

Cantrell Primary School Newsletter 9th September 2022



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER. Welcome back! It has been lovely to see the children return looking rested, relaxed and ready to learn. We already have lots of events planned for the coming year. Firstly, we have **Meet the teacher** next week. This is the opportunity to meet the class teacher and the team who work with your child, look around the classroom and see where they spend their day. Tuesday for year 1, 3:30 - 4:45pm and Wednesday for the rest of the school, 3:30 - 4:45pm.

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.

In addition, exciting visits are being planned, to Beaumanor Hall, to Walesby and to theatres. Look out for more information from your teachers via class dojo. We will have more visits as the year progresses. We look forward to working with you for another exciting academic year!

ATTENDANCE. At Cantrell we aim to ensure that all children attend school regularly and on time wherever possible to ensure that they are able to make the most of the educational experiences.

Why is attendance at school important? School education lays the vital foundations of a child's life. Research clearly demonstrates the link between regular attendance and educational progress and attainment. We will continue to encourage parents to ensure that their child achieves maximum possible attendance and punctuality and that any problems that prevent this are identified and acted upon promptly. **We will be publishing more important information for parents over the next few weeks.**

COUNSELLING SESSIONS. Clare, our counsellor, is now back from maternity leave. We are pleased to announce that referrals are open again for Key Stage 2 children to access our counselling service. Parent referral forms can be found on the school website or by speaking to a member of staff. Please visit the school website for more information about the service: <https://www.cantrell.nottingham.sch.uk/index.php/counselling>.

FOREST SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN IN RECEPTION. This will start on **Tuesday 13th September** for children in classes RA and RB. Please see the separate letter sent out this week for the list of clothing required. Waterproof suits and trousers are available online at www.schooltrends.co.uk or some items from main reception.

AFTER SCHOOL COLLECTION OF CHILDREN/DATA COLLECTION FORMS. These will be sent out in the next few days. Please complete forms and return to school a.s.a.p. so we have up to date contact and collection details for your child/ren.

BREAKFAST & AFTERSCHOOL CLUB. These popular clubs remain open to children with working parents only, with proof of employment or rota. At present breakfast club is full and we are operating a waiting list. If your child currently attends breakfast club and misses 2 consecutive weeks or more, then we will have no choice but to offer the place to someone on the waiting list. Please can we remind you that these clubs need to be paid for a week in advance. Any balance of over £25 or 2 weeks of non-payment will also result in the loss of the place.

YEAR 2 PORTALS TO THE PAST DINOSAUR AND FOSSIL WORKSHOP – Friday 7th October. As part of our topic on dinosaurs, Year 2 will be having a Dinosaur Day. A palaeontologist will be coming into school with lots of models and dinosaur artefacts. The children will be taking part in different workshops throughout the day. The cost of this experience is £6. Children can also dress up in a 'dinosaur' theme for the day. Please complete the attached slip for your child to take part.

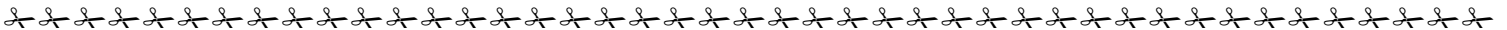
SCHOOL CHOIR. Children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are invited to join the choir, starting next **Thursday 15th September**, 3:30 – 5pm in the school hall. Children will need a drink of water, and must attend regularly as we will be working towards the Young Voices Concert which takes place on **Friday 3rd February 2023**, information to follow. If your child would like to take part, please complete the slip below and return to main reception.

YEAR 6 APPLICATION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL. Children in year 6 have received application packs today. The closing date is **31st October 2022**.

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

Redhill Academy Year 6 Open Evening. This will take place on Thursday 15 September from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. More details here: <https://www.theredhillacademy.org.uk/year-6-open-evening-thursday-15-september-2022-6-30pm-8-30pm/>

Nottingham High School Open Days. Senior School Open Day Saturday 24th September 2022. A range of family-friendly activities in the Senior School classrooms and outdoor spaces for you and your children to enjoy. Our academic and support staff will be on hand to answer any questions you have. Guided tours of the school will be provided. Our award-winning catering will also be available for you to sample throughout the morning. Year 7 Taster Day – Tuesday 4th October 2022. A fantastic opportunity for your child to spend a day with us, and experience first-hand a taste of life in Year 7. During the day, your child will enjoy a range of interactive lessons in our classrooms, meet some of our Senior School teachers, have lunch in our Dining Hall, and take part an afternoon of games at our Sports facilities. If you would like to register for these events, please complete the Enquiry Form on the school's website: <https://nottinghamhigh.co.uk/admissions-form/>.



Reply slip – School Choir KS2 – please return to main reception

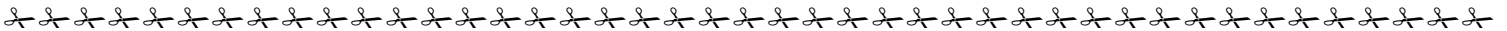
My child (name) in class would like to join the school choir

on Thursdays after school (parent's signature)

I will collect my child promptly at 5pm My child can walk home after choir practice

My telephone number is

My 2nd contact number is



Reply slip – Year 2 dinosaur & fossil workshop Friday 7th October – please return to main reception

I enclose £6.00 for my child (name) in class

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

Pupil premium please tick here