

# Cantrell Primary School Newsletter 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021

**MESSAGE FROM NOTTINGHAM CATERING.** Dear Parents, **we are back for hot school lunches!** We are delighted to be taking part in a campaign called 'Hotober' on **7<sup>th</sup> October**, designed to encourage pupils back to eating a delicious hot two course meal at lunchtime. We, of course, need your support to allow your children to return to school meals or to try one if they haven't had one for a while and to take up a hot option. Enjoying a nutritious two course school meal at lunchtime supports academic attainment, helps children to concentrate better and has a positive impact on behaviour. It will also save you time in the mornings and saves money by reducing your shopping bill. Universal Free School Meals (UFSM) are provided for all children in reception class, year 1 and year 2. If you receive certain benefits your child can continue to have free school meals. Check if you can get free school meals and apply here: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>. Please let your school know you are taking part in **Hotober** on **7<sup>th</sup> October**. If your children already have school meals they will receive their meal as usual but please encourage them to take up a hot option! We look forward to serving your child a delicious hot meal.

## PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE SUMMER 2021.

Question	Yes	%	No	%	Sometimes/ not sure	%
Is your child happy at school?	65	79%	1	1%	16	20%
Do you receive valuable information from the school about your child's progress?	46	56%	12	15%	24	29%
Is your child making good progress at school?	60	73%	4	5%	18	22%
Is your child well looked after at school?	71	87%	2	2%	9	11%
Is your child taught well at school?	75	93%	1	1%	5	6%
Does your child receive appropriate homework?	60	75%	7	9%	13	16%
Does the school deal appropriately with behaviour?	57	70%	6	7%	19	23%
Is this school well lead and managed?	76	95%	4	5%		
Does the school respond well to concerns you raise?	62	76%	7	9%	13	16%
Would you recommend Cantrell primary School to other families?	71	90%	8	10%		
We are considering running an online safety workshop for parents. Would this be something you are interested in?	37	45%	45	55%		

Thank you for a tremendous response. All of the information has been collated and the results are listed above. The additional information section has been shared with senior leaders and they are working hard to resolve any issues that arose from the responses. Thank you for all of the overwhelmingly positive comments. The thanks sent to the whole team are very gratefully received, in a very strange year your kind words are very much appreciated.

**PARKING AROUND SCHOOL.** Parents can we please remind you to park safely at drop off and pick up times. Please do not park across the pavement, this is meant for pedestrians. Please be mindful of small children and park further away from school to be safe. Lastly park considerately, not across driveways.

**DATA COLLECTION SHEETS.** These have been sent home with children in years' 1 – 6. It is vital that we have up to date contact details for you. Please check your details are correct, amend if necessary, and return to school by **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October**, thank you.

**Year 2 PORTALS TO THE PAST DINOSAUR AND FOSSIL WORKSHOP – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October.** As part of our topic on dinosaurs, Year 2 will be having a Dinosaur Day. A palaeontologist will be coming into school with lots of models and dinosaur artefacts. The children will be taking part in different workshops throughout the day. The cost of this experience is £7. Children can also dress up in a 'dinosaur' theme for the day.

**ANNUAL FLU VACCINATION.** This will take place in the morning of **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October**, in school. Please see the separate letter sent out today for more information. Please complete a consent form for each of your children *whether you would like them to receive the vaccine or not*, at [www.nottinghamshireimmunisations.co.uk](http://www.nottinghamshireimmunisations.co.uk), using our school code which is **NG122413**.

**APPLICATIONS FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS.** The government has recently changed the date used for counting numbers of pupils eligible for free school meals for the purposes of working out extra funding due to schools. This is now based on the school census day, 7<sup>th</sup> October this year. It's therefore really important for our school that all pupils who meet the criteria have had their eligibility checked and confirmed before that date. Even if your child is in Reception/Year 1 or Year 2 and therefore gets a free meal anyway, please do still apply if you think you meet the criteria outlined in this letter 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 do not apply if you are receiving:**

- Working Tax Credit, if so you are not entitled to free school meals no matter what your annual income is
- Universal Credit and you or your partner you are living with are employed and your 'take home pay' is more than £616.67 a month
- Child Tax Credit with no Working Tax Credit, your annual income must be no more than £16,190 to receive free school meals.

