

Cantrell Primary School Newsletter 26th March 2021



ATTENDANCE. Maintaining **96.5%** for the school year so far. Congratulations to children in class 3A with Mrs Whittlesea, and class 5A with Mr White. They enjoyed a non-uniform day today for achieving 100% attendance!

SPRING FORWARD. Remember the clocks go forward 1 hour on Sunday – reset your alarms for Monday!

FREE SCHOOL MEALS. For each week of the Easter holiday, a £15 supermarket food voucher will again be provided to every eligible child in Nottingham. A link will be sent via email before pupils break up for Easter.

FOREST SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN IN RA & RB. This will begin on **Tuesday 20th April.** Please see the separate letter sent out today for more information. Children will need to come to school in warm outdoor clothing, plus waterproof clothing/wellies in a separate bag. Outdoor clothing is available to order here: <https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/outerwear/outerwear-227>.

LATERAL FLOW TESTS. Please be advised that the purpose of doing these tests at home is if you or a member of your family are not showing symptoms of coronavirus. We know that one in three people who have the virus have no symptoms and could be inadvertently spreading it to their family. If you or a family member have the following symptoms: **a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – then please book a coronavirus test.

PARENTS EVENING. These will take place virtually week commencing **26th April 2021.** We will be using a system new to us, SchoolCloud. Please register at <https://cantrellprimary.schoolcloud.co.uk/>, from **Wednesday 31st March** to book your slot. Confirmation of your appointment will be sent via email so please make sure we have an up to date, working email address for you. Please send this including your child's name, to: admin@cantrell.nottingham.sch.uk.

VACANCIES. We are looking for a **Site Manager** (permanent) and 2 Level 1 **Teaching Assistants** (temporary) to join the Cantrell team. More details are available here <https://www.eteach.com/schools/cantrell-primary-and-nursery-school-20824>, or contact the school office for more information.

A REMINDER OF START AND FINISH TIMES. Siblings are to **arrive** at the **earliest time** for all of them and **leave** at the **earliest time**:

Bottom (Drive) gate

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| • Year 6 arrive 8:40 – 8:50am | Leave 3:05 – 3:10pm |
| • Year 2 arrive 8:50 – 9:00am | Leave 3:10 – 3:20pm * <i>please note new times</i> |
| • Year 5 arrive 9:00 – 9:10am | Leave 3:20 – 3:30pm * <i>please note new times</i> |

Main gate

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| • Year 4 arrive 8:30 – 8:45am | Leave 3:00 – 3:10pm – <i>please queue on opposite side of gate, do not gather in a group.</i> |
| • Year 3 arrive 8:50 – 9:00am | Leave 3:10 – 3:20pm |
| • Year 1 arrive 9:00 – 9:10am | Leave 3:20 – 3:30pm |

EYFS gate

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| • RA/RB arrive 8:45am | Leave 3:00pm |
| • Nursery 30 hours children arrive 9:00am | Leave 3:00pm |
| • Morning nursery arrive 9:00am | Leave 11:00am |
| • Afternoon nursery arrive 1:00pm | Leave 3:00pm |
| • Rising stars will re-open on Monday 19 th April: morning 8:45 to 11:45 afternoon 12:30 to 3:30 | |

If you are bringing siblings, they should all arrive at the earliest child's time, and will go to class early. A staff member will look after them until class begins. The same applies for collecting siblings, please arrive at the earliest time and leave promptly.

RED NOSE DAY. We raised a fantastic **£357.00** last Friday, thanks for your donations.

BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS. These are open **for working parents only** at present. Timings are 7:30am to 8:45am and 3:00pm to 5:30pm respectively. **Advance booking is essential as the clubs are full.** Waiting lists are in operation. Please email days required to admin@cantrell.nottingham.sch.uk, this also applies to parents of children who attended during lockdown. We will then confirm your child's place. Can we remind parents who bring children to Breakfast Club to wait at the gate with their child until collected by a member of staff. Please do not leave your child unattended and please do not turn up on the day as places are limited.

