

# Cantrell Primary School Newsletter 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022



**ATTENDANCE.** We've dropped to **94.9%** for the academic year so far, which is below the Ofsted expected standard of 95%. The school can only authorise any absences in the following circumstances (this is not a conclusive list):

- ✓ Genuine illness
- ✓ Dental/medical appointments (these should be made out of school hours where possible)
- ✓ Close family bereavement
- ✓ Recognised religious observance
- ✓ Examinations

What is NOT acceptable?

- x Caring for a parent or sibling
- x Going shopping
- x Day trips
- x Birthdays
- x Bad weather
- x Family holidays will not be authorised

**CLASS DOJO SCHOOL ABSENCE.** Again, can we remind parents not to use Class Dojo to report a child's absence. A telephone call should be made to the school office on 0115 9155770, text Schoolcomms on 0115 8240395, or email [admin@cantrell.nottingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@cantrell.nottingham.sch.uk) where the admin team will record absence details.

**BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB.** These continue to be extremely popular this term with a waiting list for children with working parents. If your child has a place and does not attend for two consecutive weeks (unless absent from school due to illness), their place will be offered to the next child on the waiting list. When booking, a reminder that places should be PAID FOR IN ADVANCE. Failure to pay will result in your child losing a place at the club(s).

**POP-UP SECOND HAND UNIFORM & BOOK STALL.** **Cantrell school uniform:** grown out of it — donate it! To support our scheme, we are asking families to donate any unwanted items of uniform that are in good condition and could be worn by another child. Get them washed and bring into school. **Second hand books:** sort and donate your books to school. We would like books for all age groups including novels and non-fiction for parents to read. Bring books and uniform into school from **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December**. Our pop-up stall will be on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December** after school.

## EARLY YEARS DIARY DATE REMINDERS

<b>Tue 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Visit to Winter Wonderland on Bulwell Forest Garden: children in Reception, Y1, Y2
<b>Wed 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas lunch
<b>Mon 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	EYFS Christmas concert 10am & 2pm parents welcome, details to follow
<b>Tue 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas party day
<b>Wed 21<sup>st</sup> December</b>	Nursery Open Day 10am – 2pm. Children visit with parents. <i>*Nursery and Rising Stars will be closed on this day*</i>
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> Mar 2023</b>	Nursery Open Day 10am – 2pm. Children visit with parents.
<b>Mon 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023</b>	<i>*Nursery and Rising Stars will be closed on these days*</i>

**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](mailto:admin@cantrell.nottingham.sch.uk), or apply via eteach at <https://www.eteach.com/job/site-manager-1287080>. Closing date **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November**.

**WEBSITE UPDATE.** We have over 20 different languages spoken across our Cantrell community. We've updated the school website to enable parents to use the translate button to read the main body of information in your spoken first language. <https://www.cantrell.nottingham.sch.uk/>.

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

**Cost of Living Cafes.** Nottingham City Libraries are running 'cost-of-living cafes' to offer support and advice to city residents throughout November. Come and talk to our experts about a range of issues from financial matters to energy efficiency and housing support to general well-being. Hot drinks will be available as well as craft activities for children. The next session will be held on Wednesday 23 November, Radford-Lenton Library, 2pm to 4.30pm. Find out more here by visiting [www.nottinghamcitylibraries.co.uk/cost-of-living-cafe/](http://www.nottinghamcitylibraries.co.uk/cost-of-living-cafe/)

**Vulnerable households in Nottingham to get more energy support.** An additional £3.5m will be distributed in Nottingham this winter to support struggling pensioners, families and the city's most vulnerable households amid the rising cost-of-living crisis. You can still get financial support and advice on [asklion.co.uk](http://asklion.co.uk). A full list of organisations who can help can be found on the council's webpages here: [www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/householdsupportvouchers](http://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/householdsupportvouchers).

**Claim the benefits you are entitled to.** Now more than ever it's important that you are making sure you are getting any benefits you are entitled to, to boost your income! Many benefits go unclaimed because people don't know what they are entitled to. Last year Nottingham advice services helped people to unlock many millions of pounds of unclaimed benefits and tax credits – often by helping to overturn benefits decisions which were wrongly refused. You can check what you're entitled to by using the online Benefits Calculator tool at [www.asklion.co.uk/benefits](http://www.asklion.co.uk/benefits). All City Libraries provide free access to computers with an internet connection. You'll need to sign up as a library member to use them. You can also connect to the library Wi-Fi for free on your own electronic devices such as laptops and smartphones.

**Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club.** Young people from diverse backgrounds are invited to enjoy a first taste of cricket as the pioneering ACE (African Caribbean Engagement) Programme stages a Street Cricket Open Day in St Ann's. Introductory cricket activities will be staged at the Brendon Lawrence Sports Centre between 10am and 2pm on **Saturday 3 December**, with a focus on the fast-paced indoor format of the sport which has seen rapid growth across Nottingham. Those aged between 8 and 15 years of age are encouraged to attend in particular, and can register free of charge at <https://www.trentbridge.co.uk/news/2022/november/street-cricket-open-day-register-your-place.html>.

**Christmas Craft Market at Nottingham Castle.** This November, we'll be joined by over 20 local businesses and crafters selling a range of products from food to gifts. Plus, enjoy festive entertainment as you shop! The Craft Market will be open 4pm-8pm on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November, 10am-8pm on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November, and 10am-4pm on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November. Entry to the market is FREE and it takes place on the Lower Bailey and around the bandstand. Visitors will still be required to pay general admission (or use their annual passes) if you wish wander further into the grounds and the Ducal Palace during normal opening hours.