

# Cantrell Primary School Newsletter 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022



**ATTENDANCE.** Currently at 96.18% for the academic year so far, slightly above the Ofsted expected standard of 95%. We have published important information about school attendance at Cantrell on our website:

[https://www.cantrell.nottingham.sch.uk/images/newsletters/Ralph\\_Attendance\\_Flyer.pdf](https://www.cantrell.nottingham.sch.uk/images/newsletters/Ralph_Attendance_Flyer.pdf). Here are a few more top tips to help your child to enjoy, learn and achieve at school:

- Children get colds and headaches often but don't always need to miss a full day of school. Try getting them to eat something, drink plenty of water or if necessary, give a suitable medication according to packet or GP instructions. Contact school, before 8:40am, to advise us if your child is not well.
- If they feel better later on, bring them to school, even if they have missed the morning - just give us a quick call to let us know when to expect you.

**CAN YOU SPARE SOME TIME TO HELP WITH SECOND HAND UNIFORM?** The school governors would like to see if there are any parents who could give some time to sort the large quantity of second-hand uniform that has been gathered over recent weeks. The plan would be to wash it in the school washing machine, dry and hang it on a rail with a view to organising a second-hand school uniform and distribution scheme. If you are interested in helping, then leave your name and contact details at the school reception. Thank you in advance.

**GOVERNOR VACANCIES.** Please see the attached for more information.

**REMINDER AFTER SCHOOL COLLECTION FORMS.** We still have a few of these outstanding, duplicates have been sent home. Please complete and return to school urgently so we have up to date details. Please be aware that if anybody who is not on the list above comes to collect, we will not be able to allow your child to go with them.

**VOUCHERS FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS.** The Local Authority has received funding to support households this winter. Children entitled to free school meals as assessed by Pupil Benefits will be allocated supermarket vouchers to cover the half term break. Voucher codes will be sent to parents' email address by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October.

**MESSAGE TO PARENTS OF RECEPTION AGE CHILDREN.** We are currently undertaking the Reception Baseline Assessment at school. This is a statutory requirement by the Government for all children starting school. For further information regarding this please follow the link below

[https://www.nfer.ac.uk/media/4554/rba\\_pupil\\_data\\_privacy\\_notice.pdf](https://www.nfer.ac.uk/media/4554/rba_pupil_data_privacy_notice.pdf).

**REMINDER YEAR 5 TRIP TO BEAUMANOR HALL.** Year 5 are off to Beaumanor Hall as part of their WW2 topic. They will be taking part in an evacuee experience day. The trip is on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November** and costs £20. Please can consent slips be returned as soon as possible.

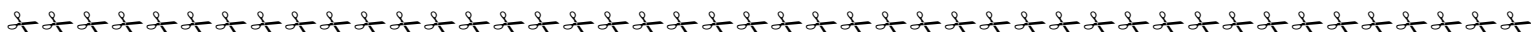
**SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS.** Deadline for applications is **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October**. Apply online at [www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/startingsecondary](http://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/startingsecondary).

**YEAR 2 PINOCCHIO THEATRE TRIP – TUESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER.** Children in Year 2 have been lucky enough to have been offered the opportunity to watch a theatre production of Pinocchio at Squire Performing Arts Centre. We will be leaving school at 1pm and travelling by tram for a 2pm start. We will return to school by 3:45pm. The children will need to be collected from the usual lines in the playground at this time, not from the front yard/gate. There will be no cost for the trip, however the children will not be able to come without returning the reply slip. The children will need to come to school with a waterproof coat and sensible shoes as the weather at this time of year can be unpredictable. The children can also bring a water bottle with them to have a drink during the performance. Please ensure that any medication that is needed is in school.

**READING REMINDER.** Every Friday morning from 8:30am we will be opening our doors for family reading mornings until 8:45 when lessons start. This is the chance to come between 8:30 and 8:45am to spend 5 minutes sharing a book

with your child in the classroom. If you have more than one child then all go to one class one week and rotate to the next child's class the following Friday. You must accompany your child, you cannot just drop off early.

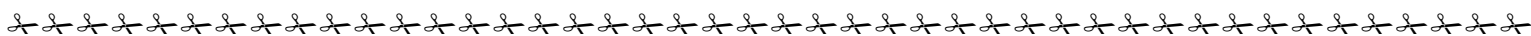
**FLU VACCINATION.** These will take place in school on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November** for all children in Reception to Year 6. Please complete an online consent form at: <https://www.nottinghamshireimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>. It is important every child has a completed form which states if you would like them to receive the flu vaccination spray or not. Our school code is **NG122413**. Online consent will close at 3pm the day before the session. If you have any questions or need support to complete the consent form, please contact the friendly team: [sais@nottshc.nhs.uk](mailto:sais@nottshc.nhs.uk) or telephone 07920 182032.



