



Carrant Brook Junior School Newsletter

Newsletter Date: 16 November 2018

Headteacher's Message:

Dear Parents/Guardians

Thank you for supporting Children in Need today. We had a fun time mapping out the perimeter of the hall (twice!) in coins and we raised £111.25 towards this worthwhile charity. Due to the vast amount of coins we will have to give you the final total in next weeks Newsletter. Please see our website for pictures.



This week the Houses have decided their lower school entries for the final round of the Poetry Competition. From Year 3 Madison, Charlie Large and Stanley and from Year 4 Samina, Amber and Georgia have all been chosen to represent their houses in the Finals on 30 November at 2pm. Parents are welcome to attend! House entries from Years 5 and 6 will be decided next week and I will let you know their names in the next newsletter.

Today we said a sad farewell to Mrs Newton and wished her all the best in her new job. I am however pleased to inform you that interviews were held last Friday and Ms Anna Carey was appointed as our new Family Support Worker. You may already know her name or recognise her face as she is currently a School Nurse, based at Tewkesbury Hospital. She is looking forward to joining us, which she hopes to be before the Christmas holidays if work commitments allow. Failing that she will join the team in January, but in the meantime, please feel free to contact either Mrs Evans or myself if you have any questions or queries.

Kind regards
Mrs Budd



Holidays during term time:

As stated in our last Ofsted Report, [the proportion of pupils who are persistently absent in our School is above the national average](#). Please help us to improve our attendance before Ofsted Inspectors visit us again, by [making medical appointments out of school time](#) and taking [holidays within the allocated 170 days when children are not in school](#). Remember that [holidays in term time can not be authorised](#) and [parents can be fined](#) and [absences of 5 days or more require medical proof](#) for our records.

You may consider that a holiday will be educational but your child will still miss out on the teaching and learning that their peers will receive whilst your child is away. Children returning from a leave of absence during term time are also unprepared for the lessons after, which build on the teaching they have missed and arrangements need to be made for individual children to catch up on missed work. Disruption to the continuity of teaching and learning is something we all have a responsibility to avoid.

Please refer to our updated Attendance Policy on the School website for more information.



Come to school in Christmas fancy dress, or any non-uniform and donate either chocolate or a bottle for the Christmas Fayre tombola stalls.



Commendations:

Congratulations to our Golden Book Merit Award winners.

Congratulations also to Ash class who won this week's attendance with 99.5%



Reading Challenge:

Congratulations to **Year 4** pupils in Elm class this week who came **1st with 96.666% of pupils** reading at least 4 times each week.

2nd - Birch - 92.5% **3rd** - Oak - 88.5% **4th** - Ash - 86.4% **5th** - Sycamore - 84.62%
6th - Willow - 70.83%

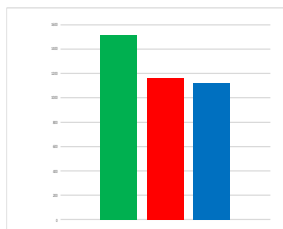
House Points: Congratulations!

Which house is in the lead so far?

1st place - Emerald

2nd place - Ruby

3rd place - Sapphire



RECOMMENDED READING BOOKS:

Year 3:

- The Peppermint Pig by Nina Bawden
- Tom's Private War by G. Leeson

Year 4:

- The Legend of Captain Crow's Teeth by Eoin Colfer
- The 13 Storey Treehouse by Andy Griffiths

Year 5:

- The Marble Crusher by Michael Morpurgo
- There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom by Louis Sachar

Year 6:

- Trust me I'm a Trouble Maker by Pete Johnson
- Treasure Island by R. L. Stevenson

TERM DATES:

Term Two: Monday 29th October - Friday 21st December (3.15pm finish)

Term Three: Monday 7th January - Friday 15th February

Term Four: Monday 25th February - Friday 5th April (3.15pm finish)

Term Five: Tuesday 23rd April - Friday 24th May

Term Six: Monday 3rd June Tuesday 23rd July

INSET DAYS—children do not attend school

Friday 5th April

Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd July

AUTUMN TERM 2 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Thursday 22 November - Dress up with flair for the Christmas Fayre

Friday 23 November - Year 6 'Click' Event

Friday 7 December - Christmas Fayre

Tuesday 11 December - Afternoon Christmas Performance

Wednesday 12 December - Evening Christmas Performance