

Cantrell Primary School

Newsletter 12th May 2023



ATTENDANCE. Currently at **94.2%** for the academic year so far! Still below the Ofsted expectation of 95%. Breakdown % by class since September 2022.

Class RA: 93.06	Class RB: 92.32	Class 1A: 94.32	Class 1B: 92.89	Class 2A: 94.81	Class 2B: 94.83	Class 3A: 93.77
Class 3B: 94.89	Class 4A: 94.60	Class 4B: 92.19	Class 5A: 95.98	Class 5B: 94.65	Class 6A: 94.78	Class 6B: 95.81

HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME. Please don't be tempted by the adverts! A reminder that leave during term time can only be authorised in *exceptional circumstances*. All applications for a leave of absence must be made on a form available from the school office. Our attendance policy states:

- Only a maximum of 5 days will be authorised by the school in exceptional circumstances;
- Family holidays, cheap holidays, birthday celebrations, family events will not be authorised;
- Penalty notices will be issued, and the Local Authority may fine parents.

CANTRELL'S RAFFLE AND CARNIVAL. LAST CALL FOR DONATIONS. As you know, we are organizing a raffle fundraiser to support theatre visits to Cantrell. We are calling on parents and friends to donate prizes that can be included in the raffle. Every donation, no matter how big or small, will make a difference and help us achieve our goal. Thank you for your support and generosity.

Here are some suggestions for raffle prizes that could be donated by parents:

Bathroom products, scented candles, non-perishable items that can be added to hampers, wines and other bottles, unwanted presents, new toys and games, such as board games, action figures, or puzzles.

The grand draw will take place after the Cantrell Carnival on Thursday 6th July. Please ask your family, friends and neighbours to donate prizes for this event. We know that with everyone's support, we can raise some serious money for Cantrell. So, let's work together to make this event the best one yet. Mark your calendars and don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to have some fun, win a prize, and support your school.

BECOMING A CANTRELL CHAMPION VOLUNTEER. We are continuing to build our group of volunteers to help support different community activities, including the pop-up giveaways. Please speak to Nicola Curzon or Ralph Surman for more information and to offer help and support for the Cantrell Raffle and Carnival.

YEAR 6 SAT'S WEEK. We would like to extend a big congratulations to the children in Year Six for their incredible performance throughout SATs week. Their conscientious efforts have been fantastic, and we are proud of their hard work and determination.

To celebrate their accomplishments, the children had a well-deserved SATs party this afternoon, where they were able to relax and have a great time. We want to express our appreciation to all of the parents and staff who supported the students throughout this important week.

CANTRELL'S READING CHALLENGE. Reading remains the school's top priority. We continue to encourage parents and children to develop their love of reading and understanding of why learning to read, and developing a love of reading, is important. The winning class with the highest percentage of children reading 4 times a week at home until **Monday 17th July**. The winning class will be invited with their parents to a prize afternoon on **Friday 21st July**. The prize will be announced soon. Here is how you can help:

- Encourage and listen to your child/children to read their reading book
- Share a story with your child/children, encouraging questions and discussion about what they are reading or the illustrations
- Here is the most important thing – sign your child's/children's reading diary (noting the book that they have read to you and include your signature) every time they read to you. It is important that children read to an adult, so reading to a brother or sister will unfortunately not be accepted. If the diary is not kept up-to-date, they will miss out on the opportunity to help their class win the Reading Challenge. Your child/children's class teacher will keep a record of how many times they read every week and they will check the diaries every Friday.

YEAR 3 PARENTS SPECIAL ASSEMBLY INVITE – CHILDREN’S CURRICULUM CELEBRATION. A special assembly will take place on **Friday 19th May** starting at 1:45pm. Parents and family members are invited to join us for this special event. If you could help with serving tea and coffee, then please approach the year 3 staff. This special assembly will be a great way for the children to demonstrate their learning and for parents to see all their hard work linked to the subjects they study. We’re hoping this provides plenty of notice for you and we look forward to meeting you on the day.

..... **COMMUNITY NEWS**

Get ready for Eurovision! 💕💕 **Saturday 13 May 2023 Nottingham Castle, gates open at 6pm.** Nottingham has been announced as an official BBC broadcast partner for the Eurovision Song Contest Grand Final, with the event being streamed live from Liverpool Arena on a giant screen measuring 28m squared, along with a concert-quality sound system. Eurovision fans will be able to bring picnics and blankets to watch the Grand Final in the beautiful surroundings of the castle grounds. The castle’s visitor centre will also be open to sell food and drink. Due to limited capacity in the castle grounds, people will need to pre-book for the screening and tickets will cost £1 each. This small nominal charge will cover the booking process costs (inclusive of VAT and booking fees). Booking now open at this link: www.visit-nottinghamshire.co.uk/whats-on/

Emergency Services Day Sat 20 May Wollaton Park. Come and see Nottinghamshire police officers, firefighters, and other supporting agencies showcase their skills and demonstrations. There will be a variety of stalls, displays and emergency vehicles to explore, including the underwater search unit, drone unit, search and rescue teams, and many more. Also taking place will be the annual National Police Dog Trials this year. Entry to the event is free but car parking charges apply.

Restaurant Week Mon 15 - Sun 21 May. Nottingham Visitors to the city centre are in for a tasty treat as Nottingham’s very first Restaurant Week begins on Monday 15 May. Showcasing Nottingham’s vibrant and eclectic hospitality venues, Restaurant Week aims to entice people into the city centre by offering special menus and offers to make going out a more affordable treat. Over the week, restaurants, cafés, pubs, bars and hotels will be offering a huge variety of deals on dining experiences, all reasonably priced. Visit Eat Nottingham to discover participating restaurants and their Restaurant Week offers.

DIARY DATES 2023

Mon 15th May	Parent meeting for Walesby residential 3:45pm in the hall
Fri 19th May	Year 3 Curriculum celebration parents invited 1:45pm
Mon 22nd May	Year 1 Curriculum celebration parents invited 1:45pm
Mon 5th June	INSET. School closed to children
Thu 8th June	Year 6 Forest School starts
Fri 9th June	Class and Group Photographs
Wed 14th – Fri 16th June	Walesby residential
Fri 23rd June	Year 2 Curriculum celebration parents invited 1:45pm
Mon 26th June	Shakespeare week whole school more information to follow
Sun 2nd July	Bulwell Carnival in Town Centre more information to follow
Tue 4th July	Production of Twelfth Night on Bulwell Forest Garden Y4 & Y5
Wed 5th July	New Intake meeting for Reception September starters, 4 – 5pm in school hall
Thu 6th July	Cantrell Carnival afternoon parents invited more information to follow
Wed 12th July	Sports Day for Early Years 9:30am & 1:30pm. Parents welcome
Thu 13th July	Sports Day Y1, Y2, Y3 at 9:30am. Y4, Y5, Y6 at 1:30pm. Parents welcome
Mon 24th July	Nursery Open Day 10am – 2pm <i>nursery closed for normal sessions on this day</i>
Thu 27th July	Y6 leavers party 4 – 6pm in school
Friday 28th July	Y6 celebration 1:30pm in school hall