

# Cantrell Primary School Newsletter 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020



**ATTENDANCE.** Another increase to **95.4%** across school which is fantastic! Thanks for your efforts. **In It To Win It** started this week, with a prize for every child who attends every day from **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**. Good luck!

**LAST CALL FOR MIDDAY SUPERVISOR VACANCIES.** Do you have some time to spare over lunch? Looking to earn a little extra cash? Enjoy working with children? Then maybe you'd like to join our friendly team of staff supervising children over lunchtime. We have permanent and casual positions available; pay is £9.00 per hour (living wage); 1 hour 45 minutes/day, term time only. Interested? Please pick up an application form at main reception and return by **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**. Interviews likely to be 11<sup>th</sup> March. We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children. Successful applicants will be subject to the following checks: enhanced DBS; identity; health; right to work in the UK; references.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM & PE KIT.** This is compulsory for all children except those in nursery. Recently we have seen children in clothing that does not comply with policy e.g. tights in multi-colours, flashing lights on trainers; boots; hoodies; no PE kit. Could we please ask parents to ensure children are wearing the correct uniform:

<b>Please do wear</b>	<b>Please don't wear</b>
✓ Plain black shoes	✗ Boots
✓ Trousers/skirts black or charcoal grey	✗ Trainers/shoes with flashing lights
✓ Red cardigan/sweatshirt/red or white polo	✗ Jewellery
✓ Socks/tights plain in uniform colours	✗ Hoodies – health & safety risk with drawstring
<b>For PE:</b> plain black or navy sports shorts/joggers/sweatshirt/tracksuit; white tee shirt; plimsolls or plain trainers. PLEASE DO NOT WEAR EARRINGS. This places an unnecessary and additional risk of injury, not only on the pupils wearing the jewellery, but also those children who may come into contact with them.	

PE kit should remain in school all week. A reminder text will be sent home to parents of children wearing incorrect uniform or missing PE kit.

**GATE OPENING TIMES.** A reminder to all parents that the pedestrian gates will be opened to nursery parents at **11:10am and 12:50pm**, and to all parents at **3:20pm** for end of school pick-up. Can we also remind all adults that for safeguarding reasons, they should not approach and talk to any child.

**REMINDER YEAR 4 ACADEMY CAMP MEETING.** This will take place on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** at 5pm in class 5.

**FOREST SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN IN FOUNDATION 2.** This started on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February** for children in classes 7 and 8. Please see the separate letter sent out earlier this month for the list of clothing required. Outdoor clothing is available to order here: <https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/outerwear/outerwear-227>

**YEAR 1 REQUEST FOR SMALL EMPTY BOTTLES TO MAKE ROCKETS.** Please could you send in any empty bottles. The bottles need to be small (500ml –water or fizzy drink size). They are going to be used to make rockets.

**WORLD BOOK DAY.** This falls on 5<sup>th</sup> March this year, we will be celebrating on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March**. As we have the theatre company M&M Productions in school showing *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, our theme this year is "diversity and being unique". For a £1 donation the children are invited to dress up as a book character, a person who triumphed despite adversity, or just as their unique selves, e.g. Abraham Lincoln – lost 8 times before becoming president of the USA; J K Rowling – had 12 book rejections; the Wright brothers – 2 failed attempts at flying. Children will be given a £1 book token from World Book Day, which can be exchanged for a World Book Day book from supermarkets and book shops. It can also be used toward buying a book from Cantrell's book fair during the week commencing **23<sup>rd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> March**. Donations of cakes and biscuits will be gratefully received for a cake sale in the afternoon playtime.

**AUTUMN TERM READING CHALLENGE FRIDAY 13<sup>th</sup> MARCH.** We can finally reveal that the Autumn Term Reading Challenge reward will take place on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March** – thank you for bearing with us! EYFS and KS1 will take place in the morning session and KS2 will take place in the afternoon. All reward children will be allowed to come to school dressed in their pyjamas, onesies, etc. and bring with them their favourite cuddly toy (nothing too big please). The children will be invited to a cinema party in the school hall, which will include popcorn. All other children will be expected to come to school in full school uniform and will continue with their normal timetable.

