

OLD CATTON NEWSLETTER



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Dear Children,

What a week it has been. The snow came and just kept coming, meaning that we had to close school completely on Monday and Tuesday this week. This is never something that we want to have to do but the roads and conditions outside meant that it just wasn't safe enough for staff to be able to come into school.



View across the school field

Well done for still coming to your online lessons and submitting your work. I also hope that you managed to get outside and enjoy the snow too. Teachers know that there are some things that are impossible to compete with; snow is one of them! I hope that during the week you managed to build a snowman, fly down a hill on a sledge, go for a snowy walk, catch snowflakes in your mouth, make a snow angel and jump into a snow drift. We don't have snow very often, so it's always great to make the most of it when we do.



Daisy and Freddie enjoying the snow and our snowman!



The Year 5 Bubble snowmen!

Themed week!



Our plan to have a theme for each day this week was slightly scuppered by the snow taking over! Well done to everyone who made an effort and took part in each themed day. I hope that it was fun and brightened everyone's mood as this was the intention.

Miss Reeve's class wore their hats with pride on "Wear a Hat Wednesday!"





Here are Year 4 in their favourite funky outfits on Friday!



Half Term DT

Fancy something a little different? Want a project to keep you going over half term? Have a look at the DT competition on offer by clicking on the Sway link below and design and make a pencil case or bag. It contains all you need to know and ideas on how to get started! Prizes are available!!

Sway link: <https://bit.ly/3jU6bo5>



Half Term

Next week is half term and I think it's fair to say that we have all earned a break. This half term we have all reinvented the way that we teach and learn. I am so incredibly proud of you all for adapting to online lessons and for keeping up with your learning in this way. I would also like to say a huge thank you to all the teachers who have taught you in this way. Being live on camera, in your homes, isn't something that they ever thought they'd be doing when they decided to become a teacher but they have worked incredibly hard to adapt their lessons in order to do this – I know you would all like to thank them too if you could.

I think half term is a great chance for us all to rest, relax and recover before next half term begins. Please step away from your screens, leave your books and work and enjoy your time off. I know there are lots of things that

we can't do at the moment but there are also lots of things that we can. I am looking forward to: going for a run in the daylight, lay-ins and lazy mornings, watching films with Daisy and Freddie, playing outside, going for walks, making some nice meals at home, calling friends and family and video calls to catch up and stay in touch and Valentine's Day and Pancake day which both fall in half term this year!

When we return to school on Monday 22nd February, it is likely that the government will be making a decision about when schools can fully re-open to all pupils. Monday 8th March is a date that has been suggested. This is not confirmed yet so we will just have to wait and see when we will be able to open our doors to you all again. Hopefully, it will be really soon and we can start to have full classes back together even if we still need to operate within our bubbles.

Please make sure that you have a lovely half term break and we will see you on screen or in person next half term.



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

Emilia Payton

For a wonderful standard of work on a daily basis whilst working at home. You complete every single task as well as offering some great thoughts and ideas during the live teaching input. You always greet the teacher with a smile and enthusiasm!

Olivia Fraser

For giving your very best while working in school. You have a great attitude and are so kind to your peers. You have worked really hard on writing a diary entry in both Geography and English.

3E

Jacob Davey

For giving your absolute best to every single task whilst working at home. You have created some fantastic work, we are delighted with your efforts. You have approached the tasks with enthusiasm and thoughtfulness.

Erin Sheehy

For a brilliant attitude while working at school. You are friendly, kind as well as hard working. You are a shining example to the rest of the year 3 bubble. You give fantastic answers to discussion and are always thoughtful and insightful.

4C

Cameron Feetham

Cameron has worked incredibly hard in all of his lessons in school and at home this week. The English work he has completed this week has been brilliant and Mrs Mac has been very impressed with his work. Keep it up Cameron!

Layla Hoogesteger

Layla has been unbelievable this week when working from home. In all aspects of her online learning, Layla is clearly demonstrating the time and effort she has put into her work. Mr Clitheroe is particularly impressed with your Maths work, the way you have shown your working out is amazing. Keep up the good work!

4N

Nora Whitehead

Nora is Star of the Week for directing, filming and editing an incredible advert to promote Arthur and the Golden Rope. The video included drama, dramatic music and a voice over which absolutely wowed us. Nora is a true superstar and we have no doubt she will be at the Oscars one day with her own film!

Elliot White

Elliot has consistently impressed me with his dedication to completing all of his work to an incredibly high standard. His work is always creative and interesting to read and he is always sharing his ideas and thoughts with the class. I have been so impressed with his fantastic effort, well done Elliot!

5GS

Layla Bury

For consistently trying your best in your English assignments. I can tell that your answers are always carefully thought through and you have taken time to consider the words you are using and the images you are creating within your writing. Great work!

Elise Brant

For great work across the board. Elise has spent time both in school and at home, but her work never falters as she changes from setting to setting. She has been trying really hard in Maths and has been absolutely smashing our unit on decimals and fractions!

5JS

Alicja Drozdzik

For her wonderful work in English this half term. She has made superb progress and produced such excellent written work. I am amazed.

Brooklyn Webster

For his amazing work on the Odyssey this half term. He has completed some beautiful writing and is becoming quite a powerful writer.

6KR

Ben Foley

Ben has been a real trouper in school and has been consistently brilliant across all aspects of his work. You're a real pleasure to teach, well done!

Maddison Loveday

For wonderful efforts in English. Maddison has been working incredibly hard on our "Varmints" work and produced a beautifully-written poem full of descriptive language. Well done!

6LR

Solomon Thompson

For working really hard in all of your subjects. You come into school every day with a positive attitude, ready to learn and you have really impressed all of your teachers. It's been great to see you shine over the last few weeks.

Georgina O'Connell

For engaging brilliantly with all of your lessons. You make the transition between working at home and working at school seem effortless. You have been working really hard all term and engaged in all work to a high standard.

I hope that you all have a lovely half term holiday.

Take care,

Mrs Connelly