

Cantrell Primary School Newsletter 20th May 2022



ATTENDANCE. We've had a slight increase on attendance which is now at **94.8%** for the academic year so far, although still below the Ofsted expected standard of 95% we are getting closer so let's keep going!

Holidays in term time. We are still getting lots of requests for holidays during term time. Again, we must 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 or website. 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.

WELL DONE TO OUR YEAR 2s who have completed their SATs this week. They've been absolute stars and have enjoyed some fun activities to celebrate their hard work.

YEAR 1 CASTLES PROJECT. Year 1 can come dressed up as kings, queens, knights, princesses etc next Tuesday 24th May as part of their castles project.

THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE. To celebrate the Queen's 70 year reign, the children will be taking part in various activities next week in class and will have a **non-uniform day on Friday 27th May**. Children can dress in red, white and blue, crowns, or dress as a king, queen, prince or princess for the day. Each family will also receive a commemorative book full of interesting facts about the Queen.

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.

STAFFING. Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to teaching assistants Mrs Haroon and Mr Hamlyn at the end of this half term as they are both leaving Cantrell. Mrs Slater who works in the school office will also be leaving us in June. 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.

DIARY DATES:

w/c 30th May	Half term break. School closed to children
Mon 6th June	Final INSET day. School closed to children. Re-open Tuesday 7 th June
Mon 13th June	School photographer: classes and groups
w/c 27th June	Sports week
w/c 11th July	Sports week contingency
Mon 25th July	Nursery and Rising Stars Open Day 10am – 2pm. Nursery and Rising Stars closed for normal sessions. Letter to follow
Weds 27th July	Last day of term

INSET DATES FOR 2022/23:

Fri 2nd Sept & Mon 5th Sept 2022	School closed to children. Reopen for the Autumn Term on Tuesday 6 th September
Thurs 5th & Fri 6th Jan 2023	School closed to children. Reopen for the Spring Term on Monday 9 th January
Mon 5th June 2023	Final INSET day. School closed to children. Re-open Tuesday 6 th June

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

Music for all. In honour of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with Alfreton Male Voice Choir and Michael Anthony (organ) at St Mary the Virgin and All Souls' Parish church, Bulwell, Nottingham on Saturday 21st May 2022 at 7:00 p.m. FREE admission. Retiring Donations and Raffle on behalf of the Choir and Church Funds. Thank you for your support.

Storytelling in the park. Event by Save Nottingham Libraries at Vernon Park on Saturday 21st May 11am-12.30pm. Borrow a book from Basford Library, listen to our readers and share your own stories. FAMILY FRIENDLY. ALL WELCOME.

Prehistoric Secret Science Show on Tuesday 24th May 2022 (4.30pm – 8.45pm) at **Wollaton Hall**. Discover more: wollatonhall.org.uk/symposium-prehistoric-secret-science-show/ Led by the Nottingham City Museum's Learning & Education team, the evening event will showcase a range of speakers from the **University of Nottingham**, the **University of Birmingham**, **Rutland Water Nature Reserve**, as well as Nottingham City Museum's Curator of Natural Sciences, Dr Adam Smith, and many more....It's ideal for anyone interested in prehistoric life, Natural Science and dinosaurs, and is especially designed for any children at upper primary or secondary school, college, university and adults – It looks set to be an interesting evening that covers a wide range of topics, plus gives everyone the opportunity to meet Titus in the exclusive setting too!

Bulwell Forest Gardens are celebrating 10 years on 18th June. To help raise funds they are running a raffle with prizes including £200 gym membership at Mellish Sports Centre, £100 voucher for Barnett Hair & Retail Salon as well as lots of other valuable prizes. Tickets cost 25p or 5 for £1 and can be purchased from BFG staff. Winners will be drawn on 18th June at their 10 year celebration Garden Party & Food Festival.

Half Moon productions presents 'PARTY'. A quirky birthday party to remember! Afonso wants to go to his best friend's birthday party, but where is his invitation - has it been lost in the post, or maybe he wasn't even invited? When it finally arrives the excitement and nerves become too much to handle. What should he wear? Will they have balloons? Will anyone play with him? And what about the cake? Heartfelt, provocative and full of quirky humour, Party features striking, colourful designs and a glorious contemporary soundtrack. Suitable for: 3+ years and families. Running time:40 minutes. Tickets: **Free** but booking essential as spaces are limited. Performances takes place on Monday 30 May, 10.30am at Clifton Library Tel 0115 915 2837 and 3pm at Strelley Road Library Tel 0115 9152880. *Half Moon is the UK's leading small-scale young people's venue and touring company.*

Handa's Surprise Sensory Play. Come along with your little ones for lots of fun activities based around the book 'Handa's Surprise.' Free and no need to book. Don't wear your best clothes! Friday 27 May, St Ann's Valley Library at 10.30am and Strelley Road Library at 1.30pm.

Type 2 Diabetes Prevention Week from 23 to 28 May. Get advice from the experts at Diabetes UK on managing and reducing your risk of diabetes, living with diabetes, as well as help using the online tools from Diabetes UK to assess your risk level, at our **drop-in sessions around the city:** Mon 23rd May 10am-2pm at Hyson Green Library, Weds 25th May at Bulwell Riverside Library 9am-11am, Aspley Library 1pm-1.30pm, Strelley Road Library 2.30pm-4.30pm, Thurs 26th May at Bilborough Library 9am-11am, Wollaton Library 11.30am-1.30pm, Clifton Library 2.30pm-4.30pm, Sat 28th May at Southglade Park Library 9am-1pm.

Free courses with Community Family Learning.

Learners New to ESOL: Speaking & Listening, St Ann's Valley Centre Library, Course Dates: 18 May to 29 June, every Wednesday for 6 weeks, 9.30am to 11.30am

Introduction to Microsoft Excel, Bulwell Riverside Library, Course Dates: 7 June to 5 July, every Tuesday for 5 weeks, 1pm to 3.30pm

Build a Website using WordPress, Online (Using Zoom), Course Dates: 23 June to 28 July, every Thursday for 6 weeks, 6pm to 7.30pm

Basic IT Skills, Meadows Library, Course Dates: 30 June to 28 July, every Thursday for 5 weeks, 10am to 12.30pm
For more information visit: www.nottinghamcitylibraries.co.uk

Bulwell Riverside Library's Business & IP Centre formally opens to support start-ups and small businesses.

For the first time, Bulwell businesses can access a dedicated space to work or meet and connect with each other. The new centre gives entrepreneurs and business owners the chance to meet with BIPC advisors to discuss their business ideas and access online resources from across the UK which have a combined worth of more than **£5 million**. To find out more about when sites will open, or email bipc@nottinghamcity.gov.uk to request more information and speak with an Advisor. Business & IP Centre Nottinghamshire services are free for start-ups and small businesses due to funding from the British Library and Department of Culture, Media and Sport.

£3.5m to help struggling Nottingham households. Nottingham City Council has secured over £3.5million to support city residents struggling with the rising cost of living. Pensioners and families are set to benefit as the council take steps to help the most vulnerable households. Anyone facing financial difficulties can contact the welfare rights team weekdays 8:30am – 4:50pm: 0115 915 1355 /welfarerights@nottinghamcity.gov.uk, or if you're a council tenant, you can contact Nottingham City Homes for support at www.nottinghamcityhomes.org.uk/renthelp.