

Cantrell Primary School Newsletter 16th December 2022



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A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM ALL THE STAFF AT CANTRELL. September seems like a distant memory. It has been another very busy, successful term at Cantrell. Amid all the teaching and learning opportunities, we have enjoyed and seen a return of parents in school and the 'kick-start' of community activities. We will continue to build on these in 2023. We are all looking forward to Christmas and stay mindful of our need to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas itself. People all over the world will be celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ and sharing in the joy that this brings. Here at Cantrell, staff have organised a range of amazing Christmas activities for the children across school. Younger children had the opportunity to visit Winter Wonderland in the Community Garden and in addition enjoying a play called The Great Xmas Robbery. The very youngest children will perform their Christmas Concert to parents on Monday, whilst our key stage one and two children have already visited Bulwell St Mary's Church, bringing together our school community to share the Christmas message through readings, music and songs. It is great to see so many parents at these events. We have been struck by the generosity seen by those giving and receiving from the two 'Give Away' events of school uniform and books organised by the school Governors and generosity of families in making donations towards the Annual Poppy Appeal and Children in Need. You are all truly amazing. Finally, we would like to thank you all for your continued support and to wish you and your loved ones a happy, healthy and relaxing Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all in 2023. The children return to school on **Monday 9th January 2023**.

ATTENDANCE. We're still at **93.7%** for the academic year so far which is below the Ofsted expectation of 95%. In It To Win It will start from **Monday 16th January**. Children at school every day from 16th January to 24th March will receive a prize just in time for Easter! **Holidays in term time. Please don't be tempted by the post-Christmas 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 or website. 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.

SCARLET FEVER/STREP A. Please see the separate letter sent out last week for advice. We are reinforcing good hygiene practice in children and in our cleaning routines.

NURSERY PLACES AVAILABLE. If you have a two, three or four-year-old child, we now have FREE nursery places available. Our Early Years provision is consistently rated **Good** by Ofsted. Please ring 0115 9155770 to book a visit.

JOB VACANCY. We are looking to appoint an experienced part time **Site Manager** who can contribute to maintaining, improving and developing our learning environment both inside and out. Working mornings, 20 hours/week, this is an excellent opportunity for the right person to join a supportive, friendly team. For an informal conversation about the post, please contact Mr Surman on 0115 9155770. To request an application pack please email admin@cantrell.nottingham.sch.uk, or apply via eteach at <https://www.eteach.com/job/site-manager-1292487>.

Closing date extended to Thursday 5th January 2023.

REMINDER TO APPLY FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER 2023. Applications are now open for children starting in Reception next year. For children who will turn five years old between 1 September 2023 and 31 August 2024. Closing date is **Sunday 15th January 2023** to complete an application on time. Letters have been given to children in main nursery. Apply online at www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/startingprimary.

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 Christmas break. Voucher codes will be sent to parents' email address by **Monday 19th December**.

Y6 DVD PERMISSION. As part of the English curriculum this term children in Year 6 have read two amazing books and would like to follow this up with watching them as films. These films are Skellig and Wonder which are both PG rated. Please return the permission slip below indicating whether your child is or is not allowed to watch the films. Thank you, Year 6 staff.

EARLY YEARS UPDATES: To all parents in Early Years: Rising Stars; Nursery and classes RA and RB. A reminder that the 'Countdown to Christmas' concert is taking place on **Monday 19th December 2022**. There are two performances: 10am and 2pm. Both performances are taking place in the school hall. Children can come dressed in either Christmas jumpers, party clothes or anything sparkly that you already have at home. We look forward to seeing you either in the morning or the afternoon performance. We have kindly asked if parents from class RA can attend in the morning and parents from class RB attend in the afternoon. This is to avoid overcrowding. However, please come to a performance that suits you best.

Tuesday 20th December 2022 Christmas Party Day whole school including Rising Stars, Nursery and classes RA and RB. All Early Years children have been or will be given an invitation to attend the party with a party bag and list of party food to bring on the day. Food will not be shared with other children due to Natasha's Law. Children attending Rising Stars and morning Nursery will have their party during the normal session. Children attending the afternoon sessions will also have their party during the normal session. Children who attend 30 hours in Nursery and classes RA and RB will all also have their party in the afternoon. Children can again come in their party clothes or Christmas jumpers on this day.

Wednesday 21st December 2022 RISING STARS AND NURSERY CLOSED. Please pop in and visit the Rising Stars and Nursery Open day any time between 10am and 2pm with your child. All children MUST be accompanied by a parent during the Open Day. You will have a chance to stay and play and look at your child's Learning Journey so far. Staff will be available for chats and any advice. It is also Christmas jumper day on Wednesday 21st December for everyone in school. Thank you for your continued support, The Early Years Foundation Stage Team.

