

Cantrell Primary School Newsletter 18th October 2019



MESSAGE FROM THE FAMILY OF JOSIE WALKER. Thank you to the mothers, fathers, children and staff of Cantrell Primary School. Josie would have been proud of all who turned up to say goodbye. My daughters and I were amazed at how many of you were there, then we saw your balloons let off in Josie's memory. Thank you one and all from Leanne, Christy and Richard. God bless you all.

CANTRELL'S TOP TEN REASONS WHY WE READ!

4. Reading teaches children about the world around them. Through reading a variety of books, children learn about people, places, and events outside of their own experience. Everything your child reads fills their head with new bits of information, and you never know when it might come in handy. The more knowledge they have, the better-equipped they are to tackle any challenge they'll ever face.

ATTENDANCE. A slight drop to **95.7%** due to children being away on holiday. Holidays during term time have a detrimental effect on a child's education. May we remind parents that leave during term time can only be authorised in *exceptional circumstances*. All applications for a leave of absence must be made on a form available from the school office. Our attendance policy states:

- Only a maximum of 5 days will be authorised by the school in exceptional circumstances;
- Family holidays, cheap holidays, birthday celebrations, family events will not be authorised;
- Penalty notices will be issued and the Local Authority may fine parents

In It To Win It will start after the half term break. Children at school every day from 4th November until Christmas will receive an end of term prize!

HALF TERM BREAK LAST DAY TODAY! School will be closed to children for two weeks from 21st October. School will re-open On **Monday 4th November**.

YEAR 5 TRIP TO BEAUMANOR HALL. This will take place on **Thursday 7th November** for children in classes 2 and 3. Please see the separate letter sent out for more information and return the reply slip with payment of £10 by **Monday 4th November**.

FOREST SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN IN YEAR 3. This will begin after half term on **Thursday 7th November** for children in classes **4** and **11**. Please see the separate letter sent out for more information.

TEMPEST SCHOOL PHOTOS. The deadline to return proofs is **Friday 8th November**.

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS. Reminder to apply online for your child's secondary school place by 31 Oct 2019. It's quick, easy and secure www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

CANTRELL ARTS AMBASSADORS. This club will resume on Tuesdays after school, starting after half term on **Tuesday 5th November**, 3:30 - 4:30pm. Please collect children from main reception at 4:30pm prompt.

YEAR 2 SPORTS FESTIVAL AT BULWELL ACADEMY. Children in classes 12 and 13 are going to a Sports Festival at Bulwell Academy on the morning of **Friday 8th November**. The children will leave school at 9:15am and return by lunchtime. Children will need their PE kits (including trainers/plimsolls), a drink (not fizzy), a waterproof coat to walk in, and any medication (if required). Children can come to school in their PE kits and can remain in them for the day. If you can help for the morning, please let the Year 2 teachers know.

ANNUAL FLU VACCINATION. This will take place on **Wednesday 13th November** in school, for all children in Reception to year 6. NHS are using an electronic consent form this year, please access using this link: <https://www.nottinghamshireimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>. You will need to enter the unique code for Cantrell which is **NG122413**. Even if you are refusing consent, please still complete the online form. If you experience any problems or have any queries, please contact the team on 07920 182032. We will also send the link via text message so please ensure we have an up to date mobile number for you. A leaflet with more information is available from the school office.

RISING STARS NURSERY FOR 2 YEAR OLDS. We now have afternoon places available, 15 hours per week. Parents please apply online to Families Information Service www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/fis, or telephone 0800 4584114 to check eligibility. For more information or help please enquire at main reception.

FAMILY DROP IN SESSION. On **Wednesday 20th November** we are holding a 'Family Drop in Session' here at school. We are lucky to be working alongside Family Support Worker Claire Michael who will be available for ideas, suggestions and advice on many different areas. There will be information on routines, rewards, behaviour and what support, advice and recreational ideas are around in our local area. Please feel free to pop in from 2pm until the end of the school day for a cup of tea, biscuit and a chat. We hope to see as many of you as possible. If you have any questions or want specific information around an area then do not hesitate to contact Miss Warsop.

