

OLD CATTON NEWSLETTER



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Dear Children,

I hope you have all had a good week and enjoyed Easter! Hands up who has eaten too much chocolate?! (I have my hand up right now!) I think that because it's Easter time and because of being in lockdown, eating too much chocolate is probably ok. It might mean that we all have to do Joe Wicks a little more seriously next week to burn off some extra calories!

I have loved receiving some more of your emails and photos updating me on how you are and what you have been doing. Thank you to everyone who has contacted me. I really love hearing from you.

This week I have still been working and juggling Daisy and Freddie at home but I have also taken a bit of time off over the Easter Weekend. We did an Easter egg hunt in the garden and Daisy and Freddie did a pretty good job of finding the hidden treats. It was lovely to be able to do the hunt in the garden in the sunshine. I made a roast dinner and we Facetimed our family as we couldn't see them in person. I hope you all managed to contact your loved ones in a similar way.



This week Freddie has been busy in the kitchen. With Rob's help, he made bread and butter pudding. It was delicious! A real treat. Freddie was quite surprised with how well it turned out and now wants to try and cook some other new things.



Daisy and I set about an Easter craft project that my Mum had sent us as a challenge. We made an Easter wreath out of egg boxes! Daisy worked really hard to paint all the cut out egg boxes and then we decorated it with eggs, flowers and pompoms. We were both really chuffed with how it turned out!

The picture shows you a step by step guide to how we made it. You could have a try too at home – you just need to collect up a lot of egg boxes!



Our sunflower seeds have been growing nicely. They were starting to get too big for their smaller pots so we have replanted them into a larger flower pot to give them more space to grow. Fingers crossed they like their new home. When they get bigger and stronger we will move them into the garden but for now they need the safety of the flower pot.

If everything were "normal" at the moment, we would all be finishing our Easter Holidays and returning to school to start the summer term on Monday. However... as we all know, this is not possible at the moment BUT! Home learning can re-start again next week! Our aim continues to be to make this as accessible and sustainable for you as possible





There will be new resources going onto the website for Monday. Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 will both have a new task sheet, outlining ideas to do at home for each of your subjects. You can complete these to the best of your ability at home. There are also many links to other ideas to help you learn. Some of them will be ones that you haven't used before but others are things you are used to using such as: Let's Think in English resources, Timestable Rockstars and Spelling Shed. BBC Bitesize is also offering a range of resources online and via the TV using the red button from Monday 20th April. There will be a maths, English and foundation subject/project based lesson, everyday for Years 1-10. This should give you some excellent access to more prescribed lessons should you want it.

Remember – we want you to be able to manage this at home. We know that you are going to need to juggle your learning with everything else that is happening at home. Your parents may need to work while you get on with an activity. You may have much younger brothers and sisters at home who do not understand that you are trying to concentrate. You may have plenty of space to work or you may have limited space to work at home. You may have your own bedroom or you may share with your siblings. You might have someone to help you, but we also realise that you may not. We are trying to keep things as accessible as possible to as many home situations as possible because we know that everyone's situation at the moment is very different. My message to you stays the same this half term – do your best. Try your hardest. Do not worry about what you are able to complete or not complete. Know that your Teachers are proud of you for all your efforts and remember that we know that everyone's best looks different.



This week there was a news story that caught my attention and I thought you would also have heard about. Captain Tom Moore, a 99-year-old war veteran, has walked 100 laps of his garden to raise £17m and counting for the NHS! He originally aimed to raise just £1,000 for the NHS by completing laps of his garden before his 100th birthday. However, he has smashed his target after nearly 800,000 people made donations to his fundraising page. After he finished the challenge, he said: "I feel fine, I hope you're all feeling fine too."

He told the BBC the total amount raised so far was, "an absolutely fantastic sum of money. I never dreamt I would be involved in such an occasion as this," he said at the end of his final lap. Shortly after he finished the fundraiser, the retired soldier had words of advice for the nation about coping with the coronavirus lockdown.

"You've all got to remember that we will get through it, in the end, it will all be right," he said. "For all those people finding it difficult at the moment, the sun will shine on you again and the clouds will go away."

What an inspirational man Captain Tom Moore is. His story beautifully encapsulates our school values of Love, Hope and Joy.



So as we embark upon a new half term and one that looks very different to any that we have ever faced before, let's all remain positive, resourceful and never give up – just like Captain Tom Moore. We may not be coming back together in person, to sing, "One More Step" like we normally do – but we are still very much together as a school and a community. Stay safe, well and strong everyone.

Mrs Connelly