

# Cantrell Primary School Newsletter 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023



**ATTENDANCE.** Maintaining **94.2%** for the academic year so far which is great! **176** children are In It To Win It in the penultimate week for an Easter prize!

**HOLIDAYS IN TERM-TIME.** A further reminder that no holidays are being authorised this academic year and fixed penalty fines will be issued.

**IMPORTANT UPDATE BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB FOR ALL CANTRELL CHILDREN.** Everyone who has completed the new contract will have received a booking confirmation. If you have not received this, please contact the office ASAP, if you have not returned a booking form your child will no longer have a place in April. Thank you. The new contracts and terms of conditions will begin from **April 1st meaning Breakfast Club will be £4 a session and After School Club £5 a session.** All money must be paid in advance or you will lose the place. Those parents who pay by the Government scheme (Childcare Grant Payment Service for full time students), have informed us of the dates when those payments will be made to school.

**CANTRELL'S READING CHALLENGE WEEK 4.** Congratulations to class 3A with an impressive 93% (closely followed by Miss Langham's 6A)! 🙌🏆👏. This will be the last week of this inter-class competition and every class has the chance to increase their average score! All you have to do is read 4 times BEFORE next Monday (27<sup>th</sup> March) AND get an adult to sign your reading diary. The higher your overall class score this week, the better your average will be 🙌!

**BECOMING A CANTRELL CHAMPION VOLUNTEER.** We are continuing to build our group of volunteers to help support different community activities, including the pop-up giveaways. Please speak to Nicola Curzon or Ralph Surman for more information and to offer help and support for the Great Spring Giveaway.

**NURSERY OPEN DAY.** This will take place on **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March** 10am – 2pm. Please pop in and visit the Rising Stars and Nursery Open day any time between 10am - 2pm with your child. All children MUST be accompanied by a parent during the Open Day. You will have a chance to stay and play and look at your child's Learning Journey so far. Staff will be available for chats and advice. A reminder that Nursery and Rising Stars will be closed for normal sessions on this day.

**THE HOBBIT.** Our small change collection raised **£285.83** towards continuing theatre provision at Cantrell. Thank you to everyone who donated to this cause.

**SAT'S WEEK YEAR 6.** These take place immediately after the Coronation Bank Holiday on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May. Holidays must not be booked from Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May inclusive. A detailed timetable of tests will follow shortly.

**SWIMMING.** This will start on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April** and every Tuesday in summer term for children in Year 6. Please ensure your child comes to school with their swimming kit. Long hair needs to be tied back. Girls need to wear a one piece costume and boys need trunks or shorts (no pockets and none below the knee). If your child wears goggles, please write a letter giving your permission to wear them.

**YEAR 5 FOREST SCHOOL.** This will start on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April** for children in classes 5A and 5B. Children will need to bring suitable outdoor clothing to change into every week. Please see the separate letter sent out for the list of clothing required. Waterproof suits and trousers are available online at [www.schooltrends.co.uk](http://www.schooltrends.co.uk).

**COUNSELLING SESSIONS.** We are still accepting referrals for pupils to access the school's counselling service. There are a few spaces remaining on the waiting list to begin sessions this academic year. This service is available for Key Stage 2 children (years 3 – 6). Parent referral forms can be found on the school website or by speaking to

a member of staff. Please visit the school website for more information about the service: <https://www.cantrell.nottingham.sch.uk/index.php/counselling>. If your child is in need of support, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff; wellbeing will always be our top priority. There are many charities that offer advice and someone to talk to in times of need. These include: SHOUT 85258 – a 24hr text service; ChildLine 0800 1111; <https://www.kooth.com/> - online support community.

**POP-UP SPRING GIVEAWAY WE HOPE YOUR SPRING CLEAN IS UNDERWAY!** We are happy to accept donations of Cantrell school uniform you may have at home along with any other nearly new clothes, coats, second-hand books, shoes, and unwanted presents suitable for children of any age group. Please make sure all clothes are washed before donating. This is a wonderful way to have a spring clean and support the Cantrell school community at the same time. Donations can be left on the tables in the school foyer.

**YEAR 3 PARENTS SPECIAL ASSEMBLY INVITE – CHILDREN'S CURRICULUM CELEBRATION.** A special assembly will take place on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May** starting at 1:45pm. Parents and family members are invited to join us for this special event. If you could help with serving tea and coffee, then please approach the year 3 staff. This special assembly will be a great way for the children to demonstrate their learning and for parents to see all their hard work linked to the subjects they study. We're hoping this provides plenty of notice for you and we look forward to meeting you on the day.

**CANTRELL PARENT GOVERNORS: FORMAL CALL FOR NOMINATIONS.** We begin the formal notification of two vacancies for parent governors at Cantrell. We are calling for nominations and provide a timetable ending with an election count. Nomination packs are available and can be collected from the school office. The returning officer for this election will be the Headteacher. Timetable:

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March – nominations open

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April – nominations close

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April – voting opens

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May – voting closes at 9:15am. Vote Counted at 9:30am. Result declared and published.

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**Shopping & Street Food in Nottingham.** Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> - Sun 26<sup>th</sup> March, Old Market Square, Nottingham. The award-winning International Market returns to Nottingham this week. Featuring an array of global treats, Old Market Square will host unusual arts and crafts, fine foods and delis, alongside mouth-watering street food. Some of the delicious food and drink on offer includes gyros, crepes, exotic meats, salami and a variety of continental beers and wine. The ever-popular Dutch Market Garden will be bringing colourful flowers, bulbs and plants. There will also be a great range of crafts and gifts from across the world for shoppers to explore.

**Easter Egg Hunt at The Workhouse and Infirmary.** Upton Road, Southwell, Nottinghamshire, NG25 0PT. This spring, treat the whole family to a world of adventure at The Workhouse and Infirmary on an Easter trail. Make your way along the trail and find nature-inspired activities for the whole family. The trail takes place between Saturday 1 - Sunday 16 April, from 10:30am to 4pm, with last entry at 3pm, so come along and explore the outside spaces of The Workhouse and Infirmary. Prices are £3 per trail which includes an Easter trail sheet, pencil, bunny ears and Rainforest Alliance Certified dairy or vegan and Free From\* chocolate egg. \*Suitable for people with milk, egg, gluten, peanut and tree nut allergies. Weave around the outdoor spaces of this imposing building. Discover activities perfect for the family. While you're exploring on the Easter trail, you can step indoors to discover a world frozen in time.

**Easter at Bulwell Forest Garden.** Grow, cook and play. Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 11am – 2pm. Crafts, Easter hunt; bulb planting; Forest School fun; free food for kids; plants; hot drinks and cakes for sale. £1 per child. Parents FREE! For more details contact [admin@bulwellforestgarden.co.uk](mailto:admin@bulwellforestgarden.co.uk).