

## Mablins Lane Community Primary School Newsletter ~ 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome October! Week 5 and the first month of the Autumn Term completed. October has brought cooler days and some rain. It really feels like summer is a distant memory and we need to brace ourselves for a long winter. Please make sure that your child comes to school with a named coat and appropriate footwear. We endeavour to get the children outside for breaks as much as possible, even if it is 'spitting' with rain, therefore coats are essential. If children are bringing in hats, gloves scarves etc these items should also be named.

### Celebration Assembly

Last Friday in our 'Celebration Zoom Assembly' certificates were presented to:

Finley Y1GK, Lilly-May Y1LK, Lola Y1AG,  
Olivia Y2 EF, Laila Y2JMc, Rudy Y2SG,  
Ruby Y3HG, Carin Y3JM, Coby Y3JT/CI,  
Alfie Y4GMc, Bethany Y4RL, Joseph Y4SJH,  
Alfie Y5JE, Hannah Y5IMc, Daisy Y5AD,  
Sophie Y6SB, Izaak Y6TH, Ryan Y6AP

The ARK week prize was presented to Elijah C from Y2EF for his amazing poem about feelings. He received a 'GREEN' colour monser as his prize. Well done Elijah.



We have also received two 'School Games' certificates which were shared and celebrated in the assembly. Inter-school competitions are suspended at the current time but we are challenging each class and year group to be active.



### Reading Books

Many thanks to anybody who has managed to find stray reading books at home and returned them to school. We are still missing a significant number so please keep checking in all the 'unusual' places and return any that you manage to find. Thank you.



### A message from our Local Police



*Last week unfortunately we had to issue some tickets to people parking too close to junctions around the school. Please remember there should be NO parking within 10m of a junction. Anyone failing to comply with this restriction will be issued with a ticket. It is also unlawful to park on the 'Yellow Zig Zag' marking outside of school. This includes stopping to drop off. We will continue to visit randomly and intermittently, so be warned.*

#### **Places to park:**

**8 Farmers Pub;** Lisa has informed us that parents / guardians are welcome to use the car park at school drop off and pick up times.

**Bradfield Road end of Mablins Lane;** Parking lawfully leaving your vehicle for others to pass.

We look forward to meeting you,  
PC MARTIN & PCSO OLIVER

### Free School Meals

The Government has promised to support those families where pupils are entitled to a 'free school meal' (FSM). A letter has



been distributed explaining the confusing system of FSM (Free School Meals) and UIFSM (Universal Infant Free School Meals). Applying for FSM attracts over £1000 of funding in to school which helps to support the children. Please apply if you meet any of the specified criteria.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

### **Macmillan Cake 'Virtual' Competition**

Thank you to all those children and families that entered the Macmillan Virtual Cake competition, we really appreciate you supporting this charity and helping us carry on normal school yearly events.

We had lots of entries and picked 3 winners. Each winner will receive a prize gift voucher, via their parents email address today. Thank you again to all those children that entered, we hope they tasted as delicious as they looked?

**MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT**



**1st Prize**  
**Jacob Yr4 GMc NHS**  
**Cake**



**2nd Prize**  
**Robyn Yr3 JT -**  
**Doughnut Cake**



**3rd Prize**  
**Ahmed Yr2 EF - Jam &**  
**Coconut Cake**

### **Covid-19**

I am pleased to report that at the current time of writing we still have no child or member of staff at Mablins Lane who has tested positive for Covid. We are monitoring attendance very closely, including sending a daily return to the DFE.

We are aware of some local schools that have closed certain year groups due to positive tests. We are in close contact with the Local Authority and Public Health England and should any local closures impact here at Mablins we will inform parents immediately.

We have had several phone calls to check if children are allowed in school due to colds. The guidance for Covid stills gives the main symptoms as;

- New and persistent dry cough
- High temperature
- Loss of taste /smell

Should your child present with any of these symptoms they should not come to school and parents should seek a test. If in doubt then please seek medical advice.

If your child is ill and unable to come to school then please telephone the school leaving a message on the absence line. We will be calling parents where absence is unexplained.



### **Face Coverings**

Last Monday we asked all visitors to the school site to wear a face covering on entering the school premises. Many thanks to the vast number of people who have complied with the guidance, this is really helpful action and goes towards keeping our whole school community safe. Some visitors will be exempt from wearing a face covering and may be wearing a lanyard. We will not be challenging people without a face covering but urge you all to comply if you are able to. Thank you.



### **Start and End of the Day**

Most families have adjusted to the new routine for dropping off and collecting their children. Thank you for supporting us.

The gates open at 08:30am in the morning and 2:55pm in the afternoon. Please do not arrive before these times as there will not be access to the premises.

Some parents are now dropping their children at the gates in order that they do not have to enter the premises. Please make sure that you only leave your child after the staff arrive at the gate and are able to see the children in to school.

Some parents have commented that big groups/queues have been forming on the footpaths and walkways as parents are waiting outside the premises. If parents arrive at the designated time and leave promptly this should not be a problem.

We are adjusting our systems all the time in order to make the beginning and end of the day as smooth as possible. If you have any comments or suggestions then please let me know:

[head@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:head@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk)

### **Covid- 19 Telephone Number**

If your child has a Covid test and it is positive you must inform the school immediately by calling our Covid telephone line on:

**MABLINS LANE COVID POSITIVE TEST REPORTING  
TELEPHONE NO.**

**07415 005702**

This number is **ONLY** for reporting a positive test. It will be available during school time, during the evenings and at weekends.

