

Cantrell Primary School Newsletter 25th February 2022

ATTENDANCE. We've achieved **94.6%** for the academic year so far which is below the Ofsted expectation of 95%. **In It To Win It** starts this week. Children at school every day from 22nd February to 1st April will receive a prize just in time for Easter!

FOREST SCHOOL FOR NURSERY. This takes place on Tuesdays for children in main nursery, up to Easter. Warm waterproof outdoor kit is required, please see the letter sent out previously for more information. Outdoor clothing is available to order here: <https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/outerwear/outerwear-227>.

DECODABLE READING BOOKS USED IN YEARS 1, 2 & 3 – now available on your phone and other electronic devices. The Big Cats decodable reading books used in school are available for your children to read on electronic devices (up to and including turquoise book band). Your child will continue to have a traditional paper copy of their current reading book. This allows parents and children to access the decodable reading books at home on a computer, tablet or smart phone. We believe this is a brilliant modern way to engage children in reading and was a real success during lockdown. If this is something you would like to have access to, please fill in the reply slip below and return it to your child's teacher. You will then receive unique log in details and the correct books will be assigned to your child.

WORLD BOOK DAY THURSDAY 3rd MARCH. We will be celebrating World Book Day in a variety of ways this year. On **Thursday 3rd March** children can come to school in pyjamas/onesies, bring a teddy and a favourite book so we can share our love of reading. Other activities will take place during the day. On **Thursday 10th March**, M&M Theatre Productions will be performing 'The Railway Children' in school for the children to enjoy. Children will be given a World Book Day voucher which can be exchanged for books from Waterstones, WHSmith, supermarkets or used as £1 part payment for a book of their choice.

AREA BAND CONCERT. This will take place on **Tuesday 15th March** at Ellis Guilford school for Area Band members. Return to school for 5:30pm. Please see the separate letter sent out for more details.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE. Please see the separate letter from the Local Authority, detailing the latest guidance.

IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION: Facebook Serious concerns have been raised about comments made on the so-called alternative Cantrell Facebook page. This page is not run by or endorsed by the school in any way. Please be aware that any comments personal to the school, staff and pupils can and will be shared with the police if they are deemed inflammatory, derogatory or offensive.

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

Have you claimed your £50 supermarket voucher? We have more £50 supermarket vouchers to give away to people in Nottingham who claim Council Tax Support. The City Council has secured the vouchers through the Government's Household Support Grant. We gave away the first batch of vouchers in December and reopened the scheme for a second batch of vouchers earlier this month. If you claimed in December you can still claim another voucher in February. These are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Click here to find out more: www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/HouseholdSupportVouchers.

Last chance to join Kickstart scheme. The Kickstart Scheme which launched in 2020 to offer high quality six-month work placements for young people aged 16 to 24 and on Universal Credit is running until 28 February. Kickstart jobs offer a wide experience of careers including in manual trade, office work, IT, or something creative like marketing or graphic design, take a look on the Nottingham Jobs website to see the variety of roles available right now www.nottinghamjobs.com/current-vacancies/.

Give us your views on proposed changes to Nottingham City Libraries. The public [consultation on proposed changes to our library service](https://www.nottinghamcitylibraries.co.uk/the-next-chapter), including the closure of three libraries with low use, high costs and nearby alternatives is currently open. We regret proposing any closures as we know how important libraries are to our communities. No decisions on any of the proposals being discussed have been made or will be made until we consider your views. We would appreciate you responding to our survey to help inform the City Council about shaping its future library service. You can find out more and take part in the consultation here: www.nottinghamcitylibraries.co.uk/the-next-chapter.

Golden Arrow Challenge: Find one of ten golden arrows around Nottingham and win an all-inclusive family ticket to Nottingham Castle. This February, we'll be sending out 10 golden arrows across Nottingham to spread a little love to our local communities. Grab your friends and family and go searching for one of 10 golden arrows, which will appear in different areas across Nottingham, to be in with a chance of winning a family ticket to visit the Castle, including the Robin Hood experience and Cave Tour. Arrows will be hidden in The Meadows, Sneinton, Carlton, Forest Fields, Beeston, Wollaton,

Hucknall, Bulwell, Lenton and Arnold. If you get stuck, don't worry – we'll be sharing hints and tips over on our [Instagram stories](#) to give you the best chance of finding a prize! Once you discover an arrow, it's 'finders keepers'! All you need to do to claim your prize is share a picture of your arrow with us on Instagram, tagging @nottinghamcastle and using the hashtag #GoldenArrowChallenge. Alternatively, you can email us at marketing@nottinghamcastle.org.uk with a picture to claim your prize. Best of luck and happy hunting! #GoldenArrowChallenge.

Free course on getting back into work at Crabtree Community centre. Need a refresh? Want to increase your opportunities? Do you live in Nottingham City and are aged 19 or over? On Wednesday March 2nd and 9th at the Crabtree Farm Community Centre, Crabtree Farm Estate, Steadfold Close, Bulwell NG6 8AX, 9:30am-12pm. A free course delivered in small groups over 5 sessions where you will:

- ◆ Create or develop your CV
- ◆ Look at how to improve your opportunities
- ◆ Improve your interview techniques
- ◆ Better understand your finances

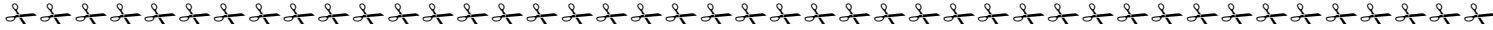
Book your place now by calling Lindsay on 07990 041108 or email lindsay@rtse.co.uk or speak to Marie at the Centre.

Activities at Bulwell St Mary's Church. 10am Whiz Kids (Sunday School) fun, friendly arts, crafts, stories, videos, songs and more! For children aged 5-12. If your child will need a drink, we ask that a drink in a drinks bottle is provided. Whiz Kids runs on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays. On the other Sundays we are invited to worship together at our Family Mass. **Saturday 5 March 11:30am Muddy Church.** Meet in front of the tower – FREE fun trail, craft stations, & activities, hot dogs & God slot. FREE event book with Father Andrew. (lasting 1 hour approx.)

Nottingham Boys Choir. Opening Evening **Wednesday 2nd March** 6-7pm Daybrook Baptist Church, Mansfield Road, Daybrook, Nottingham, NG5 6AA. Come and try out our choir. For boys aged 6 years old and up. Dads and Grandads welcome too. To book, email nottinghamboyschoir@gmail.com. More information at www.nottinghamboyschoir.co.uk.

Junior Bake Off. Applications have recently opened for the 8th series of **Junior Bake Off**; a Channel 4 programme that celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain. They are looking for young budding bakers between **9-12 years old**. Filming would take place from July 2022, but **applications close on Sunday 13th March 2022**. Interested bakers can apply online at www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk.

Radford swimming club. The club is looking for young swimmers to join their successful swimming club and swim competitively in galas. For children aged 6 – 10 and able to swim at least 50m. Contact them by completing the 'Register for Trial' form on their website: www.radfordswimmingclub.co.uk.



Reply slip - access to Collins eBooks for Year 1, 2 and 3 children – please return to class teacher

I would like access to Collins eBooks for _____ (child's name) in class _____