

# Cantrell Primary School Newsletter 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022

**ATTENDANCE.** We've achieved **94.6%** for the academic year so far which is below the Ofsted expectation of 95%. If your child is absent due to coronavirus, please email test results to [admin@cantrell.nottingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@cantrell.nottingham.sch.uk) we are required to monitor and report the number of cases. **In It To Win It** will start after half term, as enquired by some eager year 6 girls! Children at school every day from 22<sup>nd</sup> February to 1<sup>st</sup> April will receive a prize just in time for Easter!

**INSET DAY.** School will be closed to children on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February**. Children return to school on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, after the half term break.

**FOREST SCHOOL FOR NURSERY.** This will start on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** for children in main nursery. Warm waterproof outdoor kit is required, please see the letter sent out last week for more information. Outdoor clothing is available to order here: <https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/outerwear/outerwear-227>

**BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB.** Can we remind parents that both clubs should be booked and paid for in advance, your child will lose their place if it is not paid for. Working parents please email days required to [admin@cantrell.nottingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@cantrell.nottingham.sch.uk).

**DECODABLE READING BOOKS USED IN YEARS 1, 2 & 3 – now available on your phone and other electronic devices.** The Big Cats decodable reading books used in school are available for your children to read on electronic devices (up to and including turquoise book band). Your child will continue to have a traditional paper copy of their current reading book. This allows parents and children to access the decodable reading books at home on a computer, tablet or smart phone. We believe this is a brilliant modern way to engage children in reading and was a real success during lockdown. If this is something you would like to have access to, please fill in the reply slip below and return it to your child's teacher. You will then receive unique log in details and the correct books will be assigned to your child.

**FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS.** Children in main school entitled to free school meals will be allocated supermarket vouchers to cover the half term break. Voucher codes were sent to parents' email address yesterday.

**IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION: Facebook** Serious concerns have been raised about comments made on the so-called alternative Cantrell Facebook page. This page is not run by or endorsed by the school in any way. Please be aware that any comments personal to the school, staff and pupils can and will be shared with the police if they are deemed inflammatory, derogatory or offensive.

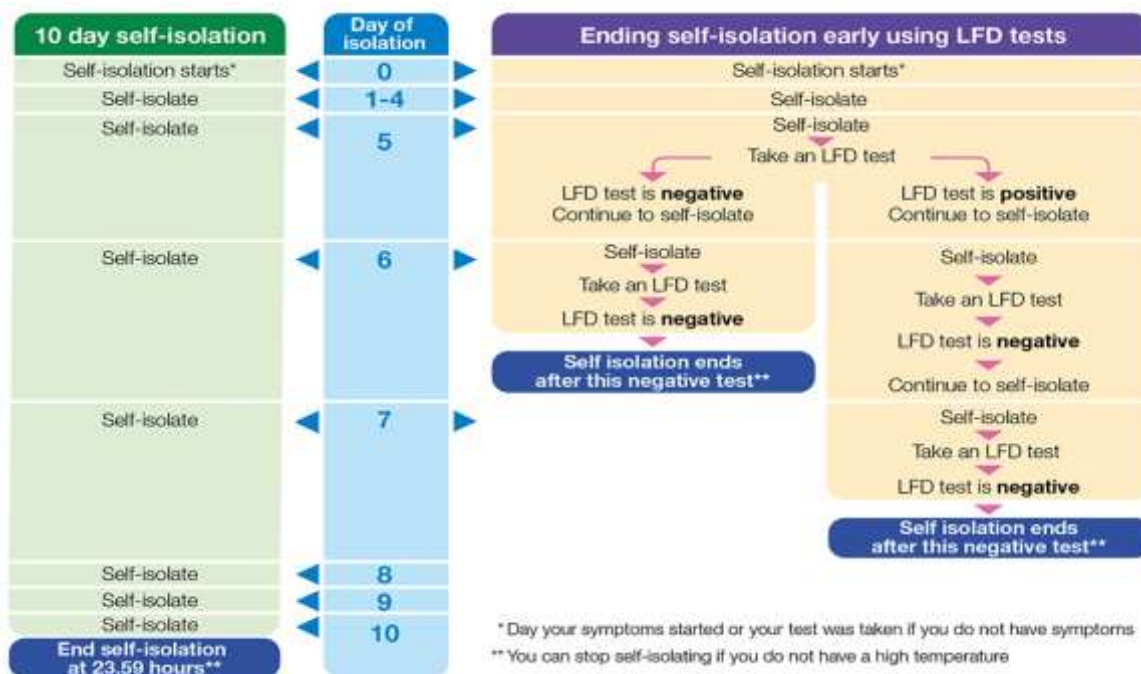
**CORONAVIRUS UPDATE.** No changes, please follow guidance as described. If your child, or someone in your household, develops symptoms then *you must self-isolate and seek a PCR test* bookable at <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>, or call **119**. Officially the self-isolation period remains at 10 days. However, the Government have announced that, from Monday 17 January, people who test positive will be able to leave self-isolation after five full days, subject to the following provisions:

