

# Newsletter

Newsletter Date: 21 May 2021



CARRANT BROOK  
Junior School

## Headteacher's Message:

Dear Parents/Carers  
Well... what a strange week it has been weather wise! One minute brilliant sunshine and the next hail stones with thunder and lightning and strong winds! I am pleased to say that it was the right decision to move our Sports Day Individual Challenges to the Wednesday this week. Literally, they just finished the events and then the heavens opened with only Mr Evans getting a soaking!

We had some more work carried out on our garden area this week. We now have a new shed and a lovely patio area with raised beds surrounding it, ready for planting. The Year 6 children are going to help me next week by adding more to the area with picnic benches, plants and even a parasol! By May half term we really hope to well and truly be on the way to having our 'chill out zone'. Now all we need is the weather to enjoy it!

Kind Regards  
Maria Budd



## Message from Tewkesbury School regarding Transition:

### Chromebook Digital Learning Initiative

A reminder to Y6 parents that an email was sent on 17 May with full details about our Digital Learning scheme where you can acquire a Chromebook for your child in preparation for their transition to Tewkesbury School in September. A copy of the mailer sent is [here](#) and the Chromebook order portal can be accessed [here](#) - this gives full details, device spec, costs and has a list of FAQs about the scheme. Orders should be placed by 2 July 2021.

Please contact [office@tewkesburyschool.org](mailto:office@tewkesburyschool.org) if you should have any further questions and we will be happy to help.



### Sir Thomas Rich's Open Days – June 2021

**Dates:** Monday 28<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June

2021

**For:** Year 5 boys and their parents/carers

**Times:** Slots available at 9am, 10am and 11am each day

**Register:** at [www.strschool.co.uk](http://www.strschool.co.uk) – booking will be live on the homepage from 12 noon, Monday 17 May.

Due to high demand we can only offer Open Day places to current Year 5 boys – limited to one parent/carer accompanying one child.

**Pre-booking only.**

## Holiday Free School Meals



If your child is eligible for Free School Meals, Gloucestershire County Council is again providing vouchers for families during the May half-term **Holiday Free School Meals (FSM)** (press Ctrl and click on the link above to apply) or follow this link: <https://haveyoursaygloucestershire.uk/engagement/hq.com/holiday-free-school-meal-application-form>

The portal for parents and carers to sign up is open from **17<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> May**

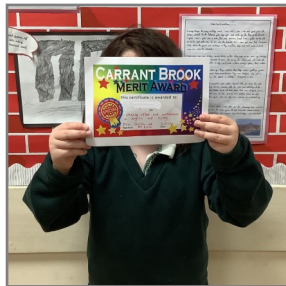
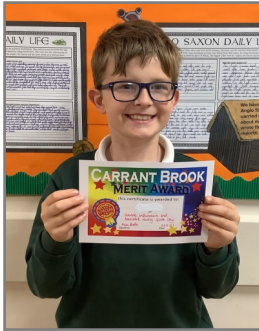
Once you have signed up, you should receive your vouchers via email (*equivalent to your free school meal entitlement of £15 per child*).

If you have any further queries, please email: [Childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:Childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk)

## Commendations:

**Congratulations to our Golden Book Merit Award winners.**

**Congratulations also to Elm class who won this week's attendance with 98.3%**



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

**2nd** - Sycamore 95.4% **3rd** - Ash 95.2% **4th** - Willow 92.3%

Please can you support us in encouraging your child to read at least 4 times per week & ensure that they bring their signed Reading Records into school. Thank you.

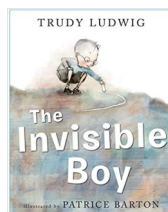
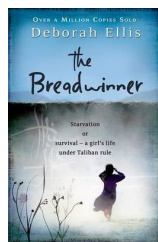
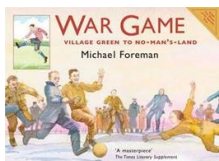
## Suggested Reading:

**Year 3** The Invisible Boy by Trudy Ludwig

**Year 4** War Game by Michael Foreman

**Year 5** The Breadwinner by Deborah Ellis

**Year 6** Why the Whales Came by Michael Morpurgo



## A message for Year 3 pupils:

May is a busy time for Blue Tits as they look for the best place to start nesting. Mrs Morley at Northway has kindly let us know that Blue Tits have chosen to nest in the bird box which you made whilst you were in Year 2.

Well done! You should be very proud of yourselves.



## House Points: Congratulations!

Which house is in the lead so far this term?

1st place - Emerald

2nd place - Ruby

3rd place - Sapphire

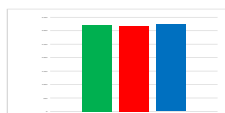


Which house is in the lead so far overall?

1st place - Sapphire

2nd place - Emerald

3rd place - Ruby



## TERM DATES 2020/21:

**Term Five:** Monday 19 April-Friday 28 May

**Term Six:** Monday 7 June - Wednesday 21 July

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

Wednesday 21 July

## Dates for your Diary

**Thursday 1st July (Reserve date Friday 2nd July)** - Sports Day with the possibility of parents being invited **(Subject to DfE Guidance and all social restrictions being lifted and Gloucestershire County Council Guidance.)**