Carrant Brook Junior School Newsletter

Newsletter Date: 3 November 2017

Headteacher's Message:

Dear Parents/Guardians

I hope you all had a lovely half term holiday.

I would like to inform you that unfortunately Marc Vincent has made the difficult decision this week to take early retirement on the grounds of ill health. He has been teaching for 20 years, three of which have been at Carrant Brook. He will be missed by all but we wish him a happy and relaxing retirement. The School has employed Miss Paget from Hays Supply Agency to ensure we have consistent PPA cover until Christmas. The School is currently advertising for a replacement and will notify you in due course of the successful candidate.

The PTFA disco was a great success on Thursday and we hope the children all enjoyed themselves. We raised £341 which will be going towards more outdoor play equipment.

Just a reminder that in support of the Poppy Appeal this year Carrant Brook have been provided with various child-friendly items which pupils can purchase. Slapbands and wristbands have been very popular, we've ordered more supplies of these which will be available from Monday 6th November. Please see displayed posters for details. Thank you for your support.

Kind regards
Mrs Maria Budd

In the classroom:

Year 4 - Egyptian Day was a wonderful experience for the pupils. 'Mr Egypt' visited with some rare stone statues, the children enjoyed Story telling, Egyptian maths and a very funny Mummy wrapping competition. Pupils will be writing a letter to Mr Egypt about what they enjoyed and learnt from the day. Two letters will be chosen by the Teacher to be sent.

Year 3 & 5 - Science experiments have been in full swing about forces & magnets. The children have been investigating on finding out how many paperclips a magnet can hold. In PE the children have enjoyed doing some gymnastic moves making static shapes using tuck, pike and straddle positions.

Year 6 - Have been enjoying more work on the Aztec & have now finished their fact files on the Aztec Kids. Pupils have also been doing some work on newspaper reporting around the topic of seeing a warrior getting sacrificed.

READING SESSION - PARENTS INVITED:

Parents are invited to attend classes on Friday 10 November between 8.50 - 9.15am for a Reading session.

Home School Agreement

Please see attached our revised Home-School Agreement and read carefully. If you have any queries, please contact the Office.

E-Safety Top Tips:

Snapchat has just launched another new feature on their popular social media app.

This time it's not about filters, it's all about where people are.

'Snap Maps' puts users and their snaps onto a map so friends and other Snapchatters can see where they are and what they are doing.

It has raised a lot of concerns amongst child safety experts.

The NSPCC advise that young people should set Snapchat to 'ghost mode' which means that no one can see your location.

1. When in photo-taking mode, pinch the screen to open your Snap Map.
2. Tap the settings cog in the right hand corner of the screen
3. Tap Ghost Mode to switch off location sharing

Enrichment Day - Puzzle Workshop: Pupils have had an exciting and fun time enjoying a hands-on experience with puzzles and challenges throughout the day. A BIG thankyou to the Happy Puzzle Company for their hard work in making this day very special for the children (& Staff!)

STEMKiDS

Stem kids are currently working with a number of Primary Schools in the area delivering STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) after school workshops. The instructors work with a group of children making a range of STEM products including solar powered cars and mini lights. Children also complete a theory booklet to take home. The workshops would take place at School but parents need to book directly via the STEMkids website, the maximum number of children is 20.

At the moment we would just like to know if there would be any interest for these type of workshops. A five week club costs £35 per child, a 6 week club costs £42. All materials and equipment is supplied and children keep all products made. Please contact the School office if your child would be interested.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Friday 3 November - After-school Puzzle workshop

Friday 10 November - All parents welcome to class for Reading Session between 8.50 - 9.15am

Wednesday 29 November - Flu immunisation Yrs 3 & 4

Friday 8 December - Christmas Performance Dress Rehearsal

Friday 8 December - Christmas Fayre

Monday 11 & Tuesday 12 December -Christmas Performances

TERM DATES:

Term Two: Monday 30 October—Friday 15 December 2017

Term Three: Tuesday 2 January—Friday 9 February 2018

Term Four: Monday 19 February—Thursday 29 March 2018

Term Five: Monday 16 April—Friday 25 May 2018

Term Six: Monday 4 June -Wednesday 25 July

INSET DAYS - **Children do not attend school**

Monday 30 October 2017

Tuesday 2 January 2018

Thursday 29 March 2018

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CARRANT BROOK JUNIOR SCHOOL

Home-School Agreement

At Carrant Brook our vision for the education of our pupils is clear: **'Together we learn and grow.'** We aim to provide a positive learning experience for every individual and we take pride in the fact that our pupils are nurtured in a safe, enjoyable, respectful learning environment. This underpins every aspect of school life and is key to ensuring high levels of motivation, enthusiasm and excitement in learning, both academically and socially. We believe that a positive partnership with parents and carers is vital to ensure that pupils achieve their full potential and grow up to be successful citizens in society.

Together we will:

- Ensure that we hold the best interests of the child/children as a top priority
- Address any concerns or educational issues together
- Support each child's learning to help them achieve their best

The School will:

- Provide a broad and balanced curriculum to meet the needs of the individual child
- Provide a safe, welcoming environment where pupils respect and care for each other
- Encourage pupils to become independent, reflective learners
- Aim for the highest standards of work and behaviour
- Keep parents informed about upcoming school events. Day to day communication is facilitated in lots of ways: the newsletter, text messages, notes or letters home and on the website
- Inform parents about how well their child is doing through parent meetings and annual reports

The Family will:

- Make sure that children arrive at school on time, fully equipped and ready to learn
- Make sure that my child attends school regularly and keep the school informed of any absence by telephoning the school office
- Make sure that my child wears the correct uniform and shoes to show pride in his/her appearance
- Attend parents evenings and meetings about my child's progress and work alongside any agencies involved in supporting my child
- Support school policies and behaviour guidelines
- Support my child to complete Reading, Spellings and Maths Magic at home every week
- Let the school know of any information that may affect my child in school
- Ensure that payment is made for services provided by the school
- Approach the school staff, other parents and pupils in a respectful, non-threatening manner

The Pupil will:

- Do my best to produce school work and homework to the highest standard I can
- Follow the School Core Values and behaviour expectations
- Show respect for school environment, equipment and resources
- Take responsibility for myself and my actions