P.E. LESSONS. Current safety guidelines mean that children will not be changing clothes in school. Children in classes RA/RB will be introduced to PE after they have settled back in, so will not need their PE kit yet. On the following days, **please ensure your child wears their P.E. kit to school**, which they will remain in all day:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3 Year 4	Year 6 Year 1 & Forest School	Year 5 Daily Mile

Children in Year 5 will also be doing the daily mile so trainers needed every day please as before. Children in Year 1 also have Forest school on Thursday afternoons, so please send children to school in PE kit with wellies and warmer jumpers and coats for the afternoon.

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

Are you struggling to pay your water charges? If you are a Severn Trent Water customer and require assistance, apply for help today via THE BIG DIFFERENCE SCHEME. Apply online at www.bigdiff.co.uk, complete the online application form. You could receive up to 90% off the average Severn Trent water bill through the Big Difference Scheme. Eligibility for the scheme is based on all household income (excluding housing entitlements, Disability Living Allowance, Personal independence Payments and Attendance Allowance). If you are eligible for income based free school meals it's likely that you will qualify for the Big Difference Scheme. The Big Difference Scheme is funded by Severn Trent Water, which offers significantly reduced water charges to some households on a low income.

FREE Fun and Food this Easter. Support is available for FREE Fun and Food this Easter – both for families receiving Free School Meals and families in receipt of council tax support. See more below!

Additional support for food. Not eligible for Free School Meals, but still experiencing hardship? Some families don't qualify for Free Schools Meals but can still be experiencing financial hardship. If your family receives council tax support you may be eligible for a £50 supermarket e-voucher to help you with food and essential supplies. Apply online here <https://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/covid-winter-grant-scheme/>

Activities for all pupils. All pupils across the city are welcome to download a FREE performance of Jack and the Beanstalk from Nottingham Playhouse. This charming production is filled with music and dancing, and is perfect for children aged 3 – 8. Once you rent the production, you'll be able to watch any time between Friday 2 and Friday 16 April 2021. You might even want to watch it twice! To rent Jack and the Beanstalk on demand for FREE over the Easter holidays, visit <https://nottinghamplayhouse.co.uk/events/jack-od-easter/>. Enter the promo code JACKEASTER when prompted in the payment section.

Activities for pupils receiving Free School Meals. Nottingham City Council has teamed up with Nottingham Playhouse to offer 200 FREE places for activities in their famous Family Fest. Places are available for children in receipt of Free School Meals. The 13 Family Fest sessions that qualify for FREE places are:

AGES 5 - 7
Dance Stars Dance Class: Pop (online) Wed 14 Apr
Creative Writing: Poetry and Stories (online) Wed 14 Apr
Dance Stars Dance Class: Musicals (online) Thu 15 Apr
Interactive Choose Your Own Adventure Story (online) Thu 15 Apr
Thursday Drama Games (online) Thu 15 Apr
Singing, Songs and Silliness (in person) Fri 16 Apr
Friday Drama Games (in person) Fri 16 Apr

AGES 7 - 11
Creative Writing: Poetry and Stories (online) Mon 12 Apr
Monday Drama Games (online) Mon 12 Apr
Dance Stars Dance Class: Musicals (online) Tue 13 Apr
Interactive Choose Your Own Adventure Story (online) Tue 13 Apr
Tuesday Drama Games (online) Tue 13 Apr
Dance Stars Dance Class: Pop (in person) Fri 16 Apr

All you have to do to book your **FREE** Family Fest place is head here: <https://nottinghamplayhouse.co.uk/whats-on/family-fest-online/>. Choose which session you'd like to attend and enter the promo code AMFESTCITY when prompted in the payment section. All the joining information for the events will be on your e-ticket, which will be emailed after booking. Please note that places are subject to availability - so don't delay and please do attend the sessions once you have booked for them.