

Newsletter

Newsletter Date: 17 March 2023



CARRANT BROOK
Junior School

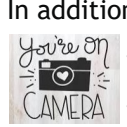
We are resilient We are responsible We are caring We are confident We are inspired We are aspirational

Don't forget
parents
evening!

Headteacher's Message:

Dear Parents/Carers

You should have received a link this week to book your Parents Evening slot. If you have any problems with booking an appointment, please contact the school office.



In addition to these evenings, we are also holding a drop-in session for you to view your child's work alongside your child. This is to take place on 24 March from 8.40-9.00am. This will be held in your child's classroom and you are warmly invited to pop into the classroom for a few minutes at drop off time.

Thank you to everyone that donated for **Red Nose Day**, we raised a fantastic **£165**. See below photos from the day!

Just a reminder that Colorfoto will be in School on Tuesday 21 March taking Class photos and Year 6 Leaver photos. Please see the last page of the newsletter for 2023-2024 term dates.

Kind Regards
Maria Budd

Deputy Headteacher's Message:

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is that time once again to start thinking about the PTFA Great Egg Challenge! The judges have always been impressed with the wonderful ideas and creative talents of the children (see photos for ideas or look on our website at previous years).

This year the entries need to be in school on **Monday 27 March (NOT BEFORE PLEASE AND EGGS MUST BE HARD BOILED)** for the winners to be announced in assembly on **Tuesday 28 March**.



Kind regards

Tris Evans



Our SEN Policy has recently been updated, available via this link & website: [Carrant Brook Junior School - Policies & Documents](#)

Red Nose Day:



After School Art Sessions



If your child loves to draw and create then they will love Scribble Squad. Run by professional illustrator Melissa Turland, these sessions are packed full of games and activities. Your child will have fun exploring their imagination whilst learning top drawing techniques.



Sessions will run at Carrant Brook Junior School on a Thursday from 20th April to 26th May. The cost is £42 for 6 weeks (10% discount for siblings). All materials provided.

You can sign up directly for this club, details have been sent out on Class DoJo. If for any reason, you have not received these details, please contact the school office.

Cross Country:

On Sunday, some of our children represented Tewkesbury at the County Cross Country, which was held at Newent Community School. All the children



demonstrated our core values of aspiration and resilience and we are extremely proud of their efforts. We hope that next year we will be able to send some to the Nationals!

Together We Learn and Grow

Commendations: Congratulations to our Golden Book Award winners. Congratulations also to Ash class who won this week's attendance with 99.1%



Message from Gloucestershire County Council:

We would like to make you aware of the Holiday Free School Meal voucher scheme that Gloucestershire County Council is currently offering to families in Gloucestershire.

Applications for Holiday Free School Meal vouchers for spring holidays are now open until the 21 March. Voucher emails will be sent out on 27 March. Please check your junk/spam folder as vouchers sometimes end up there. If you have not received the vouchers by 28 March please email

childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk so that we can look into it.

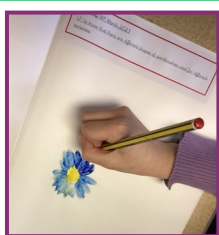
To find out more about the scheme and to apply, parents can visit our [Holiday free school meal vouchers webpage](#), seen below:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/meals-during-school-holidays/holiday-free-school-meal-vouchers/holiday-free-school-meal-vouchers/#main>

In School this week:



In **Year 3** we have been experimenting with different paintbrushes to create printed flowers.



Year 6 have been busy drafting setting descriptions using different language features: hypernate, personification and more. They are becoming experts at supporting one another.



Year 4 have been exploring the concept of pitch in Science using the Boomwhackers and also their own handmade instruments.



Beech Class - In computing, we are learning about how we can build a website.

Sycamore Class have been working collaboratively together to build a sequence of movements inspired by the theme of the rainforest in their dance lesson.



Reading Challenge:

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

2nd - Willow 92% **3rd** - Ash 91%

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.



Term Dates:

Term Four: Mon 27 Feb - Fri 31 March

Term Five: Mon 17 April - Fri 26 May

Term Six: Mon 5 Jun - Tues 25 Jul

INSET DAYS - children do not attend school

Friday 26 May

Monday 24th & Tuesday 25th July

BANK HOLIDAYS - children do not attend school

Monday 1 May

Monday 8 May

Dates for your Diary:

Tuesday 21 March - Class photos and Year 6 leaver photos

Friday 24 March - Parent Drop-in (8.40-9.00am in your child's classroom)

Friday 24 March - Year 3 Experience Easter at St Nicholas Church 10am

Monday 27 March - Parents Evening (3.30-5.30pm)

Thursday 30 March - Parents Evening (5.00-8.00pm)



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 - Ruby
3rd place - Sapphire



SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2023/24



| SEPTEMBER | | | | | OCTOBER | | | | | NOVEMBER | | | | | | |
|-----------|---|----|----|----|---------|-----|----|----|----|----------|------|---|----|----|----|----|
| Mon | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | Mon | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 30 | Mon | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 | |
| Tues | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 | Tues | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | 31 | Tues | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 | |
| Wed | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 | Wed | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | Wed | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 | |
| Thur | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 | Thur | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 | Thur | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 30 | |
| Fri | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 | Fri | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 | Fri | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | |
| Sat | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 30 | Sat | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 | Sat | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | |
| Sun | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | Sun | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 | Sun | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 | |
| DECEMBER | | | | | JANUARY | | | | | FEBRUARY | | | | | | |
| Mon | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | Mon | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 | Mon | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 | |
| Tues | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 | Tues | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 30 | Tues | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 | |
| Wed | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 | Wed | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | 31 | Wed | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 | |
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| Sun | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | 31 | Sun | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 | Sun | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | |
| MARCH | | | | | APRIL | | | | | MAY | | | | | | |
| Mon | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | Mon | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 | Mon | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 | |
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| JUNE | | | | | JULY | | | | | AUGUST | | | | | | |
| Mon | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | Mon | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 | Mon | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 | |
| Tues | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | Tues | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 30 | Tues | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 | |
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| Term Time | | Holidays | |
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| Bank Holiday | | | |

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| Term 1: Mon 4 th Sept – Fri 27 th Oct 2023 | 40 days |
| Term 2: Mon 6 th Nov – Fri 22 nd Dec 2023 | 35 days |
| Term 3: Mon 8 th Jan - Fri 9 th Feb 2024 | 25 days |
| Term 4: Mon 19 th Feb – Fri 22 nd Mar 2024 | 25 days |
| Term 5: Mon 8 th April – Fri 24 th May 2024 | 34 days |
| Term 6: Mon 3 rd June – Mon 22 nd July 2024 | 36 days |
| Total | 195 days* |

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| Christmas Bank Holidays | 25 th December 2023 |
| | 26 th December 2023 |
| New Year Bank Holiday | 1 st January 2024 |
| Good Friday | 29 th March 2024 |
| Easter Monday | 1 st April 2024 |
| Early May Bank Holiday | 6 th May 2024 |
| Spring Bank Holiday | 27 th May 2024 |
| Summer Bank Holiday | 26 th August 2024 |

*195 days are defined as "School days". In the school year 2023/24 pupils must attend for 190 days. Schools may decide individually or collectively which 5 days in the year are INSET or non-contact days (days pupils do not need to attend).

Please Note: Schools considering alternative dates or considering changes to their school opening times may wish to contact our Transport Team to discuss transport implications and contact local childcare providers to discuss what impact this could have.