

Cantrell Primary School

Newsletter 28th April 2023



MESSAGE FROM CANTRELL STAFF. As we approach the upcoming May Day Bank Holiday, we wanted to take a moment to remind you that there is no school on **Monday, May 1st**. Whether you plan to relax at home or venture out to explore the local area, we wish you a safe and enjoyable break. For some classes the break will include Tuesday, May 2nd. Please read the Strike update carefully. We thank you for your continued support.

STAFFING. Today we say goodbye to Heather James, our Office Manager of 19 years.

"As you leave our team, we just wanted to let you know that you will be greatly missed. Your contributions to the Cantrell Team have been invaluable and we are all grateful for the dedication and passion to your work. You have always an inspiration to us all. Working with you has been an absolute pleasure. Best Wishes from the Cantrell Community."

We have appointed two new members of staff: Mrs Bagnall as School Business Manager from 1st May, and Mr Hatton as Site Manager from 5th June. They both come with many years of experience working in education and schools.

INDUSTRIAL ACTION. We are now able to update parents about being closed on **Tuesday 2nd May 2023**.

There are many teachers here at Cantrell in the NEU, and they are continuing to take industrial action. Teachers are striking for better pay and conditions which is fully funded. We have completed a risk assessment as required, and have concluded that given the high numbers of NEU members on our teaching staff we cannot open safely in their absence. Some classes will close to children if the dispute is not resolved. The following classes will be **open as normal**:

Tuesday 2nd May – classes 1B, 3B, 5A, 5B are open as normal. All other classes should stay at home.

ATTENDANCE. We're at 94.3% for the academic year so far, still below the Ofsted expected standard of 95% Holidays in term time. May we remind parents that leave during term time can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. All applications for a leave of absence must be made on a form available from the school office. Our attendance policy states:

- Only a maximum of 5 days will be authorised by the school in exceptional circumstances;
- Family holidays, cheap holidays, birthday celebrations, family events will not be authorised;
- Penalty notices will be issued and the Local Authority may fine parents.

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. To support this, we are launching the 'Reading Summer Term Challenge' from **Monday 24th April 2023**. 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.

PARENTS' EVENINGS. Thank-you to everyone who booked an appointment and attended either an on-line or an in-person appointment. During the Parents Evening, we had the opportunity to discuss your child's progress and development, and we appreciate the open and honest communication that took place. It is through these conversations that we can gain a better understanding of your child's strengths and challenges, and work together to provide the support and guidance needed for them to reach their full potential. We hope that you found the Parents Evening helpful and informative. Thank you again for your continued support and partnership in your child's education.

BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB FOR ALL CANTRELL CHILDREN. The new contracts and terms of conditions began on **April 1st** meaning **Breakfast Club will be £4 a session and After School Club £5 a session for all children.** All money must be paid in advance or you will lose the place. Those parents who pay by the Government scheme (Childcare Grant Payment Service for full time students), have informed us of the dates when those payments will be made to school.

SAT'S WEEK YEAR 6 TUESDAY 9th – FRIDAY 12th MAY. These take place immediately after the Coronation Bank Holiday on Monday 8th May. Holidays must not be booked in this week. A detailed timetable of tests will follow shortly.

CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III. As you already know, King Charles III and his consort are set to be crowned on Saturday 6th May and therefore at Cantrell we will mark this important historic event on **Friday 5th May.** The children can come to school dressed in red, white, and blue or as kings and queens. We will have a whole school assembly to celebrate the event and make it a memorable experience for everyone involved. Following this, staff members will plan activities, particularly for the afternoon, that are relevant to the Coronation. We believe that celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III is an important event that will provide our children with an opportunity to learn more about British history and fundamental values. We hope that you will join us in making this a memorable and enjoyable experience for everyone.

CANTRELL'S, TOMBOLA, AND CARNIVAL - Join the Fun and Support Your School! We are thrilled to announce an exciting fundraising opportunity that you won't want to miss. It's time to get ready for Cantrell's biggest event of the year: The Tombola and Carnival! We're now ready to take things to the next level. But we need your help! We're asking for further tombola prizes to be donated, which we will raffle from after Whitsun. 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 Tombola and Carnival.

