacob Davey 3E Julian Spychalski



## Golden Book!

Our Golden Book is very much up and running in school for this academic year!

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 05.10.2020

Erik Ristache Gabriel Henderson Kyra-Milan Johnson Downer Genevieve Block Jack Barnes Harry Read Julian Spychalski



## Attendance Cup

**4C** won the attendance cup for their attendance this week with an attendance of **100%** - Well done!

#### **Data Forms Return and Contact Details**

Thank you to all those who have completed data forms and returned them to school. If you have yet to do this, please can you complete them and return as soon as possible. The documents can be sent in with your child and handed to their class teachers.

If the contact details for you or anyone on your child's contact list change, we kindly request that the school office is notified immediately. It is vital that we have the correct and most up to date information regarding your child's contacts and consent information. Many thanks.

#### Y3 Return of Books Request from Garrick Green

Garrick Green will be sending an email to all parents and carers of children who attended Garrick Green last year, requesting that any reading books you may still have at home be returned. We will have a box ready to receive any books belonging to Garrick Green at the Year 3 Gate in the mornings next week. Please pop any books you may find at home into the box and then we can return them to Garrick Green at the end of the week. Many thanks for your help!



#### Individual School Photos

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October the children will be having their individual photos taken in school. We won't be able to take sibling photos this year as this would not keep to our risk assessment and cross over our bubbles in school. However, arrangements will be put in place to allow all individual school photos to be taken.

Year 6 have PE on a Wednesday and so will need to come to school in their PE kits. In order for school photos to be taken, for this day only, please can Year 6 wear their collared school shirt and school jumper on top and their sports shorts or trousers on the bottom. Their school photos will be taken from the waist up, meaning that both photos and PE are possible on the day! Many thanks for your help with this.

#### Flu Immunisation Programme

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October the Flu Immunisation Team will be in school, in order to give the children, with consent given, their flu vaccination nasal spray. Only children who have been given consent by their parents/carers, with completed forms online, will receive the vaccine. The nursing team will make sure that the children receive the vaccine safely and in complying with our risk assessments.

#### Premier Education – Half Term Sports Camp

Further to previously published information, bookings are now able to be made for a 3 day (Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday) block booking or 2 days (Thursday & Friday). Please see the link on our website for information or go to the following link to make your booking:

https://www.premier-education.com/parents/

# 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!"

We are now in the season of Autumn. Talk to your families about what you think best represents Autumn for you. Is it a smell, a taste, an activity, a feeling or something else? What do you notice about the things around you at this time in the year? What changes do you see? What events do you look forward to? Maybe Autumn is your favourite season? If not, which one do you like the best and why? See if your family members feel the same as you or maybe they have a different view? Your class could debate which season is best and why. I wonder which one would win a class vote?!

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

Season (time, time of year, spell, term, phase, stage)



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.