- The day symptoms begin, or people first test positive, is day zero
- The next day is day one of their isolation period
- A lateral flow test can be taken on day five
- If the result is negative, a further test can be taken at least 24 hours later, on day six. Assuming this is also negative, and they do not have a temperature, they can leave isolation **at the end of day six**
- The same rules apply whether people are vaccinated or not.

A reminder that 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.

There are local walk-through test sites at Duke Street car park in Bulwell (behind Iceland) and Southglade Leisure Centre. **5 day isolation rule.** Please see the graphic below for an explanation of the latest guidance on testing for Covid-19. A lateral flow test can be taken on day 5 and day 6. If both tests are negative and you have no temperature or other symptoms, isolation can end **at the end of day six.**



\*\*\*\*\* **COMMUNITY NEWS** \*\*\*\*\*

**Get help with household food and energy bills.** The City Council has secured the funds from the Government’s Household Support Grant to provide extra financial support for food and heating this winter. As in December, there are a limited number of supermarket and energy bill e-vouchers that will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis. People who successfully applied for a £49 energy voucher in December will automatically get another £49 voucher in this round of applications and need not apply again. People who received the supermarket vouchers in December are welcome to apply again this time. People who receive Council Tax Support can apply for Supermarket e-vouchers (one £50 voucher) - apply online here: [https://myaccount.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/service/Household\\_Support\\_Vouchers](https://myaccount.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/service/Household_Support_Vouchers). Energy bill e-vouchers (two £49 vouchers worth £98 – apply online here: <https://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/household-support-vouchers/household-support-grant-energy-vouchers/>).

**Light Night Sutton-in-Ashfield.** Friday 11<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February, 5:30 – 9pm, Sutton-in-Ashfield town centre. At venues across town including Idlewells; Portland Square; Sutton Community Academy; Sutton Market car park North (next to Costa); and Regency Dance Centre. See website for more details [https://firststart.org.uk/whats\\_on/lightnightashfield/](https://firststart.org.uk/whats_on/lightnightashfield/).

**Free course on getting back into work at Crabtree Community centre.** Need a refresh? Want to increase your opportunities? Do you live in Nottingham City and are aged 19 or over? On Wednesday February 23<sup>rd</sup>, March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> at the Crabtree Farm Community Centre, Crabtree Farm Estate, Steadfold Close, Bulwell NG6 8AX, 9:30am-12pm. A free course delivered in small groups over 5 sessions where you will:

- ◆ Create or develop your CV
- ◆ Improve your interview techniques
- ◆ Look at how to improve your opportunities
- ◆ Better understand your finances

Book your place now by calling Lindsay on 07990 041108 or email [lindsay@rtse.co.uk](mailto:lindsay@rtse.co.uk) or speak to Marie at the Centre.

**Activities at Bulwell St Mary’s Church.** 10am Whiz Kids (Sunday School) fun, friendly arts, crafts, stories, videos, songs and more! For children aged 5-12. If your child will need a drink, we ask that a drink in a drinks bottle is provided. Whiz Kids runs on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays. On the other Sundays we are invited to worship together at our Family Mass.

**Saturday 5 March 11:30am Muddy Church.** Meet in front of the tower – FREE fun trail, craft stations, & activities, hot dogs & God slot. FREE event book with Father Andrew. (lasting 1 hour approx.)

