

Cantrell Primary School

Newsletter 26th May 2023



ATTENDANCE. Currently at **94.28%** for the academic year so far! Still below the Ofsted expectation of 95%. Breakdown % by class since September 2022.

Class RA: 93.19	Class RB: 92.35	Class 1A: 94.00	Class 1B: 93.21	Class 2A: 94.99	Class 2B: 94.55	Class 3A: 94.00
Class 3B: 94.86	Class 4A: 94.60	Class 4B: 92.53	Class 5A: 95.79	Class 5B: 94.70	Class 6A: 94.86	Class 6B: 95.76

INSET DAY. We have a curriculum **INSET day on Monday 5th June** and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Tuesday 6th June**. We hope all of you have an enjoyable half-term holiday.

STAFFING UPDATE. We will be saying 'goodbye,' to our teaching assistant Carmella Clayton on the 9th June. She has worked at Cantrell for nearly seven years. We wish her all the best in the new exciting challenge that awaits.

MESSAGE FROM MR HOULGATE. As stated in last week's newsletter, I am both excited and at the same time very sad to say that after 16 wonderful years at Cantrell, after this June half term I will be embarking on a new adventure at a new school. Thank you so much to all of the parents for all of the support you have given me and the rest of the school staff in teaching and looking after your children over all of these years. You are part of a very special community here that it has been an honour and a privilege to serve, and I will miss you all.

NUT ALLERGY. After half term we will be 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.

MAKE-UP. We do not allow children to wear make-up in school in any year group, the only exception is school performances and special occasions where the makeup will be specified.

CANTRELL'S RAFFLE AND CARNIVAL. FINAL CHANCE TO DONATE?



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 6th 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.

YEAR 3 CURRICULUM ASSEMBLY. We have had a wonderful afternoon celebrating our year 3 curriculum! Thank you to all parents who attended and bought raffle tickets! We continued selling them for another week and made the draw this morning. Are you still singing Yellow Submarine? We have already raised £45.50 towards our Design and Technology projects.

YEAR 1 CURRICULUM ASSEMBLY. Thank-you to everyone who attended this event. The children were remarkable and we could hear every word spoken. The singing was outstanding, including the part-singing in a number of songs. The outside fair afterwards, was fantastic and we raised £215.05 towards our Design and Technology projects.

INTRODUCTION TO SHAKESPEARE. Next Half-term, EYFS will be introduced to A Midsummer Night's Dream and Key Stage 1 & 2 will focus on Twelfth Night. We continue to introduce our families to these two famous plays. Continued from last week. LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT, In the forest, the fairy king and queen, Oberon and Titania, argue over Titania's refusal to give up her page-boy to Oberon. He sends his servant Puck to find a magic plant to cast a spell on Titania. The juice of the plant, when squeezed onto the eyes of someone asleep, causes them to fall in love with the first creature they see when they wake up. Oberon uses the juice on Titania as she sleeps in her bower. Puck overhears the tradesmen rehearsing and magically transforms Bottom's head into that of an ass. The other men are terrified and flee the forest. When Titania wakes, the first creature she sees is Bottom and she falls rapturously in love with him. Helena chases Demetrius in the forest and their fighting disturbs Oberon. He tells Puck to use the magic plant on Demetrius too, so that he will fall in love with Helena. However, Puck muddles up the two Athenian men and uses it on Lysander instead, who promptly falls in love with Helena. Both women are confused, and Hermia furiously attacks her friend. 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 17th July**. The winning class will be invited with their parents to a prize afternoon on **Friday 21st 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 *****

Nottingham Castle set to reopen on June 26. Nottingham Castle will reopen on Monday 26 June and will cost adults just £12 for entry as many times as they like in a year. Kids aged 15 and under will go free, making it an exceptionally good value family day out. It's going to be fantastic to have it back at the heart of our city's life. here's so much to see and do in the redeveloped site, including a new visitor centre and café, Hood's Hideout adventure playground, interpretative signage around the grounds to discover the lost medieval castle, along with galleries offering modern, interactive experiences. The new admission arrangements will include access to the whole site including Brewhouse Yard, reopening for the first time

since redevelopment, with the exception of caves where an entry fee for guided tours will apply. The new admission arrangements will include access to the whole site except caves where an entry fee for guided tours will apply. Advance bookings are now available from www.nottinghamcastle.org.uk

If you can't wait until June, a final grounds-only 'Medieval Legends' event is taking place on the Bank Holiday weekend of Saturday 27 – through to Monday 29 May. Pre-booked tickets can be bought for £1 in advance on the Visit Nottinghamshire website: www.visit-nottinghamshire.co.uk/whats-on/medieval-legends-at-nottingham-castle-p675641

Summer Craft Fair Contemporary 2023. Fri 2 Jun – Sun 4 Jun, Fri: 5pm-8pm, Sat: 10am-6pm, Sun: 11am-5pm. We are delighted to be running a Summer Craft Fair at Nottingham Contemporary over the first weekend in June. There is an exciting range of creatives joining us for the fair, showcasing almost 40 designers and makers, from local independents to creators from around the UK. Join us in The Space at Nottingham Contemporary to shop and browse a varied selection of contemporary craft and design, including ceramics, textiles, jewellery, homeware, candles, prints, cards, and lots more. Our weekend fair is held over 3 days, launching with our preview event on Fri 2 June 5pm-8pm. To celebrate the opening of the event, we will have a DJ and free drinks for the first 100 visitors, partnered with Blend at Contemporary. Free entry and no need to book.

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.

Bulwell Bogs Boat Race.

Back by popular demand, we are very excited to be hosting once again another fun filled day with The Bulwell Bogs Boat Race. 8th July 2023 2-5pm.

Gather together your family, friends or colleagues and get designing and making your very own boat to sail down the bogs. Remember each boat must be made out of recycled material. No powered boats please. Make sure you Bring along your supporters for a day of family fun!

More details on this event will be out soon! In the meantime, happy building!

Bulwell Arts Festival. 1st July – 9th July 2023.

We are delighted to welcome you all back this year as you continue your support in shaping the week-long Festival. Every year we are always blown away by our local creativity that fills our community. Each year we hope to have a wide range of activities that has something for everyone, but we can't do it without you. <https://bulwellartsfestival.com/>

