



Welcome to new staff:

Along with new children we have some new staff joining our team! Mrs Wadsworth and Miss Williams have joined our teaching staff. Mr Francis and Mr Beard are our new PE and sports team and Miss Gordon and Miss Rogers have joined our support staff.

We are delighted to welcome them to Cantrell School

Autumn Term 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Families,

We are now 3 weeks into the start of a new academic year. It is lovely to see familiar faces back, along with new ones joining the Cantrell School family. Everyone has settled into school life and we have high hopes for the year ahead.

A member of the Senior Leadership/Safeguarding team will be on the school gate/entrance every morning, so please come and say hello.

Please take time to familiarise yourself with our school website and keep up to date with class dojo.

www.cantrell.nottingham.sch.uk



Spotlight on attendance

It has been a good start to the year with almost all the children arriving to school on time. All children should arrive at school by 08:45am. Children who are late need to enter via the school office where they will be met by our Attendance Officer.

If your child is absent for any reason, please email with details to: attendance@cantrell.nottingham.sch.uk or alternatively call 0115 9155770 option 2 before 09:30am

Dental/doctors/hospital/optician et appointments are to be made outside of school time when possible. If you need to collect your child early, please inform the office as soon as possible. You will be asked to provide evidence such as a letter/appointment text or card.

Early collections after 3:00pm will not be permitted unless agreed in advance.

New Attendance Rules Parents Need to Know for September 2024

You will know that if a child misses just one day of school, that is one day's worth of education lost. The Government have now published guidance on managing school attendance that has become mandatory from September 2024. Here's what you need to know.

£80 fines and Improvement Notices

Absence fines charged to parents will rise from £60 to £80, or £160 if not paid within 21 days. From Autumn term 2024, only two fines can be issued to the same parent for the same child within a three-year rolling period. Any notice thereafter will automatically be charged at £160. Parents will also receive "improvement notices", where they are informed that this is their last opportunity to engage with education and improve their child's attendance before a fine is issued.

National fine thresholds

From September, schools will have to consider a fine if a pupil misses 10 sessions (half days) of unauthorised absence in a rolling period of 10 school weeks. They should "not have a blanket position of issuing or not issuing penalty notices". The threshold can be met with "any combination of unauthorised absence". For example, four sessions in term time plus six instances of arriving late.

For further information:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance>

Parking:

Please drive carefully around our school site – it is a very busy place at the start and end of the school day with children and families wanting to get to and from school safely.

Please also respect our neighbours – please do not block their driveways.

School Photographs:

The school photographer will be in school on Wednesday 16th October 2024 to take individual and in-school sibling photographs. Please ensure children are in the correct uniform!

Key Diary Dates for this half term

23rd September - Year 2 Dinosaur Workshop (in school)

24th September - Year 6 Newstead Abbey Trip

4th October - Year 3 Egyptian Museum Trip (Leicester)

10th October - Year 5 Art Trip (Council House)

9th October - Coffee Morning 9am (in school)

14th October - Year 2 Dinosaur Day

16th October - School Photos

17th October - Halloween Disco (After-School)

18th October BREAK UP – OCTOBER Half-Term

Year 6 Application to Secondary School:

All children in Year 6 should have received their application packs. The closing date is 31st October 2024. Applications made after the closing date may reduce your chances of getting a place at your preferred school. This is the link for the website: www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/information-for-residents/education-and-schools/school-admissions/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place

Office Information:

Please contact the office (0115 9155770) if you have any queries about:

Squid,
Free School Meals,
Pupil Premium,
Breakfast & After School Clubs or alternatively email admin@cantrell.nottingham.sch.uk

The office is open for telephone calls from 8-4pm but we ask that people only come into the office between the hours of 08:30 – 9:15am and 3:25 – 4pm.

If your child is off for any reason, please email with details to attendance@cantrell.nottingham.sch.uk or call 0115 9155770 and chose option 2.

Packed Lunch/Snacks

Please ensure your child is bringing in a healthy packed lunch and daytime snack.

This could be:

- Fruit
- Cereal bars
- Cheese (such as baby-bel)
- Yoghurt

We are a nut free school so please check labels carefully.

Water Bottles

Please make sure your children come into school with a labelled water bottle every day.

Lost Property

Thank you to all the parents who have labelled their children's items.

Unfortunately, we seem to have gained a lot of lost property this week. Could you please come and collect what is yours.

Harvest Festival

We are celebrating Harvest Festival in school by collecting tins and dried goods to give to charity. Father Andrew (from St Mary's Church, Bulwell) will be coming into school to do a Harvest Assembly. We will be giving the collected goods to the Food Bank at St Mary's Church.

If you can donate tins or dried goods (cereals etc), please send them to school with the children. The last day for donations is Friday 4th October.

The donation box will be in the school reception area.

Thanks for your support.

Frequently asked questions (FAQs)

❖ **When does my child's class have PE?**

Each year group has a termly newsletter on the school website which gives details of PE lessons. We are continuing with children coming to school already wearing their (correct) PE kit and wearing this all day. This means that there are fewer bags and clothes in school, so safer for everyone. Practice at home with buttons etc with younger children, and laces with older children still! Please see the uniform policy for correct PE kit.

❖ **What happens if my child is hurt at school?**

Our medical room is staffed by experienced, first-aid trained staff. Communication about any head injury or treatment is sent home to inform parents of injuries. We use the 'Medical Tracker' system. Parents are telephoned if the concern or injury is serious.

❖ **Does the school administer medicines?**

As a general rule school are advised not to administer medicines in school.

However, there are special circumstances when parents MUST complete 'authorisation' for administration of medicine/tablets, prescribed by a doctor.

All appointments (dental/DR/hospital, opticians etc.) MUST be supported by a letter/appointment email/card. Where possible these should be made outside of school time.

❖ **Supervision**

ALL younger children MUST be closely supervised by families dropping off and collecting at the correct times. Children must remain with parents.

❖ **Playground Equipment**

We prefer that children do NOT play on this equipment before or after school. If you allow your children on the equipment at this time they will NOT be supervised by staff; this is at your own risk.

❖ **No smoking**

Cantrell Primary and Nursery School has a 'no smoking' policy inside and outside in the grounds of the school, including e-cigarettes.

❖ **Dogs**

Dogs are not allowed on site or near school entrances and should not be tied to railings and left unattended.

❖ **Mobile phones**

The use of mobile phones on Cantrell Primary and Nursery School site is strictly forbidden.