

Newsletter



CARRANT BROOK
Junior School

Newsletter Date: 2 October 2020

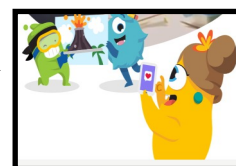
Headteacher's Message:

Dear Parents/Carers



You should have received an important letter yesterday about remote learning (also available to view on our website alongside our Remote Learning Policy). Please can I reassure Parents that this is merely our **contingency plan** in case of a confirmed case in School or in case of a National/Local lockdown. Attached was also a Responsible User Agreement for you to discuss with your child. If your child returns their form *signed* by next Wednesday, they will then be entered into a prize draw for some Amazon Vouchers!

You should also have recently had a request to join Class Dojo. This is again something we are working on in order to try and to provide teaching via a video link if it is needed and a way of keeping in touch with our Pupils and Parents about progress. I am aware that a great many of you have already signed up. If you haven't done so already, please do so. If you had problems with online learning in the summer term and think you might require an alternative means of learning at home this academic year (if the need arises), please contact the School Office so we can start to plan for a different approach for you.



Staff are also busy writing an interim report to replace the usual Parents Evening. This report will go out next Friday, so please look out for it! **If you still wish to speak to your child's teacher, please feel free to make contact with them and they will gladly arrange a telephone appointment at a mutually convenient time.**



We are planning to still hold a Harvest Festival with the children and the ladies from The Open the Book Team next Wednesday in School. This will be held using Zoom so that we can remain within our bubbles and follow social distancing guidelines. We would be grateful for any tins or packets to come in on Monday or Tuesday next week. These items will then be given to the Food Bank to support our local community.

Unfortunately, the children are unable to participate in local sporting competitions at the moment. This has however not stopped us from sending in our Cross County running times using a school-based track.

Kind Regards,
Maria Budd
Headteacher



Book Fayre:

The book fayre is arriving at the end of next week, bringing a great selection of books to inspire and entertain children of all ages.

The children will be able to view the books online and purchase books from Mrs Budd if they wish. Unfortunately this year, we are only allowed pupils in school to view or purchase books.

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.

Year 6 Secondary School Preferences Reminder

All Y6 pupils should have brought home a letter regarding making choices for secondary schools. Please ensure your application is done asap and by **no later than 31st October 2020.**

Commendations: Congratulations to our Golden Book Merit Award winners.

Congratulations also to Sycamore class
who won this week's attendance with 99.1%



A BIG thank you to **Georgia (Birch)**, **Theo (Sycamore)** and **Nancy (Willow)** for their inspiring 'A Life in Lockdown' Poems to celebrate National Poetry Day.



Your poems will be sent to the Gloucestershire Library for prosperity!

Reading Challenge: Congratulations to pupils in Willow, Oak & Elm class this week who all came
1st with 100% of pupils reading at least 4 times each week.

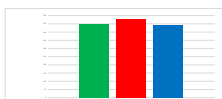
2nd - Birch 93.75% **3rd** - Ash 92% **4th** - Sycamore 91.30% **5th** - Beech 84%

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

House Points: Congratulations!

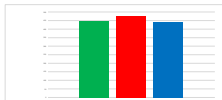
Which house is in the lead so far this term?

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



Which house is in the lead so far overall?

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



Winchcombe School has launched its Virtual Visits site for those of you considering your admission options for 2021. The site has a series of short videos from a range of staff and students plus information from each subject area.



<https://winchcombeschool.co.uk/virtual-visit/>

Any questions can be sent to a dedicated email address choices@winchcombeschool.co.uk where your question will be directed to the best member of staff to help.

TERM DATES 2020/21:

Term One: Tuesday 1 September-Friday 23 October

Term Two: Monday 2 November-Friday 18 December

Term Three: Monday 4 January-Friday 12 February

Term Four: Monday 22 February-Thursday 1 April

Term Five: Monday 19 April-Friday 28 May

Term Six: Monday 7 June - Wednesday 21 July

INSET DAYS - children do not attend school

Friday 23 October

Monday 4 January

Thursday 1 April

Wednesday 21 July

BANK HOLIDAY - children do not attend school

Monday 3 May

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Thursday 8 October - Book Fayre arrives (*Following Government Guidelines*)

Friday 9 October—Interim Report

Friday 11th December - Nasal Flu vaccinations