PARENTS EVENING. These will take place virtually or in person week commencing **16th January 2023**. We will be using SchoolCloud again, an online system. Please register now at <https://cantrellprimary.schoolcloud.co.uk/>, if you haven't already, to book your slot. Booking opens on **Tuesday 10th January 2023**. Invites and information will be sent to parents via email so please make sure we have an up to date, working email address for you. Please send details including your child's name, to: admin@cantrell.nottingham.sch.uk.

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The Bulwell Academy Christmas Fair. Friday 16th December 3:15 – 5pm. Squires Avenue NG6 8HG. Open to the Bulwell community, food and drinks available. All proceeds to Bulwell & Bestwood Food Bank. Come and join us for a festive treat! We are looking forward to welcoming senior visitors from our local care home for mince pies and singing delights before the Christmas Fair begins. Santa will meet and greet younger visitors in the main hall. Staff and student ambassadors will entice you to take part in their fun games, raffles and the chocolate tombola. Year 10 Young Entrepreneurs will appeal to your sweet tooth with their packaged goodies. And the Choir will warm your hearts with their carols in the courtyard.

Warm Welcome Spaces. Struggling to keep warm this winter? There are many registered organisations that have opened or are opening up free, warm, welcoming spaces for the public over this winter:

- **Bulwell URC.** Broomhill Road, Bulwell, Nottingham NG6 9JL. Everybody is welcome, but under 18's must be accompanied by an adult. Open every Monday evening (except bank hols) from 18:00-20:00 for warm space, free soup and refreshments, games, jigsaws & conversation.
- **Renew Community Café at Basford Road Baptist Church.** Basford Road, Nottingham NG6 0JL. basfordroadbaptist.org.uk/. Every Wednesday 11am – 1pm. A range of hot and cold drinks and snacks available for a small donation.
- **SFiCE Social Café** Hyson Green. Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays. A huge part of our Mission is to fight food poverty, so each week we hold our Social Cafe, where you can pick a two course hot meal for you and your family for free, including free food parcels, clothes, toiletries and other necessities. Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 4pm-6pm. SFiCE House, 75a Raleigh Street, Nottingham NG7 4DL (within the grounds of All Saints' Church). Call 07941 378265 - if we do not answer, leave a voicemail and we will call you back. Email info@sfiice.org.
- **Crabtree Farm Community Kitchen** Bulwell. Wednesdays 2pm - 6pm. Community members can use the centre as a warm safe place to help reduce fuel bills at home. Caribbean Food, Adults £6, Kids £4. Crabtree Farm Community Centre, Steadfold close, Nottingham NG6 8AX. Telephone 0115 9272869, email crabtreecommunitycentre@msn.com
- **Bells Lane Community Centre – Aspley.** Tuesdays 11am – 1pm. Free food parcel or just a chat. Bells Lane Community Centre, Amesbury Circus, Nottingham NG8 6DD. admin@diversifyeducation.co.uk.
- **New Generation Church – Basford.** Wednesdays 12:30pm – 8:30pm. Free Hot and cold drinks. Community members can use the centre as a warm safe place to help reduce fuel bills at home. Telephone 0115 9701305. E-mail ngcommunityhub@gmail.com. New Generation Church, David Lane, Nottingham NG6 0JU.
- **St Aidan's Church – Basford.** Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:45am - 2pm. Hot and cold food, £4 for jacket potatoes, toasties. Contact Revd. Fr David Gill. Telephone 0115 962 2351. St. Aidan's Church, Arnold Road, Nottingham NG6 0DN.
- Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 8:45am - 2pm.

- Christmas holiday provision in Bestwood, Bulwell, Top Valley.** Visit: www.bestwood.org.uk Or www.asklion.co.uk – Holiday activities. FREE Family Christmas Party. Mellish Sports Centre, Kemmel road, Bulwell, NG5 4HA. Funded by Bestwood partnership. Christmas jumpers are optional. Saturday 17th December 1 – 3pm. Fun and games; Boxing; Bushcraft survival skills; Basketball; Arts & Crafts; free gift from Santa; free festive food. Please contact reception to book your space. Note: Parents and carers must stay for this festive family celebration. FREE festive youth celebration at Mellish Sports Centre. Wednesday 21st December, 4 – 6pm. To book please call 0115 9754772. The Toy Library Invite you to a FREE fun filled PARTY with FREE Festive food. Thursday 22nd December, 2pm till 5pm at The Scout Hut Edwards Lane NG5 6EP. Festive Play Session including free food, arts & crafts, party games and prizes. Take home Cookery Kit, activity bag and lots of fun activities. Booking is essential. Please click here: <http://bit.ly/ToyLibChristmas>. Fancy dress optional. Please call, text or WhatsApp for further enquiries 07309 668 335 or 0115 975 3898 or email ADMIN@TOY-LIBRARY.CO.UK. Release Holiday Club. Mellish Sports Centre 29th and 30th December, 10am – 2pm. Limited spaces for children entitled to Free School Meals. Please telephone 0115 9932370 for more information.

Year 6 permission to watch PG DVD's - please return to class teacher as soon as possible

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