

Cantrell Primary School Newsletter 18th March 2022

ATTENDANCE. We're on the up! Now on **94.8%** for the academic year so far. **276** children remain **In It To Win It** which started at the beginning of this half term. Children at school every day from 22nd February to 1st April will receive a prize just in time for Easter!

CLASS DOJO SCHOOL ABSENCE. Again, can we remind parents not to use Class Dojo to report a child's absence. A telephone call should be made to the school office on 0115 9155770, text Schoolcomms on 0115 8240395, or email admin@cantrell.nottingham.sch.uk where the admin team will record absence details.

FOREST SCHOOL FOR NURSERY. This takes place on Tuesdays for children in main nursery, up to Easter. Warm waterproof outdoor kit is required, please see the letter sent out previously for more information. Outdoor clothing is available to order here: <https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/outerwear/outerwear-227>.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE. It hasn't left us yet. We have seen a sharp rise in positive cases this week, with children and staff affected. Latest guidance states although there is no longer the **legal** requirement to self-isolate, a child with any of the main Covid-19 symptoms should order a PCR test and **will not be allowed to attend school** while awaiting the result or if the subsequent result is positive. Children with symptoms who do not obtain a PCR test must remain away from school. Parents will be asked to collect their child if they develop symptoms whilst at school. In these cases, children must stay away from school for 5 full days and may return after if they obtain 2 negative lateral flow test results on consecutive days, or after a total of 10 full days after the symptoms started if they feel well. The three main symptoms remain:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell

Children should continue to attend school if they have not tested positive for COVID-19 and are well enough to do so.

SCHOOL MEALS PRICE INCREASE. From **Tuesday 19th April** the price of a school meal will increase to **£2.30** per day/**£11.50** per week. Nottingham City Council is committed to offering a nutritionally balanced two-course meal which meets the government food standards and gives value for money. Could we remind parents that all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive a free school meal, and some children in Years 3 - 6 may be eligible if their parents receive certain benefits. Please enquire at main reception for more details.

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.

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

Ay-Up! Brand new city centre event – Fri 25 to Sun 27 March Old Market Square. Sneinton Market Avenues. Nottingham City Council, in collaboration Nottingham Business Improvement District (BID), the organisation behind It's in Nottingham; is proud to present the first Ay-Up Market which celebrates Nottingham's independent traders and businesses. The three-day event will run in Old Market Square Friday to Sunday and in Sneinton Market Avenues on Saturday. Ay-Up Market gives Nottingham-based independent retailers and creatives, both bricks and mortar and online, a unique trading platform which will highlight the city's fantastic independents. Alongside the market stalls, the event will also include a full programme of live music and street entertainers. A full programme of performances and more details of traders will be issued in the forthcoming weeks.

Give us your views on proposed changes to Nottingham City Libraries. The public [consultation on proposed changes to our library service](#), including the closure of three libraries with low use, high costs and nearby alternatives is currently open. We regret proposing any closures as we know how important libraries are to our communities. No decisions on any of the proposals being discussed have been made or will be made until we consider your views. We would appreciate you responding to our survey to help inform the City Council about shaping its future library service. You can find out more and take part in the consultation here: www.nottinghamcitylibraries.co.uk/the-next-chapter.

Help is available for those struggling with energy bills. The Government-funded Local Authority Delivery scheme is open for applications, and homeowners who have a household income of less than £30,000 per year and live in a home that's hard to keep warm can apply. To find out more about making energy efficiency improvements to your home, contact the team on 0115 6667 298 or email customersupport@nottinghamcity.gov.uk. You can also get assistance with paying your energy bills through a variety of means. To find the support that's on offer, [visit the Ask Lion page here](#). Advice is also available from local charity partners [Nottingham Energy Partnership](#), [Nottingham & Nottinghamshire Age UK](#), and [Energy Saving Trust](#), so visit their websites to see how they can help you.