

Cantrell Primary School Newsletter 15th July 2022



RED WEATHER WARNING FOR 18th & 19th July. We would like to ask that on Monday 18th July you send your children in loose, light-coloured clothing to help keep cool and sunhats (with wide brims if you have them) to avoid sunburn. Children can wear trainers or plimsolls with socks, not open-toed sandals or flip flops as these are a safety hazard. Use sunscreen at least factor 15 with UV protection or higher, and provide your child with a named water bottle which we will refill throughout the day. We will have lots of safety measures in place in school based on the Government document "Looking after children and those in early years settings during heatwaves: for teachers and professionals", **so school will be open as normal.** Should parents feel it necessary to collect their children after lunch, due to these adverse conditions and before 3:30pm, please telephone school in advance of your arrival to allow us to get your child ready. Parents may also want to review any arrangements where children could be in school for extended periods due to using before and after school provision. A ten-hour day for the children could be something of a marathon. However, school will remain open for those unable to make alternative arrangements. We will update you daily via text and Class Dojo as the weather changes. Temperatures are expected to peak during late afternoon, we advise parents to keep children indoors when they get home.

STAFFING. Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to teaching assistants Mrs Bucknall, Mrs Brookes and our Sports Coach Mr Ward at the end of this term as they are leaving Cantrell. We thank them all for their contributions to our children, families, staff and Governing body, they have been outstanding members of the Cantrell team and they will be sorely missed. We would like to take this opportunity to wish them the very best of luck in the future.

ATTENDANCE. Another drop to **94.5%** due to chronic absence and holidays in term time. **228** children are **In It To Win It** with just over 1½ weeks to go! Last day of school is **Wednesday 27th July.**

FUN FIT CANCELLATION. The after school club on Mondays with Mrs Bucknall and Miss Smith is **CANCELLED** until autumn term. Please collect children at normal time 3:30pm, thanks.

FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS. Vouchers will be issued the last week of term for the summer holidays. The government will be issuing £50 per child in receipt of FSM, please see the letter posted on Dojo for more information.

MEDICINES. If your child requires medication at school, please bring it into main reception to complete a permission form. The medication needs to be in its labelled packaging and we can only issue medication at lunchtime.

REMINDER NURSERY OPEN DAY. This will take place on **Monday 25th July**, 10am - 2pm. Feel free to drop in with your child. **Nursery and Rising Stars will be closed** for normal sessions on this day.

LOST PROPERTY. With the hot weather we're having, our lost property box is overflowing with hoodies, jumpers and cardigans! Please can you ensure your child's items are labelled with their full name and class so these can be returned easily if found. Please do have a rummage for your lost items as anything not collected before the end of term will be discarded.

YEAR 6 EVENTS. Thursday 21st July – Leaver's buffet, this will be free to all year 6 students, more information to follow on Dojo. **Friday 22nd July** – Water fight. **Tuesday 26th July** - leavers disco 4-6pm. **Wednesday 27th July** - leavers assembly in the hall - all parents welcome, please arrive at 1:30 for 2pm start. Please refer to Dojo for updates and more information.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE. Today the children will be sent home with a summer reading challenge which is run by Nottingham Library Service. The aim is for the children to read 6 books over the summer break and win prizes and stickers. We have someone coming in next Wednesday to start handing out prizes for children who have read 2 books. Anyone who reads over 6 books will be entered into a prize draw.

YEAR 1 PIRATE DAY. Children in classes 1A and 1B have absolutely loved learning about Pirates and keep asking to be Pirates! So, we are going to have a Pirate Day on **Tuesday 26th July.** We will do lots of Pirate

related activities. The children are invited to come to school dressed as a Pirate. They can come in non-uniform if they don't want to dress up.

BREAKFAST & AFTERSCHOOL CLUB. Due to limited spaces, we are still operating breakfast and afterschool club for working parents only. Please email admin@cantrell.nottingham.sch.uk to book your places for September if you haven't already done so. **A polite reminder that breakfast and afterschool clubs need to be paid in advance of attending.**

RISING STARS AND NURSERY PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER. If you or anyone you know would like a Rising Stars (2-year-olds with eligibility) or a Nursery place (3-year-olds) for September please contact the School Office and add your child's name, D.O.B., address and if you would like a morning or afternoon session. We also have 30 hours places for families with eligibility. We look forward to meeting you.

SCHOOL TRENDS UNIFORM ORDERS. The company asks that parents order on or before the 18th July for back-to-school uniform deliveries. Please allow 28 days for dispatch during July, August and September.

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Financial support available this summer from Nottingham City Council:

Free holiday clubs. This Summer, if your child is entitled to Free School Meals, as well as receiving the £50 supermarket voucher, your child is entitled to attend free holiday activity clubs with a free lunch provided. The clubs are provided through the Council's Free Fun and Food programme. The clubs will be delivered by Nottingham Forest Community Trust and other community groups at venues across the city. Please find your nearest club and book your place here www.asklion.co.uk/funandfood. If your child is not eligible for Free School Meals some places are still available on a first come, first served basis. Please contact the clubs to ask about available places.

Summer holiday activities. For a range of activities over the summer holidays type the attached link into google <https://bit.ly/ParentsJuly22>.

How can I get more help? The Council has been working with community partners and welfare advice agencies to determine how best to allocate the remaining vouchers. This Summer further supermarket and energy vouchers will be given out through Nottingham Advice Centres, Age UK Notts and other local community organisations including Nottingham City Homes and Metropolitan Thames Valley Housing. These agencies have the specialism to work with households in financial crisis and can advise people about finances and the wider welfare support available. A full list of these organisations can be found on the council's webpages here www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/householdsupportvouchers Families are welcome to contact these advice agencies to book an appointment. The appointment will provide advice on the welfare support available in Nottingham including the availability of extra vouchers.

Summer Fayre St Mary the Virgin & All Souls Parish Church Bulwell. This will be held on Saturday 16th July 2022 11.00am – 2.00pm in the Church, West Room & Upper Hall

YMCA Camp Williams: Returns this August and children from all local schools are welcome. Children aged 4-15 will take part in camp rallies, sports, swimming, games and crafts. Plus, 8-15 year olds on our full programme can take part in skills clinics ranging from archery to climbing, skateboarding to mountain biking, music and drama to basketball. Our new Creative Academy, a performing arts programme for young people aged 11-18 begins in August too. It's a fantastic opportunity to learn performing arts skills, and create, collaborate and perform their own work with others. *Week & Day Bookings Available The Nottingham Emmanuel School, West Bridgford 0115 711 7006.* Please see Dojo for more information.

What's happening in your area Summer 2022. All activities happening throughout the summer holidays has been posted on Class Dojo. Essential booking required for all activities – PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND IF NOT BOOKED.