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

October Half Term activity at Harvey Hadden. Fix Track & Road. Thursday 24th Oct 9:15 – 3:30. For 10 – 14 year olds. A Safer Cycling Activity Day – with workshops covering simple bike maintenance, track cycling and on road cycling, including large vehicle blind-spots. £8 per person. Bring a packed lunch. Harvey Hadden Sports Village, Bilborough. Participants need a bike and helmet. Let us know if you need to borrow either. Booking essential. Telephone: 0115 9774373. For further information please email autumn.rose@viaem.co.uk

Autism Friendly Family Fun. BUILD, CREATE, PLAY, READ, ENJOY. Autism friendly sessions designed especially for children with Autism and their families. Get involved with lots of activities such as playing with Lego, crafts and stories. Do as little or as much as you like in a relaxed and supportive environment. Dales Centre Library on the first Saturday of the month 10:30 – 12:30: 5 October, 2 November & 7 December. Strelley Library the last Saturday of the month 10:30 – 12:30: 28 September, 26 October & 30 November. www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/libraries. For more information contact: Dales Centre Library on 8761990 or Strelley Library on 0115 9152880.

Activities at Bulwell St Mary's Church. Do join us on Sunday for our 10am Parish Mass which will last for just over an hour. The service will be led by members of our Youth Group. There will be refreshments afterwards. Whiz Kids, our junior church for children aged between 5-11, will be running from 9:30am with free snacks followed by fun games, crafts and gentle Bible teaching. At 10am on Sunday 3rd November we will be 'Remembering our Saints & Angels' - a special, gentle service for the bereaved. If you would like a departed loved one remembering during the service and a candle lit for them, please let me know or put their name on the list at the back of church.

Nottingham Halloween and Halloween events in the city.

Old Market Square - experience Halloween in 'Old Market Scare' this October. Friday 25 – Thursday 31 October various times and venues. Step into Nottingham's scariest square. New for 2019, the Horror Hotel - a live action scare maze. Plus an array of spooktacular family rides and attractions! Get a selfie with the giant pumpkin, enjoy a witches brew at Nottingham's scariest bar and plenty of other eerie entertainment.

Halloween night in Old Market Square (6pm - 9pm). Show off your best and scariest Halloween attire and watch Halloween-themed entertainment including giant dancing skeletons and live bands.

Horror Hotel – Live Action Scare Maze. Monday - Thursday 1pm - 11pm, Friday - Saturday 11am - 11pm, Sunday - 11am - 10pm. £7 per body or £25 per family. Halloween Spooky Fun 🎃. Ice Skating, Goopy Slime & Garish Neon Lights. 🎃 Join us this Halloween as we bring ghosts, ghouls and slime as part of this year's Halloween spooktacular events. 🎃. On Saturday 26 October, the venue will be looking eerie and ready to host two spooky ice parties with lots of spine-tingling action in store including gloopy slime, scary face painting and horrifying photo booth filters. The activities begin with a spooky but not scary family party themed Scaries & Fairies, for parents to enjoy time on the ice with their little horrors and dollops of take-home slime off the ice. The family fun will be followed by a garish neon-lit Halloween Club Party where the scary face painting, photo booth filters and slime fun will continue into the evening while playing the best Halloween themed beats. Saturday 26 October Scaries and Fairies Party 11am - 5pm. Club Party 7:30pm – 9:30pm. Under 5s free. Seniors (over 60s) £3.50. Juniors (5-15 years old) £7.50. Adults (16+) £8.50. Family of 3 £21.75. Family of 4 £29.00. Family of 5 £35.00.

Bonfire Night. Tuesday 5 November Forest Recreation Ground. The city's biggest FREE Bonfire Night event returns for 2019 with two big fireworks displays at 19:15 and 21:00 (the earlier display being suitable for young children). The lighting of the East Midlands' biggest bonfire will be at 19:45, plus a massive fairground with traditional bonfire night treats. It's a great family night out. Please do not bring your own fireworks or sparklers to this event.