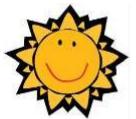
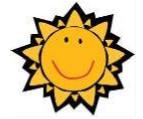
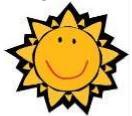
## **Cantrell Primary School Newsletter 21st July 2023**







**ATTENDANCE**. Currently at 94.26% for the academic year so far! Still below the Ofsted expectation of 95%. Breakdown % by class since September 2022.

Class RA: 93.33	Class RB: 91.47	Class 1A: 94.29	Class 1B: 93.58	Class 2A: 94.64	Class 2B: 94.91	Class 3A: 94.07
Class 3B: 94.64	Class 4A: 94.63	Class 4B: 92.99	Class 5A: 95.76	Class 5B: 94.79	Class 6A: 94.42	Class 6B: 95.54

**CANTRELL SPORTS DAYS.** We want to thank everyone who supported or attended the Sports Days. Your enthusiastic encouragement made these events truly memorable and successful. It was great to see so many parents and grandparents cheering the children. We are looking forward to more opportunities to bring the community together during the next academic year.

## INTRODUCING TESCO GROUNDWORKS COMMUNITY GRANTS! PLEASE SHARE THIS MESSAGE ON YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS.

"How Does Your Garden Grow?"  $\mathscr{B}$  Imagine a vibrant and sustainable Early Years Foundation Stage outdoor environment where your little sprouts become enthusiastic growers. Together, we'll nurture their curiosity, instill a sense of responsibility, and foster a deep connection with nature.  $\mathfrak{B}$  Cast Your Votes!  $\mathfrak{B}$  From 2023, until the end of September 2023, every vote counts! By showing your support and casting your tokens, you have the power to help Cantrell Primary and Nursery School secure a whopping £1500 for their EYFS gardening and growing project. Imagine the incredible resources, tools, and opportunities this grant could provide for your little ones!  $\mathfrak{P}$  Rally Together at Tesco Stores!  $\mathfrak{P}$  We invite you, your friends, and your family to join forces and make a difference. The voting will take place in the following Tesco stores, buzzing with excitement and anticipation.

**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AND INSET DAYS 2023 – 2024** – Please see attachment and also <a href="https://www.cantrell.nottingham.sch.uk/index.php/parents/term-and-holiday-dates-2023-2024">https://www.cantrell.nottingham.sch.uk/index.php/parents/term-and-holiday-dates-2023-2024</a>

NURSERY OPEN DAY. A Cantrell Primary Nursery Parent Message We would like to remind you about our upcoming event to which you are warmly invited. On Monday, 24th July 2023, we are holding our FINAL Open Day between 10.00 am and 2.00 pm. This special occasion invites all our Nursery children, along with their parents, to join us for a fantastic time within the nursery setting. We can't wait to see your all. Please take note that the Nursery will be CLOSED on this day.

**REMINDER OF PE KIT.** From September children will still wear their PE kit to school on the day they have this subject. The children should wear the following items:

- Black or dark blue jogging bottoms or shorts.
- A black or dark blue sports jumper (please note that hoodies will not be allowed for health and safety reasons).
- A plain white T-shirt.
- Trainers suitable for physical activities.

We hope this continues to provide a cost-effective approach for parents to help with the cost of living crisis we are all experiencing. We request that you ensure your child has the appropriate PE uniform before the start of the new school year. This will allow them to participate fully in physical education classes and enjoy a positive learning experience.

**UNIFORM CHANGES SEPTEMBER 2023.** We would like to inform you of some upcoming uniform changes at Cantrell, effective from September 2023. Firstly, we will be implementing a new footwear policy. Starting from September, children will be allowed to wear plain black footwear. We kindly request that high heels are not allowed due to safety reasons. As a result, plain black trainers would be a suitable option under this revised policy. We understand that the cost of footwear has increased significantly, and we want to assure you that we are doing everything possible to help keep uniform costs to a minimum. We plan on another free uniform giveaway soon.

**LOST PROPERTY.** Our lost property box is overflowing with hoodies, jumpers and cardigans! Please can you ensure your child's items are labelled with their full name and class so these can be returned easily if found. Please do have a rummage for your lost items as anything not collected before the end of term will be discarded.

**SAFETY MESSAGE.** We would like to remind you that in the interest of safety: No children or parents should be riding on scooters or bikes inside the school grounds. Please walk your scooter or bike whilst on site.

**IMPORTANT CANTRELL FINANCE UPDATE.** We will write again when we have more news. **DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE SCHOOL SITE.** A requirement by Nottingham City Council. We ask you not to bring dogs onto the school premises for any reason, whilst they may be family pets, some children are frightened of them and dogs can also react to the large numbers of young children at the start and end of the school day. There is also a health and safety risk if dogs foul the play areas.

**NUT ALLERGY.** We are continuing to pursue the status of 'Nut Free school' This means we cannot have any peanut based products in lunch boxes, including peanut butter sandwiches, bags of peanuts and chocolate bars with nuts e.g. snickers etc. We appreciate that some items may contain traces of nuts and we will do all we can to avoid these, but to protect those in school with severe allergies we would appreciate your support on specific nut-based products not being brought into school.

**VAPING POLICY REMINDER ON SCHOOL GROUNDS.** Can we remind everyone about the Council's strict policy on smoking and vaping on school grounds. It has come to our attention that there have been instances of vaping on the school premises, particularly in the playground area. We want to reiterate that both smoking and vaping are strictly prohibited on school grounds. We greatly appreciate your cooperation in maintaining a safe and healthy environment for all children and staff. Thank you for your understanding and ongoing support.

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**Nottingham Summer Reading Challenge.** Every summer, our City Libraries invite local children to take part in a reading challenge which maintains their interest in reading during the holidays. This year's challenge, Ready Set Read, is launched this Saturday and is themed around the power of play, sport, games and physical activity. Children can take part by signing up any time after Saturday 8 July at their local library and collecting free materials as they keep reading. Children can take part in the library – it's free and all children need is a library card. If they don't have one they can sign up at their local library. Once they have read six books, they will receive a certificate and an invite to a medal ceremony where they will be presented with their very own Summer Reading Challenge medal. Through a partnership with the University of Nottingham, City Arts and Lakeside Arts for the HeART project, a range of activities will be held over the summer, including crafts, poetry and a drawing workshop from a Beano illustrator. Visit https://www.nottinghamcitylibraries.co.uk/summer-reading-challenge/ to find out more.

**Nottingham Riverside Festival.** The Riverside Festival, which will be back as it has been for the last 40 years at the Victoria Embankment from Friday 4 to Sunday 6 August 2023. The biggest free festival in the East Midlands is expected to welcome 150,000 visitors alongside the River Trent over the weekend, offering a wide range of entertainment and activities for all ages. A mile-long stretch of fairground rides, games and attractions will be situated along the banks of the Trent, plus numerous street food vendors, bars and market stalls. River-based activities including Dragon Boat Racing will return, which raises thousands of pounds for charities over the years. Music has always been at the heart of Riverside Festival, and this year is no different with a variety of solo artists, bands and musicians performing across three stages. Of course, one of the most popular elements of the festival is the firework display above the river, which takes place on both Friday and Saturday night at 10.30pm. Read more: <a href="https://www.mynottinghamnews.co.uk/the-east-midlands-biggest-free-festival-returnsthis-summer">https://www.mynottinghamnews.co.uk/the-east-midlands-biggest-free-festival-returnsthis-summer</a>