

Cantrell Primary School Newsletter 10th December 2021

ATTENDANCE. A slight drop to **94.04%** this week which is still below target. **285** children are 'In it to Win it' so far. Children who are at school every day from 1st November until Christmas will receive an end of term prize!

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE. We have seen a rise in positive cases this week. Please remember that if your child, or someone in your household, develops symptoms then *you must self-isolate and seek a PCR test* bookable at <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>, or call **119**. There are local walk-through test sites at Duke Street car park in Bulwell (behind Iceland) and Southglade Leisure Centre. If you have one or more of these symptoms then you should not rely on Lateral Flow Device for a test result – you need to book a PCR test. The three main symptoms are: * a high temperature; * a new, continuous cough; * you've lost your sense of smell or taste or it's changed.

FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS. Children entitled to free school meals as assessed by Pupil Benefits will be allocated supermarket vouchers to cover the Christmas break. Voucher codes will be sent to parents' email address before the end of term. If your child is in Reception/Year 1 or Year 2 and therefore gets a free meal anyway, you may be still eligible so please do apply if you think you meet the criteria below as this will generate pupil premium funding for your child and other extra funding into the school. To be eligible for free school meals you must be in receipt of the following benefits:

- Income support
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, with no Working Tax Credit, with an income below £16,190
- Universal Credit
- Universal Credit and employed – take home pay must be no more than £616.67 per month
- Support under the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, under section 95

Please download an application form here <https://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/information-for-residents/education-and-schools/benefits-for-school-aged-children/free-school-meals-and-free-milk/> or ask at the school office.

APPLICATION TO INFANT/PRIMARY SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2022. If you have a child born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018, it is time for you to apply for his/her school place for next year. You can apply online from **Monday 15th November**. The closing date for receipt of applications is **15th January 2022**. Children on roll in our nursery have received a pack with application details. Apply online at www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/FirstAdmissionApplication.

REMINDER FOR AFTERNOON NURSERY PARENTS. Please arrive at the gate at 12:55pm and when allowed inside please do not go into the playgrounds/classrooms where siblings and other children are playing. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS DINNERS – On Tuesday 14th December FS2 (RA/RB) and Year 1 and 2 will be having their Christmas dinner. Any child not wanting a Christmas Dinner can order from the Tuesday options on Week 2 of the menu. On Wednesday 15th December Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be having their Christmas dinner. Any child not wanting a Christmas dinner can order from the Tuesday options on Week 2 of the menu. There will be no grab bags on either of these days.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES – To remain Covid secure we are asking all children to provide their own food for their parties in a container with their names on. Children may come into school in their party clothes for the day. The parties will take place as follows:

EYFS – Wednesday 15th December
KS1 & KS2 – Thursday 16th December

CREATIVE COLLABORATIVES – Please see attached letter for everyone about an exciting new project about to start in school! We hope you will be as excited as us to be a part of this.

REMINDER YEAR 1 FOREST SCHOOL. Every Thursday for children in classes 1A and 1B. Can we remind parents that children need full outdoor waterproof kit every week: waterproof jacket; wellingtons or walking type boots; waterproof over trousers; hat, scarf, gloves for cold weather; a bag to keep all designated (named) Forest School clothes in. A plastic bag will do. *Children who do not have the correct kit will not be able to take part.* Outdoor clothing is available to order here: <https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/outerwear/outerwear-227>.

AREA BAND – Area Band has finished until after Christmas.

REMINDER BEAUTY & THE BEAST PANTOMIME – KS2. Children in year 3 to year 6 will be watching the Nottingham Playhouse's excellent virtual pantomime Beauty & the Beast, in school in the week beginning **13th December**. Children can bring a snack to enjoy whilst watching the performance, look out for a message on Class Dojo to confirm which day. There will be no charge for this performance.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY. We will be celebrating this on **Friday 17th December** to raise funds for Save The Children. Children can wear non-uniform and anything Christmassy – hats, face-paint, tinsel, headbands, t-shirts, jumpers. No need to buy anything, the more creative the better! Suggested donation £1.

