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As 2024 is going full steam ahead, we're already in March and have some exciting things to share for the month ahead!

### Events Upcoming:

**The Book Fair-** As you may have seen the book fair has landed here at Cantrell, it will be open Before and After school from 28/2-6/3. If you have received any £1 book tokens, you may use these to get £1 off of any title at the fair. It is a cashless fair, with QR codes and card readers available onsite.

**World Book Day-** We are also celebrating World Book Day this year. Children are able to come dressed as their favourite story book characters. We're excited to see all of the creative costumes come to life and step into the world of storybooks.

**Year 4 Curriculum Celebration-** Parents are welcome to join year 4 in their celebration assembly on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 1:45pm, gates will open at 1:30pm.

**Parents Coffee Morning-** Parents are invited to come and have a hot drink, a slice of cake and a chat. 8:45-10am. 21<sup>st</sup> March.

**Parents evening-** Parents evening will be the W/C 25<sup>th</sup> March, bookings will be open a week prior.

**Bank Holiday-** March 29<sup>th</sup> is a public bank holiday, our school will be closed to everyone.

**Nursery Open Day-** 28<sup>th</sup> March 10am-2pm, Stay and play and meet the class teachers.

### Attendance:

Our whole school attendance so far is **93.1%**. Our goal for the next term is to bump those figures up to 96% and need your help!

Any class that gets 100% attendance for one week gets a non-uniform day the following Friday!

Please remember if your child is going to absent from school to call the office before 9:30 on 01159155770 or email the attendance team at [attendance@cantrell.nottingham.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@cantrell.nottingham.sch.uk)

### March Trips:

**Area Band Spring Spectacular-** For the students who attend Area Band your next concert is Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March at the Albert Hall at 5pm. The children will be taken from school at 2:30pm. Please see your Class Dojo for more information.

**Year 4 Great Orchestra Experiment-** Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March the children will be performing at 1:30pm in the Albert Hall, Nottingham. They will be leaving school at 12:15pm and returning by 3:30pm. Please see your Class Dojo for more information.

**Year 5 Easter Experiment-** The children will be going on an Easter experiment trip to Bulwell St. Mary's Church on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March. Please ensure you've booked Via Squid by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Please see Class Dojo for more information.

### Nursery:

We have vacancies in our nursery for children that are 3 years old. If you're interested in a place for your child, you can put them on the list from birth. You can do this by calling the office/ Emailing us at [admin@cantrell.nottingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@cantrell.nottingham.sch.uk)

### Easter Half Term:

Due to the bank holiday this month the Easter half term **starts 29<sup>th</sup> March** until 14<sup>th</sup> April. We will **re-open on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April**. We hope you all have a lovely half term.

### After School Clubs:

**Year 6 Maths Club:** Monday 3:30-4:30pm

**Gymnastics Year 1/2:** Tuesday's 3:30-4:30pm

**Choir:** Tuesday's 3:30-5:00pm

**Art Club Year 3/4:** Thursdays 3:30-4:30pm

**Area Band:** Thursday's 3:30-5:00pm

### Lunchtime Clubs:

**Year 4/5/6 homework club:** Thursdays in the computer suite

### Important Reminders:

**Water Bottles-** Children's water bottle should only contain water, they are permitted to have a water bottle containing juice with their packed lunch/dinner, however **ONLY** water is to be put into the bottles for classroom usage.

**P.E Kits:** PE Kit is as follows:

- Black/Dark coloured joggers/shorts
- White/Red T-Shirt (Can be a school one)
- Hoodies are NOT allowed due to health and safety regulations.
- Trainers/Black plimsoles
- No bright colours or graphics on clothing. Small logos are acceptable (e.g., Nike ticks)
- Earrings must be taken out OR plasters will have to be put on.
- Clothing should be labelled clearly.

**Parking before and after school:** Please be mindful about where you park your car during the school drop off/pick up. We have residents on the street who may need access to their driveways and unrestricted view to get out during our school opening and closing times. Please bear this in mind when choosing where to put your car during these times. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

### Lateness:

Our lateness figures as a school are on the rise, as a whole school we can work together to get these back on track.

A simple 5 minutes a day of lateness is equivalent to missing out 3 whole school days!

If you're going to be late please call the school and press 2 to speak to attendance with your ETA.

Persistent lateness will be referred to the Local Authority.

Please see the DFE/Gov.UK website with information about the importance of school attendance

[Why is school attendance so important and what are the risks of missing a day? - The Education Hub \(blog.gov.uk\)](https://www.blog.gov.uk/2015/03/why-is-school-attendance-so-important-and-what-are-the-risks-of-missing-a-day/)

### Half Term Activities:

**Nottingham Puppet Festival-**Bulwell Riverside Library will be hosting a puppet festival over half term, some of the shows are as follows:

-The Search for Teddy Island. Suitable for children ages 6 months- 4 years. 10<sup>th</sup> April 2pm-2:30pm.

- Charlie Comet and the Magic in the Attic. Suitable for children ages 2-4 years. 10<sup>th</sup> April 11am-11:30am.

- Eggbird and other string puppet stories. Suitable for people aged 6 to 106. 10<sup>th</sup> April 11am-1pm.

Shows are free however you must book online at [city-arts.org.uk/whats-on](http://city-arts.org.uk/whats-on)



**The Hidden Ivy Garden Centre-** Free Easter event. Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March open 10am-4pm. Children's Easter Egg hunt, happening on the hour. Face painting, balloon modelling, Vocalist Ellie Marie, Baby Lambs, and the cake club.

[Corner of Mill Hill Lane, Risley, United Kingdom](#)

### Squid:

If you haven't already set up a Squid account for your child, you will need to visit to the School Office to get the registration letter or email [admin@cantrell.nottingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@cantrell.nottingham.sch.uk) for the details to be sent over to you.

### Reception offer day:

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April is Reception offer day, You will receive a letter from the City Council with information of which schools have offered your child a place, your allocated school will be in touch with details. If you have any queries or issues please contact Admissions at Nottingham City Council directly.

### Year 7 offer day:

Friday 1<sup>th</sup> March is Year 7's offer day. You will receive the information of which schools have offered your child a place.

