

OLD CATTON NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents

Welcome back to the second half of the Summer Term! I hope that you all had a lovely half term break and were able to have some adventures and make some memories in the sunshine. We have a packed half term ahead of us with exciting trips, days out, and many events so please make sure that you keep up to date with our weekly newsletters. Any date changes or additional dates will pop up on here for your information so please dig the newsletter out of the bottom of your children's bags to keep up to date.

Stars of the Week!

Congratulations to the Stars of the week before half term – wonderful work and attitudes shown; what brilliant role models we have in our school.

6E – Harry Arbon
6E – Rose Codling
6R – Tom Dann
6R – Tristan Dreaan-Reilly
6S – Sam Brandish
6S – Madeline Bunter
4G – Natasza Masternak
4G – Emadiong Udom
4P – Megan Field
4P – Maisy Miller
3C – Rebekah Kulikowski
3C – Evan McKenzie
3E – George Atkinson
3E – Jacob Delf



Golden Book!

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:

Harry Craske
William Wright
Toby Thompson
Kevin Murray
Keeley Freeman
Liam Freezer
Ashley Owolabi

Golden Homework Award

This week we have some children who have achieved their Golden Homework Award! This means that they have collected 10 Golden Homework stickers this year for brilliant pieces of homework. Very well done to:

Freya Chapman
Daisy Phillippo
Ben Coe

Lexia Superstars!

Well done to the following pupils who have completed their levels in Lexia:

Skye Vincent – Level 6

Attendance Cup

3E won the attendance cup for their attendance last week. With an attendance of **100%** - Well done!

Swimming Year 4

Very well done to the Year 4 swimmers who have been presented with their swimming certificates. Brilliant work – keep it up!

5m

Ashton Talbot

50m

Harry Craske
Lois Lincoln



Year 4 Cycling

Last week a group of year 4 pupils took part in a Basic Skills Level 1 Cycling Course. The following children successfully passed their Level 1 training. Congratulations to:

Toby Alderdice
Maisey Andrews
Harry Craske
Seth Queensborough
Maisy-Jay Harvey
Reece Pleasance
Holly Chadwick
Daisy Harris
Henry Locke
Bertie Viner



Tri-Golf Tournament

Very well done to all of those who took part in the tri-golf tournament before half term. Mr Eastwood was very impressed with both the children's skills and their exemplary behaviour. Congratulations to:

Olivia Garvey
Maia Walker
Conor Day
Aaliyah Makudo
Oscar Gent
Lilia Wilson
Julia Andres
Izaak Turner
Reece Pleasance
Barney Dann

Special Mention to **Julia Andres** who received the Good Sportsmanship Award for the day!

Move over to email correspondence

Many Thanks to everyone who has so far returned the letter regarding email communication. We are keen to make the switch from paper-based communication to electronic but want to know how you feel about this idea. Please let us hear your thoughts and have a preferred email address so that we can take the next steps to put this into action. We are more than happy to still provide paper versions to families who would rather receive correspondence in this way – just let us know so that we can organise it for you.

Free Dress Day – Raffle Prize!

On **Friday 23rd June 2017** we would like to invite the children to dress in free dress for the day. Their "fine" is to bring along a **raffle prize for the Summer Fair**. It can be a child's prize or an adult prize. Please can all alcohol related prizes be brought straight to the school office. We are also looking for any donations of sweets or little prizes that may be useful for the stalls that are run by the classes. If you would like to donate any smaller items such as pens or pencils, notebooks, small pocket money toys or sweets that would also be very helpful indeed. Pop them into the freezer bags that we will hand out over the next couple of weeks and get your child to hand them into their class teachers. We are very grateful for all donations in order to help our Summer Fair be as successful as possible!

Old Catton Summer Quiz Night!

Back by popular demand we are planning another **OCJS Quiz and Chips night on Friday 23rd June 2017 at 7pm**. If you would like to enter a team, (£3 per person) please fill in the attached form and hand it into the office. Orders can be placed for fish and chips, which will be collected for you on the night. We are very much looking forward to hosting another evening of fun and games – bring along some extra change for some additional competitions and get ready to try and beat the teachers! (They are yet to win a Quiz Night so you stand a very good chance!)

No Footballs in School Please

For the rest of the summer term we have decided to ask that all footballs stay at home. The football season has finished and we have our rounders pitches and running track on the field for our summer sports. We are also finding that football is causing problems amongst the children and would like to encourage them to try other ways to play together. We will be organising games of cricket and rounders at lunchtime for children to join in with if they would like, there are outdoor reading books available in our reading circle and many clubs on at lunchtimes that the children could try. School Council are also looking to purchase some new playground equipment, which will give the children some new things to play with. We asked before half term that all footballs return home, until we re-introduce it again next academic year. Many Thanks for your support with this decision.

Summer Term Dates

Monday 19th June, Tuesday 20th June, Wednesday 21st June—Whitlingham Trip Year 6
Thursday 22nd June—New Intake Transition Evening for Year 2 parents 7pm
Thursday 29th June—Year 6 Fashion Show 10:00-11:00am

Monday 3rd July, Tuesday 4th July, Thursday 6th July—City Sports at UEA

Wednesday 12th July Sports Day—sports day will follow the same format as last year with events taking place all day. Field events will take place in the morning and track events in the afternoon. Parents are welcome to attend all day and bring a picnic lunch or come for part of the day if more convenient. There will be no raincheck day—we will hope for good weather!

