



Carrant Brook Junior School Newsletter

Newsletter Date: 11 October 2019

Headteacher's Message:

Dear Parents/Carers



Thank you for all of your kind donations for our Harvest Festival this week. It was lovely to see so many parents at the Church on Wednesday and the children sang and performed beautifully. Everything received will be taken to the **Tewkesbury Food Bank** to support families from the local area.

Your child should be coming home today with an interim report which includes comments on their attitude to learning and attendance. Please bring this report with you on Parents Evening next week where you can discuss the contents with your child's teacher.

On Tuesday 8 October, four Year 6 boys (Ollie, Cole, Chester and Rufus) from Sycamore and Birch attended a **Maths Challenge** afternoon at Dean Close Preparatory School in Cheltenham. We were one of only 26 schools across the whole of Gloucestershire who entered the competition. The boys had a great afternoon and one of the Carrant Brook teams won **first place!** Mrs Hartley said that it was an amazing experience and that the boys were very polite and represented the School well. Please see photo overleaf. Quotes from the team members: *"I enjoyed the big challenge because they were quick questions but I enjoyed the whole thing overall"* (Ollie), *"I found the maths competition fun and challenging! I cannot believe we came joint first with Richard Pates"* (Rufus), *"The maths challenge was challenging and I ran around which gave me exercise and it stretched my brain a lot. It was also really fun"* (Cole), *"Ollie and I tried our hardest and we didn't give up even when we didn't know the answer"* (Chester).

We have had a couple of Cross Country sessions over the last few weeks and the children have done extremely well and achieved some personal bests. We are very proud of them and grateful for all the parental support.

The PTFA are holding a meeting on Wednesday 16th October straight after School. This is a chance for you to find out more about what the PTFA do and if you would like to be involved. Everyone is welcome and children can stay.

Kind regards,
Maria Budd, Headteacher

Parents Evenings Years 3 - 5

Parents evenings for Years 3 - 5 are being held on Tuesday 15th and Thursday 17th October. You should have received a link to enable you to book an appointment with your child's class teacher. Please contact the School office if you are unable to make an appointment on these dates.

Scholastic Book Fayre:

The book fayre has arrived!

The children were able to view the books in school and purchase books from Mrs Budd.



The cases will also be available at Parents Evenings on Tuesday 15 October and Thursday 17 October for parents to have a look themselves and buy some early Christmas presents for the family. **Volunteer help would be greatly appreciated please for afterschool on Tuesday & Thursday due to Mrs Budd running Netball Club on Tuesday and a Governors meeting on the Thursday. Please contact the School if you are available. Thank you.**

Over the last few years your support has enabled us to purchase a great many wonderful books for the library and reading scheme. We hope that you are able to help us once again top up our reading selection in school.

Christmas Card Competition:

Laurence Robertson MP has invited our pupils to take part in a competition to design the front of his Christmas card for this year.

All entries (ideally A5 portrait size) to be given to Mrs Budd by NO LATER THAN 24 OCTOBER. His staff and Mr Robertson will then decide on their favourite design, which will then be used on his card. The pupil and their school will also be named on the card. He usually prints around 750 cards each year!!

There will be a prize for the winner and further prizes for three runners-up.

Commendations:

Congratulations to our Golden Book Merit Award winners.



Congratulations also to Willow & Birch class who won this week's attendance with 100%



Reading Challenge:

Congratulations to pupils in Ash, Elm & Sycamore class this week who came **1st with 100% of pupils** reading at least 4 times each week.

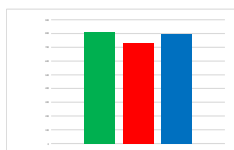
2nd - Oak 96.296% **3rd** - Birch 96% **4th** - Beech 95.8% **5th** - Willow 94.44%

Please can you support us in encouraging your child to read at least 4 times per week. Thank you.

House Points: Congratulations!

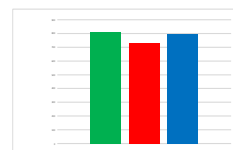
Which house is in the lead so far this term?

1st place - Emerald
2nd place - Sapphire
3rd place - Ruby



Which house is in the lead so far overall?

1st place - Emerald
2nd place - Sapphire
3rd place - Ruby



Bonfire Menu

Tuesday 5th November 2019

Boom Burgers with Jumping Jack Wedges

Or

Sizzling Quorn Chilli with Raging Rice

Bonfire Beans and Sparkling Sweetcorn

Catherine Wheel Cookie

PLEASE BOOK DIRECT ON PARENTPAY



TERM DATES:

Term One: Monday 2nd September - Friday 25th October

Term Two: Monday 4th November - Friday 20th December

Term Three: Monday 6th January - Friday 14th February

Term Four: Monday 24th February - Friday 3rd April

Term Five: Monday 20th April - Friday 22nd May

Term Six: Monday 1st June - Monday 20th July

INSET DAYS - children do not attend school

Friday 25th October

Monday 24th February

Friday 3rd April

Monday 20th July

AUTUMN TERM 1 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Tuesday 15th October and Thursday 17 October - Parents Evenings Years 3 - 5

Wednesday 16 October - Year 5 Trip to Winchester Science Centre and Planetarium

Tuesday 15th - Thursday 17th October - Book Fayre in the Hall (Families welcome in the Hall after school)

Thursday 24th October - Flu nasal vaccinations