**Reply slip – Year 2 Pinocchio theatre visit Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November please return to main reception**

I give permission for my child ..... (name) in class .....

to take part in the above visit ..... (parent's signature)



**Reply slip – Y5 Beaumanor Hall visit Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November - please return to class teacher by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November**

I give permission for my child ..... (name) in class .....

to take part in the above visit ..... (parent's signature)

I enclose £20 to cover the cost of the trip      Pupil Premium? (tick if appropriate)

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**FREE October Half-Term Holiday Activities in Bestwood and Bulwell for children aged 7-11 who receive free school meals.** Release is a creative programme where children will learn how to write music and create a short performance over the course of a week. During the week they will be encouraged to express their emotions and creativity, develop skills in dance, singing and song writing, be educated about the impact of social media and be involved in discussions around positive healthy usage. The holiday club will run in the following locations:

**October 17th - 20th**, 10am-2pm: **Mellish Sports Centre**, Kemmel Rd, Nottingham NG6 9FH.

**October 24th - 27th**, 10am - 2pm: **Bestwood Estate Community Centre**, Gainsford Crescent, Bestwood, Nottingham, NG5 5HT. Booking link: <https://www.freedomfoundationuk.org/october-half-term-release-clubs-booking-form/>. For more information and to book please contact us by phone: 0115 993 2370 or by email: [info@freedomfoundationuk.org](mailto:info@freedomfoundationuk.org).

**Time to start booking activity clubs for October half term holidays.** The clubs will run again both weeks of the October half-term (w/c 17 and 24) as part of a continued link-up between the City Council and Nottingham Forest Community Trust as its lead project partner this year. More activities will also take place at Christmas. Children all receive a free lunch, alongside a programme of activities focused on healthy eating, fitness and mental health. There are also a limited number of places available for children who aren't eligible for FSM and these will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. The list of clubs, and the parts of the city they serve, are now available to view and book online through the [Ask Lion website](#).

**Food banks in Nottingham are here to help.** Bulwell - St Mary's Church. Our FoodBank provides food packages for people in crisis, as well as support and advice for those in need. St Mary's Church, Highbury Road, Bulwell Nottingham NG6 9AD. Telephone 07527048226.

**FREE FILM SCREENING:** October Half Term. A special sing-along screening of Encanto brought to you by Reel Respect Film Club. **Reel Respect** is bringing you a special sing-along screening of **Encanto**. Join in or just enjoy – this fun-filled adventure is all about celebrating our differences! A light-hearted activity will be included on the day for families to enjoy together. **4 dates available:** Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October – St Ann's Library, 12-4pm – [book here](#) Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October – Mansfield St Johns Centre, 12-4pm – [book here](#) Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October – Nonsuch Theatre, 10-2pm – [book here](#) Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Bramcote Memorial Hall, 12-4pm – [book here](#). **Additional information** - children must be accompanied by an adult. There will be a scheduled interval for those with young children. These events are free but donations or 'pay what you can' welcome. Booking is not necessary for entry but is encouraged.

## **Information about the planned appointment of additional co-opted governors to Cantrell's Governing Body:**

### **"The Role of the Co-Opted Cantrell School Governor"**

The Cantrell School Governing Body are looking to appoint some additional co-opted governors. The information enclosed here tells you a little more about the role and commitment you would be making. If you are interested then please contact Ralph Surman at the school to arrange to meet with our Chair of Governors Andrew Moore, and Vice Chair Nicola Curzon. At this very informal meeting we will ask you to expand on the experience and skills you could bring to this role, provide you with more information and answer any questions.

### **What are co-opted governors at Cantrell expected to do?**

All Cantrell school governors contribute to the work of the governing body in ensuring high standards of achievement for all children and young people in the school by: -

- Setting the school's vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Holding the school to account for the educational performance of the children;
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure our money is well spent.

### **How are co-opted governors appointed?**

A co-opted governor is a person appointed by the governing body, not by parental ballot, and who, in the opinion of the governing body, has the skills required to contribute to the effective governance and success of the school. As a co-opted governor, you may have an area of specialist knowledge or experience, or bring a wide range of skills and experience to your role as a governor.

As a co-opted governor, you act in the best interests of the school and wider community and cannot be mandated to take a particular stance on issues.

### **As an effective co-opted governor, you:**

- Support the aims of Cantrell;
- Visit and get to know our whole Cantrell community;
- Work in partnership with the headteacher, senior leadership team and other governors to raise standards and improve outcomes for all children;
- Prepare for meetings by reading papers beforehand;
- Take responsibility for your own learning and development as a governor including by attending training;
- Attend six governing body meetings each academic year;
- Read briefings and newsletters for governors;
- Be loyal to the decisions made by the governing body;
- Respect the confidentiality of governing body affairs;
- Declare an interest and withdraw from any meeting where you, a partner or close relative or friend stands to gain, or where you are so close to a matter discussed it is difficult to be impartial;
- Have regard to the broader responsibilities as a governor of a public institution in regard to promoting accountability for the actions and performance of the governing body.