

Cantrell Primary School Newsletter 4th December 2020



DIARY DATE REMINDERS:

Friday 11th December	Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children. Non-uniform and £1 donation
w/c 14th December	Cinderella comes to Cantrell! Virtual pantomime, see letters sent out today
Weds 16th December	Children's Christmas lunch
Friday 18th December	Christmas Party Day – non uniform. Last day of term.
Monday 4th Jan 2021	Children return to school

ATTENDANCE. We're maintaining **95.8%** across school which is great - thanks for your efforts!

COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS REMINDER. If there is any change to the regular collection arrangements for your child, *please send a note in to the teacher or tell them at drop off in the morning.* All children and staff work in separate 'bubbles' and do not mix, to avoid the spread of coronavirus. Staff cannot take change of collection messages at the last minute as this would mean breaking a bubble that they do not work in. Medical appointments etc. should be made in advance and school notified in advance via email to admin@cantrell.nottingham.sch.uk.

MESSAGE FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN RISING STARS, NURSERY, RA & RB. Please be aware that we use EExAT as our main focus for observing and tracking the children's progress. We will not be using Class Dojo at this time and would like you to add any special moments, photographs and sharing stories to EExAT. This can be done on a tablet or mobile 'phone. Every child was sent home with a unique code and letter at half term explaining how to contribute. If you require the code again or have any queries, please contact your child's member of staff. Thank you for your support, from the Early Years team.

YEAR 2 POLAR EXPRESS DAY. On **Tuesday 15th December**, children in classes 2A and 2B will be watching The Polar Express in the afternoon. Your child can wear pyjamas for the day and can bring in a teddy or a blanket if they would like. We will be having hot chocolate and snack. If your child has any specific dietary requirements or allergies please let your child's teacher know.

FLU VACCINE REMINDER. Thank you to all the parents who have already completed the Flu Vaccination consent form in preparation for our visit from the Immunisation Team on **Tuesday 15th December**. There is still time to consent, please follow this link www.nottinghamshireimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu. Our school code is **NG122413**. Please complete the form even if you do not want your child to have the vaccination.

TIK-TOK & WHATSAPP. Could we remind parents that the minimum age for using the Tik-Tok app is **12 years**, WhatsApp is **16 years**. These platforms allow children to participate in live chats in chatrooms where the children do not know who they are chatting with, which is potentially dangerous. Please read the advice from the following link <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/what-tiktok-looking-latest-lip-syncing-app>.

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Activities at Bulwell St Mary's Church. Following Government and Church of England advice and guidance, St Mary's will be open for worship (Walsingham Mass) 10 – 11am Sunday 6th December for our Family Mass. All are welcome.

Bestwood & Bulwell Foodbank opens new centre in Bulwell to help local people facing hunger. A local food bank charity is opening a new centre in **St Mary's Church** in the centre of Bulwell in Nottingham to help people trapped in poverty and unable to cover the cost of food. The new food bank centre at St Mary's in the centre of Bulwell will mean people in the area given a food bank voucher no longer have to travel long distances to receive support. The food bank centre will run between 1pm to 3pm on Wednesdays at St Mary's Church, Highbury Rd, Nottingham NG6 9AD ('The Church on the Hill'). Further times and days may be added in due course. "We'd love to hear from anyone who is interested in getting involved to help stop hunger in Bulwell. Your skills could be exactly what we need." Anyone interested in supporting, or donating to the food bank can find more information at www.bestwoodbulwell.foodbank.org.uk.