



# Carrant Brook Junior School Newsletter

Newsletter Date: 12 October 2018

## Headteacher's Message:

Dear Parents/Guardians

Thank you for all of your donations for the Harvest Festival. It was lovely to see so many parents at the Church and the children sang beautifully. Everything received has been now taken to the Tewkesbury Food Bank.

Your child should come home today with an interim report, so please check their bags! We hope that you find the report informative and we would appreciate any feedback. If you have any questions or queries then please raise them during the Parents' Evening, where your child's teacher will be happy to explain the report further.

The PTFA are holding an Autumn disco on Thursday 1 November from 3.30-5.00pm. Book your place with the School office (£3, includes a bag of sweets and drink). Children are welcome to change into party clothes after school, but no Halloween costumes please.



Finally see below about our exciting new House Competition. The first round will be within their classes however the Finals will be open to Parents.

Kind regards

Maria Budd

## ParentPay:

Please can we remind all parents that School dinners need to be ordered online by midnight Thursday for dinners the following week. You can also book many weeks in advance. If lunches are not booked online, you will need to send a packed lunch in with your child. If you are experiencing difficulties with ParentPay, please contact the School Office where we will be able to help you. Thank you.



## House Poetry Competition:

Following on from the Parent Questionnaire last year, I am pleased to inform you that after half term we will be running a House Poetry Competition. Every child from every year group will be encouraged to try and learn a poem in order to perform in front of their class. The children will then vote for the best entry to be put forward to the second round in front of their House and then the finals which will be in front of the whole school!

It is a statutory requirement in the National Curriculum that children learn to recite poems from heart. Reading 'Performance Poetry' is not new and in fact many of the rhymes, songs and hymns we sing can be construed as poetry recited from heart. Some of the poems I have chosen are classic poems, others are more contemporary - all of them are suitable for children to perform and read aloud. Learning to re-tell a poem from memory is challenging and with this in mind, the selected poems have been chosen for their use of rhythm and rhyme.

Your child should have already received a copy of their year group poem, however they have also been uploaded on the website, under their year group pages. Please help your child to learn their poem over the holidays and get them to practice saying it in front of the mirror or even a little audience!

Mrs Budd

### Commendations:

Congratulations to our Golden Book Merit Award winners.

Congratulations also to Elm class who won this week's attendance with 98.7%



### Reading Challenge:

Congratulations to **Year 5** pupils in Birch class this week who came **1st with 96.3% of pupils** reading at least 4 times each week.

**2nd** - Sycamore - 92.3% **3rd** - Oak - 83.3% **4th** - Elm - 80% **5th** - Willow - 71% **6th** - Ash - 67%

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

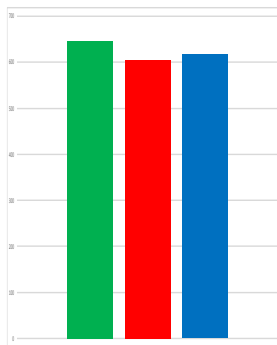
### House Points: Congratulations!

Which house is in the lead so far?

1st place - Emerald

2nd place - Sapphire

3rd place - Ruby



### TERM DATES:

**Term One:** Monday 3rd September - Friday 19th October

**Term Two:** Monday 29th October - Friday 21st December (3.15pm finish)

**Term Three:** Monday 7th January - Friday 15th February

**Term Four:** Monday 25th February - Friday 5th April (3.15pm finish)

**Term Five:** Tuesday 23rd April - Friday 24th May

**Term Six:** Monday 3rd June Tuesday 23rd July

### INSET DAYS - Children DO NOT attend school

Friday 19th October

Friday 5th April

Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd July

### AUTUMN TERM 1 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

**Saturday 20 October** - Charity School to School Elite Fund Raising Activity

**Tuesday 16th & Thursday 18th October** - Parents' Evenings

**Thursday 1 November** - PTFA Disco

**Tuesday 6 November** - Pizza Express (Ash Class)

**Thursday 8th November** - Year 6 Heights and Weights

**Friday 16th November** - Children in Need

**Friday 7 December** - Christmas Faye

### RECOMMENDED READING BOOKS:

Me and You by Anthony Browne

Dave's Rock by Fran Preston-Gannon

River Story by Meredith Hooper

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo

The Star of Kazan by Eva Ibbotson

My Sister Lives on the Mantelpiece by Annabel Pitcher

