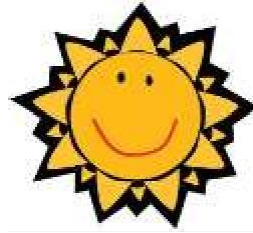
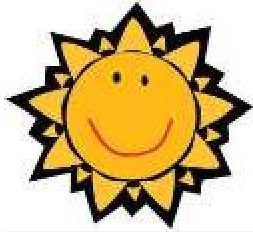
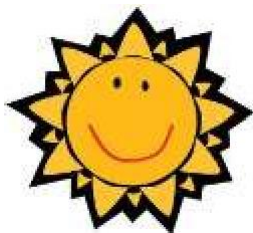


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ATTENDANCE. Currently at 94.23 % for the academic year. A slight improvement but just below the Ofsted expectation of 95%. Breakdown % by class since September 2022. Primary School Attendance currently stands at 93.8% for this academic year.

Class RA: 93.33%	Class RB: 91.35%	Class 1A: 94.19%	Class 1B: 93.64%	Class 2A: 94.60%	Class 2B: 94.96%	Class 3A: 94.06%
Class 3B: 94.52%	Class 4A: 94.49%	Class 4B: 92.88%	Class 5A: 95.68%	Class 5B: 94.81%	Class 6A: 94.48%	Class 6B: 95.60%

END OF YEAR MESSAGE FROM ALL THE STAFF AT CANTRELL. As we reach the end of the Summer Term, we wanted to take a moment to wish you all the best for a fantastic summer holiday ahead. We hope that the weather improves, and you get to enjoy some well-deserved relaxation and quality time with your families.

We want to thank the children in every year group for their hard work and dedication throughout the term. They have shown tremendous effort in all their endeavours, and we are incredibly proud of their accomplishments. Congratulations to the Year Six children for their exceptional performance during SATs week, and to our year 2 children. Their diligence and determination are commendable, and we are thrilled to celebrate their achievements. A special thanks to the parents and staff who supported the children during this important time.

We had a momentous event at School with the celebration of the Coronation of King Charles III. The children's enthusiasm and participation made it a memorable occasion for everyone.

Our Reading Challenge has been a great success, promoting the love of reading among our students. We commend both parents and children for their commitment to reading. A big well done to children in class 4b who won this half-term. They enjoyed a film and popcorn afternoon with their parents last Friday.

We would also like to express our gratitude to everyone who contributed to Cantrell's Raffle and Carnival. Your generosity and support have been outstanding. Our fund raising through raffles this year has passed £1500. Thank-you.

Today we say 'Bon Voyage' Ralph Surman, he is leaving us to pursue new adventures, as you will read in his personal message later in this his final newsletter. We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for the 36 years you have given to the families of Bulwell as a teacher, Deputy Head teacher and as a school governor. It has been our privilege to work alongside you in this fantastic team we call Cantrell! Good luck Ralph!

Finally, it was great to meet our new Reception children and parents who are joining us in September. Once again, we express our gratitude to all the parents, children, and wider community for your unwavering support. Cantrell Primary School thrives because of your dedication, and we are truly grateful for the sense of partnership that exists within our school.

Wishing you all a safe, joyful, and rejuvenating summer break!

ALL CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 4TH 2023

Cantrell Primary School Staff

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AND INSET DAYS 2023 – 2024 – Please see attachment and also

<https://www.cantrell.nottingham.sch.uk/index.php/parents/term-and-holiday-dates-2023-2024>

PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM RALPH. As you may already know, after an incredible 36 years at Cantrell, I will soon be embarking on a new and exciting chapter in my life. I want to share with you that I have decided to take a change in direction, away from Cantrell, to pursue a number of personal interests and projects.

Throughout my time at Cantrell, I have witnessed numerous changes and challenges, but what has remained constant is the pride I feel to be a part of such a dedicated and caring team of educators. Working alongside such talented colleagues and having the privilege to contribute to the education and well-being of so many wonderful children has been an absolute honour. Watching them grow and start their own families, who then choose to attend Cantrell, has been a truly rewarding experience. It's not about the moment today but solely about the hundreds of children and members of the community that I have had the opportunity to influence over so many years. As I look back on my career at Cantrell, I am filled with gratitude for the opportunities I have had to grow and develop as a professional. The daily interactions with my colleagues, the vibrant energy of the school, and the joy of witnessing children learn and flourish are memories I will forever hold dear. I may be moving on from Cantrell, but I will continue to cherish the connections and relationships forged during my time here which will remain very much part of the future. As I venture into my pursuits of historical research, writing both non-fiction and fiction, and spending quality time freshwater fishing and watching test match cricket, I carry with me the fondest memories of Cantrell Primary School. Thank you once again for everything, and I wish you all continued success and happiness in the future. It's never 'goodbye,' but 'hello, until next time!'

With warmest regards, Ralph

🦋 INTRODUCING TESCO GROUNDWORKS COMMUNITY GRANTS! 🦋 PLEASE SHARE THIS MESSAGE ON YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS.

