

Cantrell Primary School Newsletter 25th November 2022



CANTRELL GOVERNING BODY. We have welcomed two new co-opted Governors onto the Governing Body. Anna Young and Ali Yeter have been appointed for three years from 21st November 2022.

ATTENDANCE. We've dropped to **94.7%** for the academic year so far, which is below the Ofsted expected standard of 95%. Being ill may prevent your child from coming to school but, if they can get out of bed and play on electronic equipment or enjoy TV, they should be in school. Coughs and sneezes are not an excuse to miss school and feeling tired is not an illness.

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.

NURSERY PLACES AVAILABLE. If you have a two, three or four-year-old child, we now have FREE nursery places available. Our Early Years provision is consistently rated **Good** by Ofsted. Please ring 0115 9155770 to book a visit.

JOB VACANCY. We are looking to appoint an experienced part time **Site Manager** who can contribute to maintaining, improving and developing our learning environment both inside and out. Working mornings, 20 hours/week, this is an excellent opportunity for the right person to join a supportive, friendly team. For an informal conversation about the post, please contact Mr Surman on 0115 9155770. To request an application pack please email admin@cantrell.nottingham.sch.uk, or apply via eteach at <https://www.eteach.com/job/site-manager-1287080>. Closing date extended to **Thursday 1st December.**

TIME TO APPLY FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER 2023. Applications are now open for children starting in Reception next year. For children who will turn five years old between 1 September 2023 and 31 August 2024, parents have until Sunday, 15 January 2023 to complete their application on time. Letters were given to children in main nursery earlier this week. Apply online at www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/startingprimary.

CHILDREN IN NEED. Many thanks for all your donations last week. We raised **£337.25** so far.

BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB. These continue to be extremely popular this term with a waiting list for children with working parents. If your child has a place and does not attend for two consecutive weeks (unless absent from school due to illness), their place will be offered to the next child on the waiting list. When booking, a reminder that places should be PAID FOR IN ADVANCE. Failure to pay will result in your child losing a place at the club(s).

EARLY YEARS DIARY DATE REMINDERS

Tue 6th December	Visit to Winter Wonderland on Bulwell Forest Garden: children in Reception, Y1, Y2
Wed 14th December	Christmas lunch
Mon 19th December	EYFS Christmas concert 10am & 2pm parents welcome, details to follow
Tue 20th December	Christmas party day
Wed 21st December	Nursery Open Day 10am – 2pm. Children visit with parents. <i>*Nursery and Rising Stars will be closed on this day*</i>
Friday 31st Mar 2023	Nursery Open Day 10am – 2pm. Children visit with parents.
Mon 24th July 2023	<i>*Nursery and Rising Stars will be closed on these days*</i>

POP-UP SECOND HAND UNIFORM & BOOK STALL. Cantrell school uniform: grown out of it — donate it! To support our scheme, we are asking families to donate any unwanted items of uniform that are in good condition and could be worn by another child. Get them washed and bring into school. **Second hand books:** sort and donate your books to school. We would like books for all age groups including novels and non-fiction for parents to read. Bring books and uniform into school from **Monday 12th December**. Our pop-up stall will be on **Friday 16th December** after school.

WEBSITE UPDATE. We have over 20 different languages spoken across our Cantrell community. We've updated the school website to enable parents to use the translate button to read the main body of information in your spoken first language. <https://www.cantrell.nottingham.sch.uk/>.

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

Warm Welcome Spaces. Struggling to keep warm this winter? There are many registered organisations that have opened or are opening up free, warm, welcoming spaces for the public over this winter:

- [Bulwell URC](#). Broomhill Road, Bulwell, Nottingham NG6 9JL **Open from 28/11/2022. Everybody is welcome, but under 18's must be accompanied by an adult. Open every Monday evening (except bank hols) from 18:00-20:00 for warm space, free soup and refreshments, games, jigsaws & conversation.
- [Basford Road Baptist Church](#), Nottingham NG6 0JL. basfordroadbaptist.org.uk/. Wed 11:00 - 13:00.
- [SFICE Social Café](#) Hyson Green. Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays. A huge part of our Mission is to fight food poverty, so each week we hold our Social Cafe, where you can pick a two course hot meal for you and your family for free, including free food parcels, clothes, toiletries and other necessities. Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 4pm-6pm. SFICE House, 75a Raleigh Street, Nottingham NG7 4DL (within the grounds of All Saints' Church). Call 07941 378265 - if we do not answer, leave a voicemail and we will call you back. Email info@sfice.org.
- [Crabtree Farm Community Kitchen](#) Bulwell. Wednesdays 2pm - 6pm. Community members can use the centre as a warm safe place to help reduce fuel bills at home. Caribbean Food, Adults £6, Kids £4. Crabtree Farm Community Centre, Steadfold close, Nottingham NG6 8AX. Telephone 0115 9272869, email crabtreecommunitycentre@msn.com

Christmas Craft Market at Nottingham Castle - relocated due to Castle closure. Christmas shoppers in Nottingham looking for a festive experience as well as the chance to find the perfect Christmas gift, from a local independent trader, can visit Sneinton Market Avenues from 11am to 4pm on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th November. Sneinton Market Avenues, Nottingham NG1 1DW.

Bulwell St Mary's Church. Happy birthday/Jesus party on **Saturday 3rd December** 11am – 1:30pm. Contact Zoe at zoejackson000@gmail.com to reserve a place. Come and celebrate with us, party games, party food, music, craft and fun. Everyone welcome, children to be accompanied by an adult.

Energy Bill Rebate payments for Nottingham residents. Just a quick reminder that there's only one week left for Nottingham residents to cash additional energy support vouchers before the 30 November deadline. These Post Office voucher payments form part of the Government's Energy Bill Rebate scheme and they've been sent out to eligible residents by post and email. Please look out for these, including in your junk email folder. The email would have come from donotreply@postoffice-payout.co.uk. Payments range between £25 and £150 depending on individual circumstances but they cannot be redeemed beyond Wednesday of next week, so please make sure you cash yours before that point. There is more advice and information for people with concerns about financial issues at www.asklion.co.uk.

Claim the benefits you are entitled to. Now more than ever it's important that you are making sure you are getting any benefits you are entitled to, to boost your income! Many benefits go unclaimed because people don't know what they are entitled to. Last year Nottingham advice services helped people to unlock many millions of pounds of unclaimed benefits and tax credits – often by helping to overturn benefits decisions which were wrongly refused. You can check what you're entitled to by using the online Benefits Calculator tool at www.asklion.co.uk/benefits. All City Libraries provide free access to computers with an internet connection. You'll need to sign up as a library member to use them. You can also connect to the library Wi-Fi for free on your own electronic devices such as laptops and smartphones.

Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club. Young people from diverse backgrounds are invited to enjoy a first taste of cricket as the pioneering ACE (African Caribbean Engagement) Programme stages a Street Cricket Open Day in St Ann's. Introductory cricket activities will be staged at the Brendon Lawrence Sports Centre between 10am and 2pm on **Saturday 3 December**, with a focus on the fast-paced indoor format of the sport which has seen rapid growth across Nottingham. Those aged between 8 and 15 years of age are encouraged to attend in particular, and can register free of charge at <https://www.trentbridge.co.uk/news/2022/november/street-cricket-open-day-register-your-place.html>.