

Newsletter

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CARRANT BROOK
Junior School

Headteacher's Message: Dear Parents/Carers

Please can I remind all parents that if your child has signed up for an after school club, but cannot attend for any reason, you need to let the school office know for safeguarding reasons.

Mrs Mattholie, Year 6 and I had a lovely afternoon this week setting up our 'Chill out zone' by our new shed. House coloured tables are now in place and planters around the edges. Parts of the new parasol has arrived and will be in situ after half term. Any plant donations would be gratefully received.



Please see our website (*Policies & Documents*) for the May Half-term Track and Trace Letter.

Kind Regards, Maria Budd

Do you have any spare Lego figures or green base plates that are sitting in a cupboard unused?

Ms Carey would be very grateful of any donations please. Thank you!



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in Gloucestershire**

The Family Learning Team have some great wellbeing courses for parents/carers/grandparents starting in early June.

Happier and Calmer: Wellbeing at Home is running on Friday mornings from 9:30-11:00. This 6 week course looks at the science behind feeling good and gives parents the opportunity to try out different wellness techniques to see what works best for them.

Writing for Wellness runs on Tuesdays from 9:30-11:00. This 5 week course focuses on using writing for wellbeing, using free writing to develop wellbeing and building learners skills and confidence to write for themselves to share life stories with their family.

Calming the Mind runs on Tuesdays from 10:30-11:30 or 7:30-8:30. This course is a 6 week introduction to mindfulness.

Our courses are free to people over 19 years old, who have lived in the UK/ EU for 3 or more years, or have a valid Residence Permit, and are one of the following: Unemployed or earning below £17,000 per year; Qualified below a Level 2 (less than 5 GCSEs); Have mental health challenges, Have a learning difficulty or disability.

[Please contact the school office for further information.](#)

Commendations: Congratulations to our Golden Book Merit & Maths Magic Award winners. Congratulations also to Elm class who won this week's attendance with 98.7%



On Tuesday, we took a team of ten children to compete in a football tournament against some Cheltenham based schools at the University of Gloucester Sports Park. Unfortunately, the results didn't go our way as we were shaking a lot of rust off, but the children definitely improved as the tournament went on and learnt from their defeats. On a positive note, the children were able to represent the school using their new football kit which looked smashing.

Notice from St Nicholas Church

Love Your Burial Ground Week is Saturday 5th June -Sunday 13th June 2021

Caring for God's Acre works nationally to support groups and individuals to investigate, care for and enjoy burial grounds and graveyards.

Churches are being asked to use this week as a springboard to start recording the wildlife within their churchyards.

You can join in by bringing your child to the church yard and looking to see what they can see. We have a few bird boxes in the trees and a bat box. Also 2 bug houses have been constructed. There are resources available on Caring for God's Acre website, action packs and fact sheets.



Yr 5/6 Pates Grammar School Open Mornings 2021

Year 5 Open Mornings - Monday 28th June, Friday 2nd & 12th July 2021

Year 6 Open Morning Thursday 9th September 2021

Please book places via the website: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/patesgs>

Please email Yvonne Shelmerdine - yshelmerdine@patesgs.org - if you have any queries.

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

2nd - Willow 96% 3rd - Beech 88% 4th - Sycamore 85%

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.

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 & 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.)

Dear parent or carer

Step three: One step closer to a more normal way of life.

The recent unlocking of further restrictions is fantastic news for us all and an incentive to keep doing the right thing.

Whilst some measures have now been lifted, and thankfully, cases in the county remain low, it's important to remember that Covid hasn't gone away.

As we start to mix again, there are likely to be more cases and outbreaks reported. We all have a part to play in following the advice to protect our school community and make sure we keep moving forward.

Measures to keep schools Covid secure remain in place and pupils will stay in bubbles, with staggered start and finish times, where necessary. The only exception is for secondary aged pupils, who are no longer required to wear a face mask whilst in school.

In addition, here is a reminder of what we can all do to prevent catching and spreading Covid:



Following the rules around hands, face and space are still the best things we can all do to help stop the virus spreading. This is especially important dropping off and collecting your children from the school gates.



Regular rapid testing, alongside getting vaccinated when invited are also a key part of our journey out of lockdown. There are more than 100 pharmacies across the county who are set up as collection points for FREE rapid COVID-19 tests. **From next week, you can also go to a local pharmacy to take a test on site.**



If you or anyone you live with test positive from a rapid test or experience symptoms of COVID-19, you and your family should self-isolate immediately and book a PCR Covid test via the Government portal.

For more information visit: www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/testing



If you are eligible, but haven't yet had your COVID-19 vaccination, please get in touch with your GP who can help.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours Sincerely

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