

# Cantrell Primary School Newsletter 17th December 2021

## HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

As we reach the end of the Autumn term, we would like to say thank you. Thank you for your support, positivity and kindness during this very turbulent time. We, once again, find things change very quickly with the pandemic and we have been significantly affected by Covid this term. Our staff have been brilliant, demonstrating great strength and resilience – they are an amazing group of people to work with and I am sure you will join me in thanking them too. Despite the challenges, the term has been exciting and full of opportunities for creativity, we hope this will continue in the Spring term. Whilst we all hold our breath and await any further changes during the Christmas break, we are positive we will be back on Tuesday 4th January full of optimism and energy.

Have a fabulous Christmas break everyone, we will see you in 2022!

**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.

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

**REMINDER FLU VACCINATION** – If you have missed your child's vaccination and would still like to get one please see the attached letter from Nottingham City Council.

**ROUTES TO INCLUSION (R2i)** – Please see attached information. If you have any queries please contact Miss Ellis our SENDCo.

## \*\*\*\*\* 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/>

on-line consultation

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

**St Mary the Virgin & All Soul's Church** – Family Crib Service Christmas Eve 4 pm/Christingle Café Church Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January from 4 pm.

**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](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>.

