

Cantrell Primary School Newsletter 22nd July 2022



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER. Dear Parents, as we approach the end of the academic year, we reflect upon what a journey it has been for the school. It was only in September that pupils returned following the summer break with lots of restrictions still in place. Since then, we have seen a relaxing of Covid measures both in the school and across society. It has meant that for the first time since 2019 pupils in year 6 had their SATs. They performed amazingly and we are celebrating the most successful results we have had in many years – just when national figures have gone down. Nationally, writing is 69% at the expected standard, we achieved 69% too! Reading nationally is 74%, we achieved 82%! Maths nationally is 71% and we achieved 84%! And SPAG nationally is 72% and our fantastic group of year 6's got 84%.

We are so proud of their excellent achievements which are testament to all the children's hard work and endeavours. Whilst these results are a snapshot at a moment in time, they are rich reward for the children's efforts over a turbulent period of schooling. Congratulations to all of you!

Alongside this we are in the midst of a number of school trips taking place including visits to the library, music/choir events and we are currently booking lots for next term. The year 6 teachers are currently planning the residential for next year! It is warming to see these events taking place once again.

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to some of our team, as they venture into exciting new endeavours. We thank Mrs Bucknall, she has been with us for 7 years and has been a valued member of our Cantrell family as a fabulous teaching assistant. We also thank Mr Ward, he has been with us for 9 years and has provided much more than just PE lessons! He has also coached our young people in the mornings, supported sports days and has also been a fabulous member of our team. We thank Mrs Gregory who has been with us for 7 years supporting children at lunchtime, and has been a great help listening to children read as a volunteer. We also say goodbye to Mrs Brookes who although she has only been with us for just over a year, has supported our very youngest children wonderfully – ensuring they have the very best start to their school life. Finally, it's not goodbye but farewell to Mrs Wright who is off on maternity leave, an exciting chapter of her life is beginning and we wish her all the very best.

Many thanks for your continued support throughout this year. We wish you a relaxing and enjoyable summer break and look forward to working with you next year. Children return to school on **Tuesday 6th September**.

ATTENDANCE. 222 children are **In It To Win It** for the final week! Last day of school is **Wednesday 27th July**.

FUN FIT CANCELLATION. The after school club on Mondays with Mrs Bucknall and Miss Smith is CANCELLED until autumn term. Please collect children at normal time 3:30pm, thanks.

FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS. Vouchers will be issued next week for the summer holidays. The government will be issuing £50 per child in receipt of FSM, please see the letter posted on Dojo for more information.

YEAR 1 PIRATE DAY. Children in classes 1A and 1B have absolutely loved learning about Pirates and keep asking to be Pirates! So, we are going to have a Pirate Day on **Tuesday 26th July**. We will do lots of Pirate related activities. The children are invited to come to school dressed as a Pirate. They can come in non-uniform if they don't want to dress up.

YEAR 6 EVENTS. **Thursday 21st July** – Leaver's buffet, this will be free to all year 6 students, more information to follow on Dojo. **Monday 25th July** – Water fight. **Tuesday 26th July** - leavers disco 4-6pm. **Wednesday 27th July** - leavers assembly in the hall - all parents welcome, please arrive at 1:30 for 2pm start. Please refer to Dojo for updates and more information.

BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB. All outstanding balances will need to be cleared before the children break up from school please.

YEAR 2 PARENTS SCHOOL MEALS. From **1st September 2022** when your child is in year 3, he/she will no longer receive a Universal Free School Meal. A sQuid registration letter will be sent out at the beginning of next term to enable you to register and pay for meals online. The cost is **£2.30** per day/**£11.50** per week. You

may still be eligible for free school meals if you receive certain benefits: Child Tax Credit, but NOT entitled to Working Tax Credit and you have an annual gross income of no more than **£16,190** as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs. We encourage you to apply so please complete an application form sent out today and return to main reception. You can also download a form here:

<https://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/information-for-residents/education-and-schools/benefits-for-school-aged-children/free-school-meals-and-free-milk/>

MEDICINES. If your child requires medication at school, please bring it into main reception to complete a permission form. The medication needs to be in its labelled packaging and we can only issue medication at lunchtime.

LOST PROPERTY REMINDER. Please can you ensure your child's items are labelled with their full name and class so these can be returned easily if found. Please do have a rummage for your lost items as anything not collected before the end of term will be discarded.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE. Last week the children were sent home with a summer reading challenge which is run by Nottingham Library Service. The aim is for the children to read 6 books over the summer break and win prizes and stickers. We have someone coming in next Wednesday to start handing out prizes for children who have read 2 books. Anyone who reads over 6 books will be entered into a prize draw.

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.

SCHOOL TRENDS UNIFORM ORDERS. The company asks that parents order on or before the 18th July for back-to-school uniform deliveries. Please allow 28 days for dispatch during July, August and September.

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

Financial support available this summer from Nottingham City Council:

Free holiday clubs. This Summer, if your child is entitled to Free School Meals, as well as receiving the £50 supermarket voucher, your child is entitled to attend free holiday activity clubs with a free lunch provided. The clubs are provided through the Council's Free Fun and Food programme. The clubs will be delivered by Nottingham Forest Community Trust and other community groups at venues across the city. Please find your nearest club and book your place here www.asklion.co.uk/funandfood. If your child is not eligible for Free School Meals some places are still available on a first come, first served basis. Please contact the clubs to ask about available places.

Summer holiday activities. For a range of activities over the summer holidays type the attached link into google <https://bit.ly/ParentsJuly22>.

How can I get more help? The Council has been working with community partners and welfare advice agencies to determine how best to allocate the remaining vouchers. This Summer further supermarket and energy vouchers will be given out through Nottingham Advice Centres, Age UK Notts and other local community organisations including Nottingham City Homes and Metropolitan Thames Valley Housing. These agencies have the specialism to work with households in financial crisis and can advise people about finances and the wider welfare support available. A full list of these organisations can be found on the council's webpages here www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/householdsupportvouchers Families are welcome to contact these advice agencies to book an appointment. The appointment will provide advice on the welfare support available in Nottingham including the availability of extra vouchers.

YMCA Camp Williams: Returns this August and children from all local schools are welcome. Children aged 4-15 will take part in camp rallies, sports, swimming, games and crafts. Plus, 8-15 year olds on our full programme can take part in skills clinics ranging from archery to climbing, skateboarding to mountain biking, music and drama to basketball. Our new Creative Academy, a performing arts programme for young people aged 11-18 begins in August too. It's a fantastic opportunity to learn performing arts skills, and create, collaborate and perform their own work with others. *Week & Day Bookings Available The Nottingham Emmanuel School, West Bridgford 0115 711 7006.* Please see Dojo for more information.

Personal training. Mr Ward will be starting his new career in personal training over the summer and is looking for clients who want to improve their fitness and nutrition. Mr Ward will be doing his personal training from FXD Fitness in Bilborough and Kinetic Studios in Sherwood. For more information text – 07960377871; Facebook - Majestic Fitness & Nutrition; Instagram – MajesticFitnessNutrition.