**Nottingham Boys Choir.** Opening Evening **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** 6-7pm Daybrook Baptist Church, Mansfield Road, Daybrook, Nottingham, NG5 6AA. Come and try out our choir. For boys aged 6 years old and up. Dads and Grandads welcome too. To book, email [nottinghamboyschoir@gmail.com](mailto:nottinghamboyschoir@gmail.com). More information at [www.nottinghamboyschoir.co.uk](http://www.nottinghamboyschoir.co.uk).

**Junior Bake Off.** Applications have recently opened for the 8<sup>th</sup> series of **Junior Bake Off**; a Channel 4 programme that celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain. They are looking for young budding bakers between **9-12 years old**. Filming would take place from July 2022, but **applications close on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2022**. Interested bakers can apply online at [www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk](http://www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk).

**Half Term Family Activities at Nottingham Contemporary:** Winter Lights. Tue 15 Feb – Wed 16 Feb, book a slot. Join us at Nottingham Contemporary to escape the chaos of the city for our Family Activities as we welcome back the light. As a family, immerse yourselves to make, explore, and be enchanted with the magical charm of light and shadows. Our sessions take place on Tue 15 and Wed 16 Feb, at the following times: 10:00 - 11:00, 11:30 - 12:30, 13:30 - 14:30, 15:00 - 16:00. Book one ticket per group, with a maximum of 6 participants per group, including adults and children. If your group is larger than 6, please book an additional table or contact Lisa [Ljacques@nottinghamcontemporary.org](mailto:Ljacques@nottinghamcontemporary.org). Online bookings end at

10am on the day, but please call us (0115 948 9750) if you would like to book on after 10am. If you are having difficulty or would like support in completing your booking, please call us on (0115 948 9750). Free. Limited Capacity. Booking is required.

**Half term activities in Nottingham**

Titus Symposium. 12<sup>th</sup> February 11:00am - 3:30pm Wollaton Hall, Wollaton Road, Nottingham, NG8 2AE. Let's talk: explore the age of dinosaurs with speakers and scientist displays about living species that were around millions of years ago

The Garden of Just Because Workshops at Broadway. 14 February - 15 February, Broadway, 14-18 Broad Street, Nottingham, NG1 3AL FREE. An interactive installation inspired by the micro view of a garden and the invisible world underneath the soil. It is a place where fairy rings and science meet. Join artist Roma Patel for a workshop exploring the installation and creating your very own clay fungi sculptures to take away.

Make your own rocket and launch it. 14 February 2:00pm - 4:00 pm, Bulwell Library, Bulwell Riverside Centre, Main Street, Bulwell, Nottingham FREE. Join this rocket building workshop. Your Mission: Build your own rocket and blast off!

3D Antibody Challenge Workshop. 15 February 10:00am - 5:00 pm Hyson Green Library, Mary Potter Centre, 76 Gregory Boulevard, Nottingham, NG7 5HY. FREE. Investigate the 3D world of COVID-19 tests and discover how lateral flow tests work. Become a scientist by taking on our protein structure design challenge using our specialist molecular modelling kits.

Get Hands-on with Quotient Sciences. 15 February 10:00am - 3:00pm. Hyson Green Library, Mary Potter Centre, 76 Gregory Boulevard, Nottingham, NG7 5HY. FREE. Join scientists from local company Quotient Sciences for some hands-on activities exploring the world of drug discovery.

Tinkering with Scribble Bots. 16 February 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. Lakeside Arts, University Park, Nottingham, NG7 2RD. £8. Create your own scribble bot using recycled materials such as cardboard, pens, battery packs and motors to build your own robot that will dance and draw.

Build your own app workshop. 16 February 10:00am - 12:00 pm. Bulwell Library, Bulwell Riverside Centre, Main Street, Bulwell, Nottingham, NG6 8QJ. FREE. Create your own app in this 'No Code' software development workshop.

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**Reply slip - access to Collins eBooks for Year 1, 2 and 3 children – please return to class teacher**

I would like access to Collins eBooks for \_\_\_\_\_ (child's name) in class \_\_\_\_\_