

# Cantrell Primary School Newsletter 19<sup>th</sup> 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: 93.00	Class RB: 92.45	Class 1A: 94.27	Class 1B: 93.04	Class 2A: 94.93	Class 2B: 94.73	Class 3A: 93.72
Class 3B: 94.87	Class 4A: 94.65	Class 4B: 92.27	Class 5A: 95.91	Class 5B: 94.66	Class 6A: 94.93	Class 6B: 95.91

**HALF-TERM HOLIDAY AND INSET DAY.** A reminder the last day of school for this half-term is **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May**. We have a curriculum **INSET day on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June** and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June**. Thank-you.

**STAFFING UPDATE.** Next Friday, we will be saying farewell to Mark Houlgate, who has been a teacher and assistant headteacher for nearly 16 years. Please join us in wishing him all the best in his new role as the deputy headteacher of another school in Nottingham. Starting from June 5, Claire Langham and Sarah De Barr will be assuming new positions as assistant headteachers at Cantrell. We are confident that they will excel in their new roles. Until the end of the summer term, they will continue to work with their current classes. A reminder that we have recently employed two additional staff members. Mrs. Bagnall has joined us as the school business manager on May 1st, bringing with her extensive experience in education and schools. Additionally, Mr. Hatton will be joining us as the site manager on June 5th. He also brings years of valuable experience in the education sector.

**YEAR 1 PARENTS SPECIAL ASSEMBLY INVITE – A CURRICULUM CELEBRATION.** A special assembly will take place on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** starting at 1:45pm. Parents and family members are invited to join us for this special event. Find out all about the year one curriculum. Please bring along plenty of loose change as the year 1 Team are planning fun and games to relieve you of a few coins! We look forward to meeting you on the day. All money raised will go towards year 1 Design and Technology projects.

## **CANTRELL'S RAFFLE AND CARNIVAL. CAN YOU ADD SOMETHING TO THE PRIZE TABLE?**



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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**LOST PROPERTY.** We have a variety of sweatshirts, cardigans, lunch boxes and water bottles that have almost filled the lost property box. These items do not have children's names in, so we don't know who they belong to. Please check your child has all their belongings and if not, have a look on the tables outside the foyer next week. If these items remain unclaimed, they will be washed and added to the next giveaway event.

**INTRODUCTION TO SHAKESPEARE.** Next half-term our whole school will have a focus on two of William Shakespeare's plays. EYFS will be introduced to A Midsummer Night's Dream and Key Stage 1 & 2 will focus on Twelfth Night. For the next few weeks we will introduce our families to these two famous plays. We hope this will help you to engage with the teaching and learning your children will be experiencing. Our Carnival will feature elements of both plays. A quick overview of what happens in the plot of A Midsummer Night's Dream.

- Egeus asks Duke Theseus to uphold an old law that says he can choose his daughter's husband. He chooses Demetrius to marry Hermia. Lysander and Hermia decide to run away together through the woods so that Hermia doesn't have to marry Demetrius.
- Hermia tells Helena their plan and Helena tells Demetrius.
- Skilled workers, including a weaver called Nick Bottom, meet in the woods to rehearse a play to celebrate the wedding of Duke Theseus to Hippolyta. **Next week** – fairies, arguments and revenge. TBC.

**MAY 2023 IS NATIONAL GET CAUGHT READING MONTH.** How could you not want to lose yourself in another world, to go on great adventures and think deep thoughts with the greatest storytellers and thinkers of the ages. Hide your obsession no more! National Get Caught Reading Month is your chance to come out of your bookish interest and get caught reading!

**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 17<sup>th</sup> July**. The winning class will be invited with their parents to a prize afternoon on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

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

**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.

**Ibiza Orchestra Live - Fri 26 May - Wollaton Park** Just a week to go until the Ibiza Orchestra returns to Wollaton Park! Joining the incredible 26-piece orchestra will be special guests **Marvin Humes, DJ Pandar** and **Nikki Ambers**. The What's On Nottingham 50% ticket discount is still available, so don't miss out.

<https://visit-nottinghamshire.gigantic.com/live-ibiza-orchestra-tickets/nottingham-wollaton-park/2023-05-26-18-00>

**Goose Fair returns for ten days - Fri 29 September - Sun 8 October - Forest Recreation Ground.** A date for your diary: Nottingham City Council and the Showmen's Guild have announced that Goose Fair will once again be held over ten days in 2023, between Friday 29 September and Sunday 8 October. The decision follows the successful staging of the fair over ten days in 2022, which saw over half a million visitors come to the event from across the region. With over 250 rides and attractions and thrills aplenty for all ages, it's one of the largest travelling fun fairs in Europe.