

Cantrell Primary School Newsletter 24th June 2022



ATTENDANCE. We're still at **94.7%** due to chronic absence and holidays in 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, please do not leave it until the day before to inform us by phone/email.** 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 - final push for the last 4.5 weeks of term with a gift for each child at school every day from Monday 27th June until the end of term. We'll also have end of term attendance prizes for children with 100% for the whole school year.

SPORTS WEEK. As you'll be aware, next week is Sports Week and we have changed the way we do things over the last few years, and some changes were easier to make than others. For example, children wearing PE kit to come to school has meant longer PE sessions and less lost property. Some changes have been harder to make and one of these has been the decision to change sports day to an internal sports week. The format we had previously led to the children being outside on the field for many hours, without shade. The lunchtime was also spent outside and then running races were held in the afternoon. We decided to try a different format last year and the classes really liked it, much more relaxed and more aimed at each year group. This year we have gone for the same format. However, this means that different year groups have sports on different days and so the decision was made not to have parents involved as you could, if you have three children and go to work, end up having to take three days/half days off work. We felt the opportunity should be equal for all parents and made the very difficult decision to keep sports week internal.

We sincerely apologise if this has caused any upset and apologise that it has been badly communicated to you all. We hope to have many other events for parents to attend, including an open evening for you to come and look at your child's work and have a look at the classrooms etc. We are also returning to school performances, starting with the leaver's assembly and end of year celebration for children in year 6. We are also welcoming our new intake of children into foundation and holding two parents' meetings in the hall in the next few weeks. We also had a playground gallery of year two work to enjoy, just before the break.

We look forward to seeing parents on site more often this term and over the coming year, and want you to feel a welcome and integral part of our community. Thank you for your understanding, Mrs. Weaver

MONTHLY ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER. I know the difficulties being a parent in this digital world and trying to understand, and sometimes keep one step ahead of our children to keep them safe online – we could all do with a little bit of help from time to time! With that in mind, I am pleased to announce that we have subscribed to a monthly online safety newsletter, which has lots of hints and tips regarding keeping your children safe online. Keep an eye out on our ClassDojo School Story, where we will upload the newsletter for you to read at your leisure.

RELATIONSHIPS & SEX EDUCATION DAY 30th JUNE. This year's theme is 'Celebrating Differences – Everyone Can Sparkle!' Children across school will be participating in a variety of educational activities to explore this theme, celebrating their uniqueness.

CLASS & GROUP PHOTOS. Class photos have been distributed to classes today. Group photos will be given out when your child attends their club/group in the coming week. If you are ordering via school, please return your envelopes with the correct payment to the school office by **Wednesday 6th July.**

FINAL REMINDER - JOB VACANCIES. We are looking to appoint **2 Level 2 qualified Teaching Assistants.** Working in early years and across main school, we are looking for adaptable, flexible and resourceful individuals able

to cope in an active and vibrant environment to help our pupils develop in all areas of their learning. Closing date **Monday 27th June**, 12 noon. To request an application pack or for more details please email admin@cantrell.nottingham.sch.uk, or ask at main reception.

LOST PROPERTY. With the hot weather we're having, our lost property box is overflowing with hoodies, jumpers and cardigans! 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.

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.

STAY SAFE THIS SUMMER. We're all enjoying this long-overdue sunshine – but when the temperatures start to hit 30 degrees, then we all need to take care. Please remember to send your child to school with a labelled water bottle and sun hat and encourage them to drink plenty of fluids, as we will be.

PUPILS FEEDBACK SURVEY 2022. Nottingham Catering would like to do a Pupil Feedback Survey to help improve their school meals service ready for when children come back in September. This is the link for the Pupils Feedback Survey: <https://online1.snapsurveys.com/EatCulturePupilSurvey2022>. The survey is mainly aimed at children who have a school meal but can be given to all the older children. Children can enter into a prize draw to win a £20 day out voucher and they will let school know who the winner is. The survey will close on Friday 8th July 2022.

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

Nottingham Refugee Week launches this Saturday 25th June 11am – 4pm with a fabulous line-up of music, dance, food, craft, family fun, wellbeing goodies and stalls from refugee organisations across the city at Sneinton Market. This year's theme is 'Healing'; please join in to celebrate sanctuary in the city. Everything is free and all are welcome. Find out more at: <https://nottinghamrefugeeweek.org/2022/>.

Free courses with Community Family Learning:

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.

£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 /welfare@nottinghamcity.gov.uk, or if you're a council tenant, you can contact Nottingham City Homes for support at www.nottinghamcityhomes.org.uk/renthelp.

A Midsummer Night's Dream: Ages 7+. Saturday 25 June, 3pm & 6pm, Sunday 26 June, 1pm and 4pm. £12 (£8 concessions) Join Lakeside and Nottingham Playhouse for more Shakespearean fun this summer. It's the turn of Puck, Bottom, Titania and four deeply confused young lovers to perform this much-loved magical and comic tale. Four fabulous performers, merry music and much mayhem is promised as we bring Shakespeare's classic tale to life.

Nottingham High School Year 7 Taster Day – Wednesday 29th June 2022. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to take part in a day of fun and interesting activities, meet some of our Senior School teachers, and learn more about what is on offer for them at Nottingham High School. School tours will also be available for parents on the day. This event is designed for current Year 5 students, who may be interested in applying for a place at Nottingham High School for September 2023 entry. If you would like to register your child to attend, please email Ruth Boxer, Head of Admissions & Partnership boxer.rj@nottinghamhigh.co.uk.

Radford Swimming Club are looking for young swimmers to join their club and swim competitively in galas. If you're aged between 6 and 10 years, have done swimming before and can swim at least 50m contact us by completing the 'Register for Trial' form on our website: www.radfordswimmingclub.co.uk.

Bulwell Arts Festival begins 2nd July until 9th July with lots of events taking place across the week. Please visit www.bulwellartsfestival.com to see the full event program.