

Cantrell Primary School Newsletter 27th November 2020



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! As children have been unable to have traditional birthday celebrations this year, we thought they'd like to celebrate with us! We'll be having class parties next **Friday 4th December** for children with birthdays **between September and December**. Children can wear non-uniform, details of treats to follow. We'll do the same next term for children with spring birthdays. Details to follow nearer the time.

PARENTS EVENING. Due to the current restrictions, we are unable to offer meetings in school this term. We're keen to keep you updated with your child's progress and will keep you informed of the format this will take as soon as we know. In the meantime we encourage you to download the Class Dojo app.

PARKING. Again can we ask parents to be mindful of where they park around school. A car parked over the kerb reversed and almost ran over a child yesterday morning. Please remember the pavement is for pedestrians.

SMOKING AT THE SCHOOL GATES. A parent has expressed concern about the number of parents smoking near the school gates at drop off and pick up times (masks should be worn anyway). Could we ask those parents that do smoke, to be mindful of other children and parents at these times.

COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS REMINDER. If there is any change to the regular collection arrangements for your child, *please send a note in to the teacher or tell them at drop off in the morning*. All children and staff work in separate 'bubbles' and do not mix, to avoid the spread of coronavirus. Staff cannot take change of collection messages at the last minute as this would mean breaking a bubble that they do not work in. Medical appointments etc. should be made in advance and school notified in advance via email to admin@cantrell.nottingham.sch.uk.

BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB REGISTRATION FORMS. These have been issued to children attending today. It is important we have up to date pick up and contact details so please complete and return forms straight away.

MESSAGE FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN RISING STARS, NURSERY, RA & RB. Please be aware that we use EExAT as our main focus for observing and tracking the children's progress. We will not be using Class Dojo at this time and would like you to add any special moments, photographs and sharing stories. This can be done on a tablet or mobile 'phone. Every child was sent home with a unique code and letter at half term explaining how to contribute. If you require the code again or have any queries, please contact your child's member of staff. Thank you for your support; the Early Years team.

DIARY DATES. Children's Christmas lunch will be served on **Wednesday 16th December**, traditional turkey or veggie option available, no grab bags on this day. Christmas parties will take place on the last day of term **Friday 18th December**. Children can wear their party clothes to school.

CHRISTMAS CARDS. Another Covid casualty. To help reduce the risk of infection, children will not be allowed to exchange Christmas cards in school this year.

TIK-TOK & WHATSAPP. Could we remind parents that the minimum age for using the Tik-Tok app is **12 years**, WhatsApp is **16 years**. These platforms allow children to participate in live chats in chatrooms where the children do not know who they are chatting with, which is potentially dangerous. Please read the advice from the following link <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/what-tiktok-looking-latest-lip-syncing-app>

FLU VACCINE REMINDER. The Immunisation Team will be visiting school on **Tuesday 15th December**. Please help us to protect your children and our staff by completing the details on the following link which is available up to two days before the vaccination date: www.nottinghamshireimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu. Our school code is **NG122413**. The option to consent or decline the vaccination is at the end of the questionnaire so please complete the form even if you do not want your child to have the vaccination.

Bestwood & Bulwell Foodbank opens new centre in Bulwell to help local people facing hunger. A local food bank charity is opening a new centre in **St Mary's Church** in the centre of Bulwell in Nottingham to help people trapped in poverty and unable to cover the cost of food. The new food bank centre at St Mary's in the centre of Bulwell will mean people in the area given a food bank voucher no longer have to travel long distances to receive support. The food bank centre will run between 1pm to 3pm on Wednesdays at St Mary's Church, Highbury Rd, Nottingham NG6 9AD ('The Church on the Hill'). Further times and days may be added in due course. "We'd love to hear from anyone who is interested in getting involved to help stop hunger in Bulwell. Your skills could be exactly what we need." Anyone interested in supporting, or donating to the food bank can find more information at www.bestwoodbulwell.foodbank.org.uk.

Keeping well this winter – message from the Children's Public Health 0-19 Nursing Service. We would like to introduce our new Text Health Messaging Service **07480 635002**. This is a confidential text service for parents and carers to ask questions about your child's health and well-being; parenting advice and support; child development and family health. The service operates between 8:30am and 5pm, Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays). One of our Public Health Nurses will respond within 24 hours.

Nottingham City Libraries. You can still borrow eBooks, eMagazines and eNewspapers. You won't be charged any overdue fines for the period that libraries are closed. You will not need to renew any items you have borrowed as your loans have been automatically renewed. You will not be able to reserve books, but you can still browse our online catalogue and save books to your account to reserve for when libraries re-open. Click and Collect is available during lockdown and delivered to you in line with both government and public health guidelines. **Monday After School Fun.** Between now and Christmas, every Monday after school at 4pm, we will have a special performance or activity for you to enjoy at home. More information on the libraries Facebook page and here: <https://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/libraries>.

Community and Family Learning - Free courses for Parents November to December dates. Are you a parent? Do you feel lost in supporting your child during COVID-19? From your home we can deliver via Zoom short courses to help you better support your child.

- Understanding Maths
- Improving Speech
- English Language
- Improving Phonics

If you are a parent within Nottingham City and have children aged up to 11 all our courses are free.

- All our courses are small online groups with a maximum of 6 people
- Each course is only over 4 days and only 2 hours per session
- Delivered by a fully qualified tutor who is there to help you.

Call now to book your place, our courses get booked up quickly so contact us: Lindsay: 07990 041108: lindsay@rtse.co.uk. Improve your skills to give you the confidence to support your child.