If we receive a call on this number we will then follow Cheshire East and PHE guidance on next steps, but by calling us on this number it will allow us to act in a swifter manner. Following the call your child must self-isolate for at least 10 days from when symptoms started (or from day of test if no symptoms.) unless PHE advise to the contrary.

Families should also inform school immediately using the above number if anyone in the household has tested positive for Covid-19.

For further information please see the 'Quick Guide for Parents on Covid-19' at the end of the newsletter.

Thank you all for your continued support and your understanding in the measures that we are required to put in place to keep everyone as safe as possible.

I would ask you to make sure that you have read the schools risk assessments, which you can find on the school website;

<https://mablinslaneschool.co.uk/covid-19-information>

these are updated regularly as we receive updated guidance.

Our priority is the safety of the children and staff, and keeping the school as fully open as possible, please remember that these measures are there to help make this possible.

### **Communication**

Please don't forget that we have several methods for communicating with parents.

**Homework diaries** – messages home directly to parents from the class teacher. Please check the diary each day.

**Class dojo** – messages from the class teacher to individuals, groups or the whole class. If you download the app you can get these straight to your phone.

**School Comms** – messages from the office.

Usually whole school or class messages but sometimes individual messages.

**Year group email** – general messages from the year group.



**Year Group - Email Address**  
**Mablins Lane CP School**

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### **Mablins Lane Virtual Tour of the school**



The school have uploaded a virtual tour for parents wishing to view how our school works. Please find this tour on our website, under parents, new starters, virtual tour

<https://mablinslaneschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/virtual-tour-final.mp4>

it can also be found on our YouTube channel follow the link: [https://youtu.be/vusLdKMU\\_eg](https://youtu.be/vusLdKMU_eg)

Unfortunately, at this time we are not allowing visitors into school and we hope that parents find this useful in seeing how children learn at Mablins Lane.

Please get in touch with us if you have any questions about our school on:

[head@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:head@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk)

or [deputy@mablinslane.cheshire.sh.uk](mailto:deputy@mablinslane.cheshire.sh.uk)

### **Forest Schools**

Next week **Year 5** have **2 topic days: Tuesday 6th and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October**.

They are asking children to wear forest school clothes on both days. Each class has one forest school session linked to topic of mountains and rivers and then the other lessons on these days consist of orienteering outdoors, a dance session linked to volcanoes, salt dough being made into mountains and a science based session looking into the formation of mountains. They will be off timetable to enjoy these lessons. We look forward to seeing the outcomes.





## Harvest – Festival Mablings 2020



Each class this year are investigating a harvest food item that you find in the kitchen store cupboard, children are being asked to bring in one item that you would find in your kitchen cupboard by the **9<sup>th</sup> October**. The classes are then making a short video clip of their work and we will post these on the year group VLE pages for parents to take a look at.

All food store cupboard items sent into school will be donated to our local food bank. Many thanks for your support with this.

### Parent Helpers

Unfortunately we are still asking our parent volunteers to wait until later in the term when we will have clearer guidance about additional adults in school. Thank you for your offers of help and support.

### FINAL REMINDER

#### Medical Forms & Reviews

Mrs Eastwood is currently carrying out medical healthcare plan reviews. If you have a child with a medical health care plan and have not met for the review then please contact the school office. If there is no change to your child's medical needs there will be no need for a meeting, but we need to know if that is the case.

If your child needs an inhaler in school for asthma, we ask that you complete a permission form. If you require a form, then please contact the school office and we will send a form home with your child.



### Sports Coaching – October ½ term

Sports Coaching Group is running October holiday clubs at Sandbach Girls School and Weaver Primary this half term. It is a Multiskills Sports Bonanza Holiday Club, with COVID specific measures in place throughout. Please see the details on the flyer.

Telephone Sports Coaching Group on 01270 449770 for details or booking and payments can be made via:

<https://sportscoachingnw.co.uk/courses/Holiday-Clubs>

Take care, look after yourselves.

With kind regards

Justine Joule - Headteacher

| COVID-19 (coronavirus) absence:<br>A quick guide for parents / carers      |  |   |
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| What to do if...   | Action needed  | Back to school...   |
| ...my child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child shouldn't attend school</li> <li>Child should get a test</li> <li>Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result</li> <li>Inform school immediately about test results</li> </ul>  | ...when child's test comes back negative  |
| ...my child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child shouldn't attend school</li> <li>Child self-isolates for at least 10 days from when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms)</li> <li>Inform school immediately about test results</li> <li>Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) – even if someone tests negative during those 14 days</li> </ul> | ...when child feels better, and has been without a fever for at least 48 hours<br><br>They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell / taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone. |
| ...somebody in my household has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child shouldn't attend school</li> <li>Household member with symptoms should get a test</li> <li>Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result</li> <li>Inform school immediately about test results</li> </ul>   | ...when household member test is negative, and child does not have COVID-19 symptoms*   |
| ...somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child shouldn't attend school</li> <li>Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) – even if someone tests negative during those 14 days</li> </ul>  | ...when child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during the 14 days  |

\* Symptoms include at least one of a high temperature, a new continuous cough, a loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste. See more at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>