If you feel you meet the eligibility criteria we would be most grateful if you could please fill in the application form which is located at the link below and submit it to [pupil.benefits@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:pupil.benefits@nottinghamcity.gov.uk)  
<https://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/information-for-residents/education-and-schools/benefits-for-school-aged-children/free-school-meals-and-free-milk/>

If you prefer to complete a paper copy please complete the attached form and either:

- Email it to [pupil.benefits@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:pupil.benefits@nottinghamcity.gov.uk)

or

- Return it to the school office and we will email it to the Pupil Benefits Team for you.

If you have any queries regarding the completion of the form please contact the Pupil Benefits Team. Telephone: 0115 9154084 or Email: [pupil.benefits@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:pupil.benefits@nottinghamcity.gov.uk)

Please can you submit your applications by **24<sup>th</sup> September 2021** at the latest to give the Pupil Benefits Team time to process the applications before the Autumn Term school census day.

**MORRISONS GROW TOKENS.** Between 6<sup>th</sup> September and 24<sup>th</sup> October 2021 Morrisons will be awarding Grow Tokens for every £10 spent in store or online. All you need to do is download the MyMorrisons app, head to 'It's Good to Grow' section, select our school and donate your tokens. At the end of the period we will be able to redeem the tokens against a wide range of gardening equipment for school. Thanks for your support!

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

**48<sup>th</sup> Nottingham Scouts.** Your local scout group are looking for cubs to join us. Are there any 7½ years to 10½ years interested, boys or girls? We meet Monday Night at Cantrell School from 6:15pm to 8:15pm. Why not come along and see what we have on offer. For further information please ring JEAN (Akela) on 07519 738746, or just turn up on a Monday night.

**The Voice Kids 2022 apply now!** The Voice Kids is back and they're looking for talented solo singers and duos who have what it takes to take over the voice stage! 7 -14 year olds can enter. For more information about how to enter go to [www.itv.com/beontv/thevoicekids](http://www.itv.com/beontv/thevoicekids). Applications close on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021**.

**Invitation to Nottingham High School Open Morning 25<sup>th</sup> September.** Please book your place by filling in their online enquiry form <https://nottinghamhigh.co.uk/admissions-form>. You will be able to take a tour of our facilities and meet staff and pupils. There will be lots of activities on offer and it is a great way to get a feel for the whole school. In Lovell House, our **Infant School**, children can take part in our "spot the squirrel" tour to find their way around the classrooms, getting involved in lots of fun activities along the way. Our **Junior School** will host an exciting Lego mini-figure trail, with a variety of activities for children to try in each classroom. Our whole **Senior School** will be open to explore. Get stuck in with various activities in the classrooms and chat to the teachers and pupils to find out about life at the school. Our **Sixth Form Centre** will also be open to provide a taste for A Level life at the school, and there will be staff and current students on-hand to chat about studying at our Sixth Form. Waverley Mount, Nottingham, NG7 4ED. 0115 8452232 [www.nottinghamhigh.co.uk](http://www.nottinghamhigh.co.uk). @nottshigh.

**Majestic Sports Holiday Camp at Haydn Primary School, Haydn Road, Sherwood, NG5 2JU. Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October, Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October, Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October.** Price is £12.50 for a full day and £6.50 for a half day. There will be a variety of different sports including football, cricket, dodgeball, rounders, gymnastics, and many more. Children will need suitable sports clothing for indoor and outdoor activities, a packed lunch, and a water bottle. To book your child's place email [majesticssportscoaching@gmail.com](mailto:majesticssportscoaching@gmail.com). Text 07870 385068 or visit [www.facebook.com/majesticssportscoaching](http://www.facebook.com/majesticssportscoaching). Majestic Sports Camp will be taking all measures to safely follow government guidelines to be Covid friendly.

**Come Dine With Me Nottingham.** To apply, please click this link : [bit.ly/cdwm2021](https://bit.ly/cdwm2021). Or email [cdwm@multistory.tv](mailto:cdwm@multistory.tv).