

Cantrell Primary School Newsletter 2nd December 2022



ATTENDANCE. We've dropped to **94.2%** for the academic year so far, which is below the Ofsted expected standard of 95%. If your child needs to leave school early for any reason, please inform the school office by telephone. The call should include your child's name and class and the time you will be picking them up. **A good reason for early collection must also be clearly stated;** medical appointments and family emergencies are allowed. We may ask for proof of appointment if attendance for your child is being monitored.

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 where the admin team will record absence details.

NURSERY PLACES AVAILABLE. If you have a two, three or four-year-old child, we now have FREE nursery places available. Our Early Years provision is consistently rated **Good** by Ofsted. Please ring 0115 9155770 to book a visit.

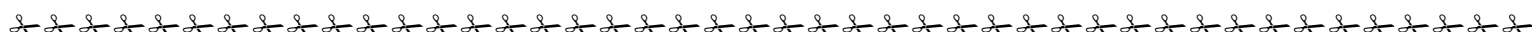
WINTER WONDERLAND - Foundation (RA/RB), Year 1 (1A/1B), Year 2 (2A/2B). The children will be going on a Winter Wonderland Adventure on the afternoon of **Tuesday 6th December**. They will be visiting our Forest area where they will experience a magical woodland trail and watch an outdoor Christmas show. There is a £1 donation for this event which you can bring to school on the day. The children will need to wear warm clothes, wellies, hats and coats (Forest School clothes are ideal). Hot Chocolate and biscuits will also be included. This will all take place during school time. Please collect at the normal time – 3:30pm.

YEAR 2 BULWELL RIVERSIDE LIBRARY TRIP. We are planning to take children in year 2 on a class trip to Bulwell Riverside Library on the afternoon of **Wednesday 7th December**. If you would like to volunteer as a parent helper, please fill in the form below if you would like to help out on the day. Alternatively, get in touch via your Class Dojo app. Many thanks for your ongoing support; Mr White and Mrs Perrin (formerly Smith).

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, or apply via eteach at <https://www.eteach.com/job/site-manager-1287080>. Closing date extended to **Thursday 5th January 2023**.

TIME TO APPLY FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER 2023. Applications are now open for children starting in Reception next year. For children who will turn five years old between 1 September 2023 and 31 August 2024, parents have until Sunday, 15 January 2023 to complete their application on time. Letters were given to children in main nursery earlier this week. Apply online at www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/startingprimary.

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 12th December**. Our pop-up stall will be on **Friday 16th December** after school.



Year 2 reply slip – visit to Bulwell Riverside Library

I _____ (name) parent of _____ in class _____

would like to accompany the Year 2 trip to Bulwell Riverside Library on Wednesday 7th December as a parent helper.

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

25% off selected tickets for the Christmas at Wollaton light trail. You can get a substantial discount on the cost of off-peak timeslots from Tues 6 to Thurs 8 December and from Mon 26 December to Sun 1 January. Use the code CYBER1 instead of your Nottingham City Council taxpayer discount on the selected dates. Hurry and book your tickets, the offer ends this Friday (2 December) at 11:59pm. Use the code CYBER1 and follow the links <http://bit.ly/3u7sht0>. You can use your Nottingham City Council taxpayer code to get save 10% on ticket prices for other times and dates.

Worried about money? Create a budget plan. You can do this on paper or using an online budgeting tool that will do the adding up for you. Free budgeting tools can be found at www.asklioni.co.uk/budgeting.

Warm Welcome Spaces. Struggling to keep warm this winter? There are many registered organisations that have opened or are opening up free, warm, welcoming spaces for the public over this winter:

- **Bulwell URC.** Broomhill Road, Bulwell, Nottingham NG6 9JL. Everybody is welcome, but under 18's must be accompanied by an adult. Open every Monday evening (except bank hols) from 18:00-20:00 for warm space, free soup and refreshments, games, jigsaws & conversation.
- **Basford Road Baptist Church,** Nottingham NG6 0JL. basfordroadbaptist.org.uk/. Wed 11:00 - 13:00.
- **SFiCE Social Café** Hyson Green. Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays. A huge part of our Mission is to fight food poverty, so each week we hold our Social Cafe, where you can pick a two course hot meal for you and your family for free, including free food parcels, clothes, toiletries and other necessities. Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 4pm-6pm. SFiCE House, 75a Raleigh Street, Nottingham NG7 4DL (within the grounds of All Saints' Church). Call 07941 378265 - if we do not answer, leave a voicemail and we will call you back. Email info@sfiice.org.
- **Crabtree Farm Community Kitchen** Bulwell. Wednesdays 2pm - 6pm. Community members can use the centre as a warm safe place to help reduce fuel bills at home. Caribbean Food, Adults £6, Kids £4. Crabtree Farm Community Centre, Steadfold close, Nottingham NG6 8AX. Telephone 0115 9272869, email crabtreecommunitycentre@msn.com

Bulwell St Mary's Church. Happy birthday/Jesus party on **Saturday 3rd December** 11am – 1:30pm. Contact Zoe at zoejackson000@gmail.com to reserve a place. Come and celebrate with us, party games, party food, music, craft and fun. Everyone welcome, children to be accompanied by an adult.

Oh Yes It Is ...Pantos and Christmas Markets.

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. Sat 3 December to Sun 8 January 2023. Theatre Royal.

The Singing Mermaid. Fri 09 to Sat 31 December. Djanogly Theatre, Lakeside Arts.

Dick Whittington. Thurs 24 November to Sat 14 January 2023. Nottingham Playhouse.

Puss in Boots. Sat 3 to Sun 18 December. Nottingham Arts Theatre.

Woodthorpe weekends. Weekends from Sat 26 November until Sun 18 December. Woodthorpe Park Plant Shop.

Christmas at Newstead. From Sat 26 November. Newstead Abbey.

Christmas market in Sneinton. Fri 2 and Sat 3 December. This is the alternative Christmas market that is uniquely Sneinton. It'll run from 3pm to 8pm on the Friday and 11am to 4pm on the Saturday.

Energy Bill Rebate payments for Nottingham residents. Just a quick reminder that there's only one week left for Nottingham residents to cash additional energy support vouchers before the 30 November deadline. These Post Office voucher payments form part of the Government's Energy Bill Rebate scheme and they've been sent out to eligible residents by post and email. Please look out for these, including in your junk email folder. The email would have come from donotreply@postoffice-payout.co.uk. Payments range between £25 and £150 depending on individual circumstances but they cannot be redeemed beyond Wednesday of next week, so please make sure you cash yours before that point. There is more advice and information for people with concerns about financial issues at www.asklioni.co.uk.

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.asklioni.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>.