

# Cantrell Primary School Newsletter 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020



**CORONAVIRUS UPDATE.** We want to thank everyone for the positive support given towards implementing DfE advice re-Coronavirus. The importance of everyone handwashing, before leaving home in the morning is essential. Children are also washing or sanitising their hands at key points during the school day. However, we don't want children sharing sanitising liquid brought from home. If you require your child to use hand cream or special soap then please provide this with a completed form which is available at reception. We also appreciate your patience around new procedures for dropping children at breakfast club and collection from after school club from the barrier. We are also asking that payments are made in advance following the existing policy. Staff are not available to deal with arrears. We need a smooth flow of arrivals and departures with appropriate handwashing to deliver a seamless service. Failure to follow this policy will jeopardise your place. Thank you for your support in this matter and helping to keep us all safe.

**ATTENDANCE.** Maintaining **95.4%** across school which is fantastic! Thanks for your efforts. **307** children are **In It To Win It** which started this half term, with a prize for every child who attends every day from **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.** Good luck!

**WORLD BOOK DAY.** Thanks for the fantastic costumes children worn on WBD last week. See our website [www.cantrell.nottingham.sch.uk](http://www.cantrell.nottingham.sch.uk) for pictures. You helped us raise **£547.07** which will be spent on books for school.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM & PE KIT.** This is compulsory for all children except those in nursery. Recently we have seen children in clothing that does not comply with policy e.g. tights in multi-colours, flashing lights on trainers; boots; hoodies; no PE kit. Could we please ask parents to ensure children are wearing the correct uniform:

<b>Please do wear</b>	<b>Please don't wear</b>
✓ Plain black shoes	✗ Boots
✓ Trousers/skirts black or charcoal grey	✗ Trainers/shoes with flashing lights
✓ Red cardigan/sweatshirt/red or white polo	✗ Jewellery
✓ Socks/tights plain in uniform colours	✗ Hoodies – health & safety risk with drawstring
<b>For PE:</b> plain black or navy sports shorts/joggers/sweatshirt/tracksuit; white tee shirt; plimsolls or plain trainers. <b>PLEASE DO NOT WEAR EARRINGS.</b> This places an unnecessary and additional risk of injury, not only on the pupils wearing the jewellery, but also those children who may come into contact with them.	

PE kit should remain in school all week. A reminder text will be sent home to parents of children wearing incorrect uniform or missing PE kit.

**YEAR 1 REQUEST FOR SMALL EMPTY BOTTLES.** We are currently doing a topic on space and will be making rockets. Please could you send in any small empty bottles (500ml – water or fizzy drink size). They will be used to make rockets.

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR.** This will be in school from **24<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> March.** Books are priced from £2.99. World Book Day tokens can be used to get £1 off a book. Your child will be given a Scholastic book leaflet with details of the Bingo Book Challenge. Prizes to be won from Scholastic. Payments can be made by 'phone, ask staff how to do this or look for the posters.

**YEAR 6 ARE GOING TO THE WORKHOUSE!** On **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March,** Year 6 will discover how the poor were treated in the 1840s and what life was like inside **Southwell Workhouse.** Travelling back to the year 1841, the children will be registered by the Master and the Matron and meet the pauper inmates before their guided tour of the building. Their classroom knowledge and skill with a slate pencil will be tested in a typical Victorian school lesson, led by a strict Workhouse school teacher. Children will need to wear school uniform with a warm coat and sensible shoes for walking. They also require a packed lunch with a non-fizzy drink. School will provide a grab bag for children entitled to free school meals. Any inhalers/medication needed must also be provided. We will leave school at 9:00am and return for 3:30pm. The cost of the trip is **£15.** Please complete the slip below and return in a sealed envelope to your child's teacher or the school office.

**REMINDER SWIMMING FOR YEARS 5 & 6.** This will start after Easter, week commencing **20<sup>th</sup> April,** for selected children in years 5 and 6. Please can you complete the swimming form to inform us whether or not your child can swim 25 metres in a swimming pool (that is one length of a swimming pool) confidently without stopping or putting their feet down on the ground.