🌱 "How Does Your Garden Grow?" 🌱 Imagine a vibrant and sustainable Early Years Foundation Stage outdoor environment where your little sprouts become enthusiastic growers. Together, we'll nurture their curiosity, instill a sense of responsibility, and foster a deep connection with nature. 🗳️ Cast Your Votes! 🗳️ From 2023, until the end of September 2023, every vote counts! By showing your support and casting your tokens, you have the power to help Cantrell Primary and Nursery School secure a whopping £1500 for their EYFS gardening and growing project. Imagine the incredible resources, tools, and opportunities this grant could provide for your little ones! 🗳️ Rally Together at Tesco Stores! 🗳️ We invite you, your friends, and your family to join forces and make a difference. The voting will take place in the following Tesco stores, buzzing with excitement and anticipation.

REMINDER OF PE KIT. From September children will still wear their PE kit to school on the day they have this subject. The children should wear the following items:

- Black or dark blue jogging bottoms or shorts.
- A black or dark blue sports jumper (please note that hoodies will not be allowed for health and safety reasons).
- A plain white T-shirt.
- Trainers suitable for physical activities.
- Reminder – no jewellery to be worn during PE. Earrings must be removed by the child themselves for PE and swimming. We recommend children come to school without earrings in on swimming and PE days.

We hope this continues to provide a cost-effective approach for parents to help with the cost of living crisis we are all experiencing. We request that you ensure your child has the appropriate PE uniform before the start of the new school year. This will allow them to participate fully in physical education classes and enjoy a positive learning experience.

UNIFORM CHANGES SEPTEMBER 2023. We would like to inform you of some upcoming uniform changes at Cantrell, effective from September 2023. Firstly, we will be implementing a new footwear policy. Starting from

September, children will be allowed to wear plain black footwear. We kindly request that high heels are not allowed due to safety reasons. As a result, plain black trainers would be a suitable option under this revised policy. We understand that the cost of footwear has increased significantly, and we want to assure you that we are doing everything possible to help keep uniform costs to a minimum. We plan on another free uniform giveaway soon.

LOST PROPERTY. Our lost property box is overflowing with hoodies, jumpers and cardigans! Please can you ensure your child's items are labelled with their full name and class so these can be returned easily if found. Please do have a rummage for your lost items as anything not collected before the end of term will be discarded.

SAFETY MESSAGE. We would like to remind you that in the interest of safety: No children or parents should be riding on scooters or bikes inside the school grounds. Please walk your scooter or bike whilst on site.

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Nottinghamshire Pride. We're proud to display the Love is Love banner on the Council House this week, in time for the Nottinghamshire Pride event on Saturday 29 July, and to celebrate the city and county's vibrant LGBTQ+ community.

This year's event will begin with a visibility march at 11am (starting at the junction of Lister Gate and Castle Gate). The route heads through the city centre and ends at Broad Street.

In the afternoon, Hockley hosts a market and main stage with a range of talent from Nottinghamshire's LGBTQ+ community, from spoken word poets and musicians to drag artists.

Find out more at <https://nottspride.co.uk/>

Robin Hood Half Marathon. It's time to lace up your running shoes, get into the open air of our wonderful city and join thousands of runners for Nottingham's Robin Hood Half Marathon on Saturday 24 September 2023. The route will take you through the heart of the city, passing iconic landmarks like Nottingham Castle, Wollaton Hall, Trent Bridge and ending at Victoria Embankment.

We're pleased to share a 20% discount off race entry using code MNN23_20 when booking online. The offer expires on Thursday 31 August 2023. All bookers with this promotion code will also be entered into a competition to win a long sleeve race t-shirt.

Book online here: <https://www.robinhoodhalfmarathon.co.uk/pages/enter>

Nottingham Summer Reading Challenge. Every summer, our City Libraries invite local children to take part in a reading challenge which maintains their interest in reading during the holidays. This year's challenge, Ready Set Read, is launched this Saturday and is themed around the power of play, sport, games and physical activity. Children can take part by signing up any time after Saturday 8 July at their local library and collecting free materials as they keep reading. Children can take part in the library – it's free and all children need is a library card. If they don't have one they can sign up at their local library. Once they have read six books, they will receive a certificate and an invite to a medal ceremony where they will be presented with their very own Summer Reading Challenge medal. Through a partnership with the University of Nottingham, City Arts and Lakeside Arts for the HeART project, a range of activities will be held over the summer, including crafts, poetry and a drawing workshop from a Beano illustrator. Visit <https://www.nottinghamcitylibraries.co.uk/summer-reading-challenge/> to find out more.

Nottingham Riverside Festival. The Riverside Festival, which will be back as it has been for the last 40 years at the Victoria Embankment from Friday 4 to Sunday 6 August 2023. The biggest free festival in the East Midlands is expected to welcome 150,000 visitors alongside the River Trent over the weekend, offering a wide range of entertainment and activities for all ages. A mile-long stretch of fairground rides, games and attractions will be situated along the banks of the Trent, plus numerous street food vendors, bars and market stalls. River-based activities including Dragon Boat Racing will return, which raises thousands of pounds for charities over the years. Music has always been at the heart of Riverside Festival, and this year is no different with a variety of solo artists, bands and musicians performing across three stages. Of course, one of the most popular elements of the festival is the firework display above the river, which takes place on both Friday and Saturday night at 10.30pm. Read more: <https://www.mynottinghamnews.co.uk/the-east-midlands-biggest-free-festival-returnsthis-summer>