REMINDER FLU VACCINATION SESSION. Thank you to all the parents who have already completed the Flu Vaccination consent form in preparation for our visit from the Immunisation Team on **Thursday 16th December**. There is still time to consent, please follow this [link www.nottinghamshireimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu](http://www.nottinghamshireimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu). Please use our school code **NG122413**. **Only 51.4% have completed the consent form. Please can you do this urgently whether you do or do not wish your child to be vaccinated!**

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

As you will probably be aware there is a proposal to reduce children centre's across the city from 9 to 3 citywide and move towards a hub model of working, as part of Nottingham city councils budget consultations, as well as other budget proposals. It is important that partners of Bestwood children's centre (Southglade access centre) / Bulwell Children's Centre, families and members of the public have a say, I have enclosed below the link for consultation events for families, partners and public as well as a link to the consultation survey. Could you please share amongst your citizen/ staffs to enable them to have their say on what is important to them.

Budget Consultation Events

<https://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/engage-nottingham-hub/budget-consultation-events/>


online consultation

<https://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/engage-nottingham-hub/open-consultations/budget-202223/>

Place2Be – improving children's mental health. This is a new website – Parenting Smart – a free online resource featuring practical advice and tried-and-tested tips for parents and carers of primary age children. Topics from meltdowns to friendship difficulties, from anxiety to the transition to secondary school. More information here:

https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/?utm_source=Sprint1&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=parenting-smart.

Dementia-Friendly Film Screenings at Mansfield Central Library. Join us at Mansfield Library for our new programme of Dementia Friendly Films - just £1 a ticket! Each relaxed screening will have an interval with a free drink, biscuits and popcorn. Assistance is provided by our staff and volunteers if required, along with a quiet space for those who need it. During the film, feel free to move about, dance and sing! Our next screening will be The Muppet Christmas Carol on Thursday 16 December. [Book online](#), drop in to Mansfield Library, or call 01623 677200.

It's beginning to look a lot like ...  – **events in Nottingham. Newstead Abbey** Sat 27 November – Mon 3 January 2022. The team at Newstead Abbey have a tale to tell this festive period as Storybook Christmas returns. New for this year is a Christmas legend and a much-loved story - The Nutcracker written by E.T.A. Hoffmann, and used as the basis for the 1892 Tchaikovsky ballet. Be enthralled by stunningly dressed rooms specially dressed to Christmas as you tour the historic house. Each weekend (Sat-Sun), there will also be a craft market in the cloisters with a range of local handmade goods. The craft stalls can be accessed either as part of the Storybook Christmas house tour, or via the shop if you're just visiting the gardens. When you make your booking, why not add Festive Afternoon Tea to your experience, or even a full Christmas dinner which is available every Sunday. **Nottingham Christmas Market** until Fri 31 December Old Market Square. It's the first weekend for Nottingham's Christmas Market with lots of fun activities, market stalls, and festive treats to try. Take a trip to the brand-new Christmas Village in Trinity Square and grab a mulled wine or a hot chocolate. Groups will love the cosy igloo-style domes where you can order drinks from the festive menu. In Old Market Square, look down on the magnificent Christmas tree from the 33m high observation wheel, or take a ride on the traditional carousel. If you're worried about crowds, consider

visiting midweek. **Woodthorpe Christmas Trees.** Trees available now at Woodthorpe Park Plant Shop. A giant reindeer lights the way to Woodthorpe Park! Choose your Christmas tree either in person or online! Delivery is free within a 10-mile radius when you spend over £30. Trees come in biodegradable netting. You can also buy beautiful home-grown poinsettia in a range of colours, plus cyclamens and chilli plants - perfect for Christmas gifts. **Christmas at Wollaton.** Fri 26 November 2021 to Sun 9 January 2022, Wollaton Park. Visitors from the previous year were asked to pick their favourite sections to see again. The Deer Park and the Tunnel of Light are back, alongside brand-new installations that will dazzle and astound as you follow the extended trail. Also new for this year is a Christmas Market area with seasonal refreshments on sale and a range of local crafts to buy. Tickets are selling out fast in selected slots but there is availability on most days (including Resident discount slots). Book tickets here: <http://visit-nottinghamshire.gigantic.com/christmas-at-wollaton-tickets>.