YEAR 2 HAWKEYE FALCONRY IN SCHOOL VISIT. To link with our topic The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark, **Hawkeye Falconry** are coming in to visit children in Year 2 on the morning of **Wednesday 10th May.** The cost of the visit is **£6** and this will include a mini birds of prey show and the chance to hold and feed several different owls and other birds of prey. Please send the signed form attached with £6 by Friday 5th May to ensure your child has the chance to take part.

YEAR 3 PARENTS SPECIAL ASSEMBLY INVITE – CHILDREN'S CURRICULUM CELEBRATION. A special assembly will take place on **Friday 19th May** starting at 1:45pm. Parents and family members are invited to join us for this special event. If you could help with serving tea and coffee, then please approach the year 3 staff. This special assembly will be a great way for the children to demonstrate their learning and for parents to see all their hard work linked to the subjects they study. We're hoping this provides plenty of notice for you and we look forward to meeting you on the day.

***** COMMUNITY NEWS *****

Coronation Screenings at Nottingham Castle. Lenton Road, Nottingham, NG1 6EL. In May, the Commonwealth will celebrate the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III and Her Majesty The Queen Consort. On Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th May 2023, the grounds of Nottingham Castle will host a big screen to broadcast the Coronation and Coronation Concert. Coronation Screening: Saturday 6 May 2023. Gates open at 10am. Coronation Concert Screening: Sunday 7 May 2023. Gates open at 6pm. Due to limited capacity in the castle grounds, people will need to pre-book for the screening and tickets will cost £1 each. This small nominal charge will cover the booking process costs (inclusive of VAT and booking fees). Booking now open via this link: www.visit-nottinghamshire.co.uk/whats-on/.

Get ready for Eurovision! ♥♥ Saturday 13 May 2023 Nottingham Castle, gates open at 6pm. Nottingham has been announced as an official BBC broadcast partner for the Eurovision Song Contest Grand Final, with the event being streamed live from Liverpool Arena on a giant screen measuring 28m squared, along with a concert-quality sound system.

Eurovision fans will be able to bring picnics and blankets to watch the Grand Final in the beautiful surroundings of the castle grounds. The castle's visitor centre will also be open to sell food and drink. Due to limited capacity in the castle grounds, people will need to pre-book for the screening and tickets will cost £1 each. This small nominal charge will cover the booking process costs (inclusive of VAT and booking fees). Booking now open at this link: www.visit-nottinghamshire.co.uk/whats-on/

DIARY DATES 2023

Tue 9th – Fri 12th May	Year 6 SATs
Mon 15th May	Parent meeting for Walesby residential 3:45pm in the hall
Fri 19th May	Year 3 Curriculum celebration parents invited 1:45pm
Mon 22nd May	Year 1 Curriculum celebration parents invited 1:45pm
Mon 5th June	INSET. School closed to children
Thu 8th June	Year 6 Forest School starts
Fri 9th June	Class and Group Photographs
Wed 14th – Fri 16th June	Walesby residential
Fri 23rd June	Year 2 Curriculum celebration parents invited 1:45pm
Mon 26th June	Shakespeare week whole school more information to follow
Sun 2nd July	Bulwell Carnival in Town Centre more information to follow
Tue 4th July	Production of Twelfth Night on Bulwell Forest Garden Y4 & Y5
Wed 5th July	New Intake meeting for Reception September starters, 4 – 5pm in school hall
Thu 6th July	Cantrell Carnival afternoon parents invited more information to follow
Wed 12th July	Sports Day for Early Years 9:30am & 1:30pm. Parents welcome
Thu 13th July	Sports Day Y1, Y2, Y3 at 9:30am. Y4, Y5, Y6 at 1:30pm. Parents welcome
Mon 24th July	Nursery Open Day 10am – 2pm <i>nursery closed for normal sessions on this day</i>
Thu 27th July	Y6 leavers party 4 – 6pm in school
Friday 28th July	Y6 celebration 1:30pm in school hall



Reply slip – Year 2 Hawkeye Falconry visit 10th May 2023 – please complete and return to school office

I give permission for my child (name) in class to take part in the

above activity. I enclose £6 (parent's signature)

Pupil Premium please tick here

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