

# Cantrell Primary School Newsletter 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022



**ATTENDANCE.** Currently at **95.8%** for the academic year so far, slightly above the Ofsted expected standard of 95%. As part of our strategy to improve attendance we will be issuing Red Letters to parents whose children have poor school attendance, from this Friday. The Nottingham City Education Welfare Service are reviewing all our registers at the start of next month. We have published important information about school attendance at Cantrell on our website: [https://www.cantrell.nottingham.sch.uk/images/newsletters/Ralph\\_Attendance\\_Flyer.pdf](https://www.cantrell.nottingham.sch.uk/images/newsletters/Ralph_Attendance_Flyer.pdf).

**VOUCHERS FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS.** The Local Authority has received funding to support households this winter. Children entitled to free school meals as assessed by Pupil Benefits will be allocated supermarket vouchers to cover the half term break. Voucher codes have been sent to parents' email address.

**MESSAGE TO PARENTS OF RECEPTION AGE CHILDREN.** We are currently undertaking the Reception Baseline Assessment at school. This is a statutory requirement by the Government for all children starting school. For further information regarding this please follow the link below [https://www.nfer.ac.uk/media/4554/rba\\_pupil\\_data\\_privacy\\_notice.pdf](https://www.nfer.ac.uk/media/4554/rba_pupil_data_privacy_notice.pdf).

**REMINDER YEAR 5 TRIP TO BEAUMANOR HALL.** Year 5 are off to Beaumanor Hall as part of their WW2 topic. They will be taking part in an evacuee experience day. The trip is on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November** and costs £20. Please consent slips be returned as soon as possible.

**SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS.** Deadline for applications is **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October**. Apply online at [www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/startingsecondary](http://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/startingsecondary).

**YEAR 2 PINOCCHIO THEATRE TRIP – TUESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER.** Children in Year 2 have been lucky enough to have been offered the opportunity to watch a theatre production of Pinocchio at Squire Performing Arts Centre. We will be leaving school at 1pm and travelling by tram for a 2pm start. We will return to school by 3:45pm. The children will need to be collected from the usual lines in the playground at this time, not from the front yard/gate. There will be no cost for the trip, however the children will not be able to come without returning the reply slip. The children will need to come to school with a waterproof coat and sensible shoes as the weather at this time of year can be unpredictable. The children can also bring a water bottle with them to have a drink during the performance. Please ensure that any medication that is needed is in school.

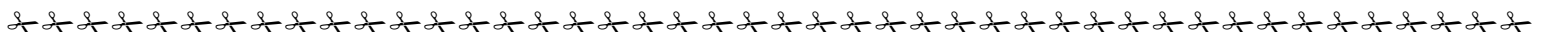
**SCHOOL PHOTOS.** Proofs were sent home with children earlier this week. Please return with payment by **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November**.

**REMINDER FLU VACCINATION.** These will take place in school on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November** for all children in Reception to Year 6. Even if your child received this last year it is recommended they have it again this year or they won't be protected. With COVID-19 in circulation it is more important than ever to reduce the number of those becoming ill with flu this winter to help protect them and the NHS. Please complete an online consent form at: <https://www.nottinghamshireimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>. It is important every child has a completed form which states if you would like them to receive the flu vaccination spray or not. Our school code is **NG122413**. If you have any questions or need support to complete the consent form, please contact the friendly team: [sais@nottshc.nhs.uk](mailto:sais@nottshc.nhs.uk) or telephone 07920 182032.

**Reply slip – Year 2 Pinocchio theatre visit Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November please return to main reception**

I give permission for my child ..... (name) in class .....

to take part in the above visit ..... (parent's signature)



**Reply slip – Y5 Beaumanor Hall visit Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November - please return to class teacher by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November**

I give permission for my child ..... (name) in class .....

to take part in the above visit ..... (parent's signature)

I enclose £20 to cover the cost of the trip      Pupil Premium? (tick if appropriate)

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\*\*\*\*\* **COMMUNITY NEWS** \*\*\*\*\*

**FREE October Half-Term Holiday Activities in Bestwood and Bulwell for children aged 7-11 who receive free school meals.** Release is a creative programme where children will learn how to write music and create a short performance over the course of a week. During the week they will be encouraged to express their emotions and creativity, develop skills in dance, singing and song writing, be educated about the impact of social media and be involved in discussions around positive healthy usage. The holiday club will run in the following locations:

**October 17<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>**, 10am-2pm: **Mellish Sports Centre**, Kemmel Rd, Nottingham NG6 9FH.

**October 24<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>**, 10am - 2pm: **Bestwood Estate Community Centre**, Gainsford Crescent, Bestwood, Nottingham, NG5 5HT.

Booking link: <https://www.freedomfoundationuk.org/october-half-term-release-clubs-booking-form/>. For more information and to book please contact us by phone: 0115 993 2370 or by email: [info@freedomfoundationuk.org](mailto:info@freedomfoundationuk.org).

**Food banks in Nottingham are here to help.** Bulwell - St Mary's Church. Our FoodBank provides food packages for people in crisis, as well as support and advice for those in need. St Mary's Church, Highbury Road, Bulwell Nottingham NG6 9AD. Telephone 07527048226.

**FREE FILM SCREENING:** October Half Term. A special sing-along screening of Encanto brought to you by Reel Respect Film Club. **Reel Respect** is bringing you a special sing-along screening of **Encanto**. Join in or just enjoy – this fun-filled adventure is all about celebrating our differences! A light-hearted activity will be included on the day for families to enjoy together. **4 dates available:** Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October – St Ann's Library, 12-4pm – [book here](#) Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October – Mansfield St Johns Centre, 12-4pm – [book here](#) Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October – Nonsuch Theatre, 10-2pm – [book here](#) Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Bramcote Memorial Hall, 12-4pm – [book here](#). **Additional information** - children must be accompanied by an adult. There will be a scheduled interval for those with young children. These events are free but donations or 'pay what you can' welcome. Booking is not necessary for entry but is encouraged.