Monday 10th July, Tuesday 11th July and Wednesday 12th July—Assertive Mentoring meetings. Appointments will be made for you to see your child's class teacher to discuss and review your child's end of year report.

Friday 14th July—Summer Fair

Wednesday 19th July—Year 6 Leavers Show 7pm

Thursday 20th July—Celebration Assembly 9:00am

Friday 21st July—Last Day of Term

Monday 24th July—Tuesday 5th September—Summer Holiday

Monday 4th September and Tuesday 5th September—Staff inset days, school closed to children

Wednesday 6th September—Children return to school for new academic year

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!"

Please spend at least 10 minutes talking with your child about the questions below;

Should Holiday Homework Be Banned?

This was the question posed on News Rounds website last week. Some teachers feel there should be a strict no holiday homework policy in place for all schools and some feel it's important to set tasks for pupils over holiday periods. What do you think?

Do you like holiday homework? Do you enjoy projects to work on while you are on holiday? Or do you think holiday time should be spent without homework that is set to complete? Make sure you have a good argument either way!



Our 'WOW' Word this week is

assignment

(homework, action, exercise, practice.)



Nebula

In Big Talk, we use **'WOW' Words** to improve our vocabulary and 'big up' our sentences to make them more interesting!

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 Monday 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 come into school and speak to me or another member of staff if you have any questions or concerns. Have a great week!



Mrs K Connelly.





KEEP
CALM
IT'S
QUIZ & CHIPS
NIGHT

Quiz and Chips Night

Old Catton C of E Junior School

FRIDAY 23rd June

Doors open at 6.45pm

For more information or to enter a team please contact Miss Emrick.

Please return this form to Miss Emrick by **Wednesday 14th June**.

Food Order	Price of food	Price of Ticket (per person)	Total cost
Cod and regular chips	£4.90	£3.00	£7.90
Plaice and regular chips	£5.10	£3.00	£8.10
Sausage and regular chips	£2.45	£3.00	£5.45
Vegetable Spring Roll and regular chips	£3.10	£3.00	£6.10

Team name: _____		
Name of adult:	Food Order:	Total cost:
	Total cost:	



Robot Engineers

Would your child like to be a Robot Engineer? If so this Holiday Club is for them! The day consists of building, designing and coding a Robot to complete the challenges set by Evil Engineer Stuart!

This Holiday Club will be a full day event inspiring young minds in the world of robotics and computer programming.

JitterBugs

The JitterBugs holiday club will allow your child the opportunity to create their very own creature (a battery powered jitterbug), diving into the wild world of unusual creatures. The jitterbugs can also be taken home at the end of the day!

This Holiday club will allow your child to learn about different types of creatures and habitats in the world.

Stuck in Space

Stuck in Space is a holiday club where the children will work in teams to rescue a team member who is stuck outside the spaceship! The teams will have a box of resources from which they need to design a rescue pod. The teams will have to design a structure to support the lost team member without touching the fiery lava floor of a distance planet.

This holiday club will allow your children to explore engineering and designing structure fit for purpose, as well as problem solving and teamwork.

The Marble Coaster

The Marble Coaster is a session where children will use cardboard to design a marble run. They will need to design a run which lasts for a minimum of 30 seconds and with the view to making it as fast as possible.

This Holiday Club will turn your child into a mini engineer as they will have to learn about potential energy, friction, angles of the slope, different material properties and have fun!

For more information and to make a booking

STEM@educatorsolutions.org.uk or **call 01603 307715**

The Ultimate Engineering Challenge

Here your child will have to solve a number of engineering challenges set by industry experts, from building structures to solving a problem using many different skills to designing the fastest car.

This holiday Club will allow your child to think creatively about problems and foster an interest in engineering.

So you think you're a Scientist?

Does your child have what it takes to be a Scientist? At this summer club your child will have to complete a number of scientific challenges set by the Sinister Scientist Samantha. Using their knowledge they will have to solve challenges such as, can you make a raisin dance and create an underwater volcano?

This Holiday club will illustrate to your child that science is exciting and fun, and spark an interest in the world of science!

Exploring Coding - Ozobots

During this Holiday club, your child will be engrossed with coding and computing. Your child will be using the very small code-able Robot – The Ozobot. In this session your child will have the opportunity to design a game and compete against other Ozobots either via a Dance off, a track race or finding the secret location of the buried treasure and many many more!

During this holiday club your child will explore coding and inspire their minds into the domain.

Booking Information

All the holiday clubs will allow your child to collect Children's University Hours (if part of the scheme)!

Venue: The Kinesis Centre at Norwich City Football Club

Dates:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
	8 th August Robot Engineers	9 th August Stuck in Space	10 th August Exploring Coding
	15 th August The Marble Coaster	16 th August The Ultimate Engineering Challenge	17 th August JitterBugs
21 st August Robot Engineers	22 nd August The Marble Coaster	23 rd August Exploring coding	

Time: 10:00 to 15:00 / **Age range:** 8 to 12 year olds

Cost: £30 per a day OR two days for £50 OR five days £140.

Booking: Email STEM@educatorsolutions.org.uk or Call 01603 307715

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