**Halloween at Half Term - Free Activities** - Look up to Nottingham's city centre skyline this Halloween to see our friendly monster visitors; they're a real photo opportunity! Meet Batman and the Batmobile near the Brian Clough statue, find face painters across the city, discover our spider school to learn about these amazing creepy crawlies, or collect some sweets from over 80 participating city centre shops and venues. Find out more [on the It's in Nottingham website](#) here <https://www.itsinnottingham.com/ideas-inspiration/halloween-2022/> or pick up our Halloween Festival map from the Nottingham Tourism Centre from October 10<sup>th</sup> onwards. Follow us on social media @ItsInNottingham and share your monster memories with #ItsInNottingham. **First Aid Sessions for Children** - This October half term, Nottingham BID is offering FREE fun and practical first aid sessions to introduce children to lifesaving first aid skills. The sessions will be split into two age groups: 3-6 year olds and 7-11 year olds and will be taking place on Wednesday 19 and Wednesday 26 October 2022 at John Lewis & Partners, Victoria Centre. [More info](#) here <https://nottingham.minifirstaid.co.uk/>.

**Holiday Activities and Food Scheme (HAF) - Time to start booking activity clubs for October half-term holidays** - Parents and carers can now book activity clubs for their children over the forthcoming half-term holidays. More than 25,000 places were provided for pupils who receive free school meals (FSM) over the summer holiday in Nottingham this year. A total of 59 community groups put on activities at 79 different venues. The clubs will run again both weeks of the October half-term (w/c 17 and 24) as part of a continued link-up between the Council and Nottingham Forest Community Trust as its lead project partner this year. More activities will also take place at Christmas. Children all receive a free lunch, alongside a programme of activities focused on healthy eating, fitness and mental health. There are also a limited number of places available for children who aren't eligible for FSM and these will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. The list of clubs, and the parts of the city they serve, are now available to view and book online through the [Ask Lion website](#) here: <https://www.asklion.co.uk/kb5/nottingham/directory/site.page?id= AISqLI35I4>

**Taking up the Free School Meals offer can save parents up to £437 a year.** We know that many families will struggle with the cost of living this winter. Heating bills and food costs as well as interest rates are increasing. Taking up free school meals could ease the financial burden families are facing by saving parents up to £437 per year. All primary school children in reception, year one and year two are entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals, free for all children in Government funded schools. If you receive benefits, your children may be entitled to continue having Free School Meals after year two. You can check your eligibility

and apply here: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>. Our catering service, Eat Culture, supplies catering to many city schools. They serve healthy, balanced and freshly prepared school meals helping children concentrate at school and supporting their health and wellbeing.

\*\*\*\*\* **GOVERNORS LETTER OF INTRODUCTION** \*\*\*\*\*

Dear Parents

We wanted to write to introduce ourselves as the Cantrell Primary School new Chair and Vice-Chair of school governors.

Our names are Andrew Moore, Chair of Governors and Nicola Curzon, Vice-Chair of Governors. We look forward to working with the whole Cantrell Community and this introduction is intended to let you know what the Governing Body do, and to let you know a little of what we are currently doing both to support the school and staff, and our plans moving forward.

We were shocked and saddened at the passing of our former long-standing Chair of governors Sue Anthony, who has led the governors successfully over many years including winning the Governance East Midlands Award and steering the school to a good Ofsted grading.

Our intention is to build on this work and the many previous successes. We both have an in-depth knowledge of the school and the amazing way the children, staff and parents make it so successful - both from a parent and a governor point of view. We want the very best for all the children at Cantrell. Our shared vision is to shine as an outstanding community-maintained school.

The Governors at Cantrell play an important role and have considerable responsibility in setting the strategic direction of the school along with the head teacher and senior leadership team. Governors do not manage schools, this is the role of the head teacher and senior leadership team, but we do oversee the development of the school, the main aim of which is always to provide a high standard of education for all children of all abilities. In essence as the accountable body for the school, the governing body has three main roles:

- Provide a strategic view of where the school is heading. This is done by reviewing and agreeing policies, targets and priorities and monitoring and reviewing aims and objectives.
- Act as a critical friend to the school. The governing body works with the head teacher to create a clear understanding of the challenges faced in managing the school. The governing body should feel able to question and challenge and this is achieved through trust and mutual respect.
- Hold the school to account for the educational standards it achieves and the quality of education it provides. The governing body uses its collective skills to benefit the children, by gathering views and asking questions to determine what is best for the school.

The governors visit the school throughout the year and most have a link to specific subjects and their teachers or areas of the school such as Safeguarding, Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, Finance, Attendance and Children's Progress. This is an important opportunity to see the school in action and governors enjoy the chance to meet staff and children and learn about what makes Cantrell special. You can find out more about us and what we do on the school website <https://www.cantrell.nottingham.sch.uk/>.

We are looking forward to meeting everyone in our new roles and want you to know we have a totally open-door policy and culture, with our focus on pastoral care for all, where we want you to feel free to chat to us when you see us around school!

At this early stage we want to say a huge thank you to all the staff who work at the school and wellbeing and work life balance are right at the top of our priority list.

Our school community is incredible, particularly when parents and the school come together in harmony, working together as a team.

Thank you

Andrew Moore  
Chair of Governors

Nicola Curzon  
Vice Chair of Governors