

Mablins Lane Community Primary School

Newsletter ~ 2nd April 2020

Dear Parents and Children

I hope that you are all keeping safe and well.

End of Term

Today should have been the last day of our Spring Term. We were looking forward to a celebration assembly, sharing great work from the term and the anticipation of a nice two week break. Unfortunately our term ended prematurely and this has not been possible.

We currently find ourselves in uncharted territory, managing a situation that we could have never have imagined possible a few weeks ago. This has brought home lots of different emotions in people and many of you are understandably stressed and worried about how you are going to look after your children over the forthcoming weeks and possibly months.

I would like to make it clear that this is an emergency situation and you should not be feeling worried or pressured about 'home-schooling' your child.

You can only do what you can do – there are no rights or wrongs.

Staff at school, are aiming to offer you as much support as possible by providing learning opportunities through the VLE on the school website.

If this helps, then great. If it doesn't, please don't worry; please remember the following:

- You are the first and best educator of your child during these times. If your child will not engage with the learning, then please do not worry. WE know that some children will love engaging in these activities and we know that some children would prefer playing in the garden, baking, watching YouTube or bouncing around the living room. Just let them – do not stress or worry about it.
- Your child will not fall behind if they do less work than others say they are doing. All the work that we are setting is to **review, revise and embed** learning that has already taken place in school – the teachers at Mablins are amazing and will soon get everyone back on track when we return to school.
- **ALL** learning is valuable – playing with Lego, baking, singing, dancing, drawing or painting a picture and kicking a football are all just as important as written tasks.
- **If you have a question or query – then just ask.** We will do everything we can to support you.

School OPEN!!

The school has continued to open over the week for the children of our key workers. It is important to point out that we are offering a child care facility for Key Workers where there is no other availability for care.

The staff have been in on a rota and it has been good to work together. We have all joined in the 09:00 PE session with Joe Wickes and then taken on the daily mile! (I am getting fitter by the day!)

Provision will continue over the Easter period, including the Bank Holidays.

Please contact me head@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk admin@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk should you require a place.

We must all play our part in supporting the NHS at this time of crisis.

CORONAVIRUS

PROTECT YOURSELF OTHERS & THE NHS

Free School Meals

The Government promised to support those families where pupils are entitled to a 'free school meal' (FSM). This week a National voucher scheme was set-up in order to deliver this support.

We have over 80 children entitled to FSM on our list and we have contacted those families to ensure we have an accurate email address in order to process the vouchers. **If you have not responded then please contact us as soon as possible in order for us to process your vouchers claim:**

admin@cheshireeast.gov.uk

head@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

During this week the kitchen have continued providing grab bags for our FSM children for collection at lunchtime. Some families have taken up this offer and very much welcome the support.

Safety Online

The DfE has this week published more information to help support parents in keeping their children Safe online. Below are some useful links to help parents and carers:

- [Thinkyouknow](#) (advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online)
- [Internet matters](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- [Parent info](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- [LGfL](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- [Net-aware](#) (support for parents and carers from the NSPCC)

Twitter

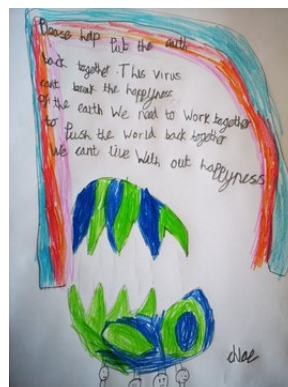
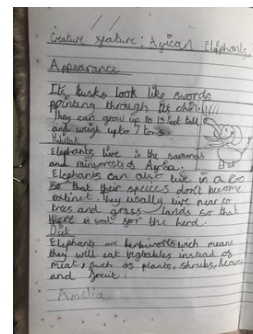
Spring is upon us and it is not just the birds tweeting. If you are not yet a follower then please join up and see what we have all been up to. See our chicks at the unruly teenage phase, they have just moved in to their new home. Also join in 'Where's Spike' – he's been hiding in our Forest School Area. There's lots to see and you can contribute too. (Please see below.)



Celebration of home learning work

Thank you so much for the work that has been shared so far! It is so lovely to see this work and that our Mablins children are enjoying their home activities. If you would like to share your learning too, then log in to the VLE pages on the website or email:-

deputy@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk.



We will share this learning on the website and on twitter; please let us know if you are happy for the work to be shared in this way.

Calling all little artists!

We need your help! NHS Nightingale would like to decorate its new wards with bright & beautiful drawings by children.



How about taking time today to draw some cheerful and colourful pictures. Once you have finished your wonderful creations, please share them online using the hashtag:- [#RainbowsForNightingale](#) Further details on the school website.

Blessings!

We understand that many people may be weighed down by the serious tone of the Government broadcasts and the extent of the COVID-19 impact.



Therefore, we thought it would be a good idea to have a page on our website where people could 'Count their Blessings!'

Although it is easy to focus on the negative, or home in on people's worries and fears, we felt it would be nice to celebrate some of the simple but important activities or events that have taken place during this time that you otherwise might not have done, or that you suddenly appreciate more e.g. cleared your garage, played Monopoly, shared a meal together, got to the bottom of the washing basket, talked to a neighbour over the fence, baked a cake etc.

Each of these small actions is a prayer in itself and shows 'We keep calm and carry on'.

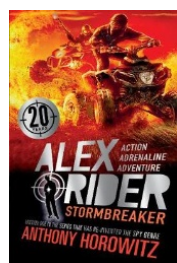
If you would like to share a smidgen of positivity, no matter how small or seemingly insignificant, email the school on mlcps@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk with the subject 'Blessings' – no need to write a message. You could simply write; 'We made a kite and tried to fly it in the garden' and hit send!

Check out the website to see what is already there.



Reading

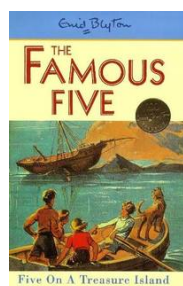
Prior to the school closing we spent £600 on new books, they are now labelled up and ready to go when the children return to school. There are lots of lovely sapphire and ready reader books now.



I would like to thank all the people who donated books for our book sale, ran the book sale and particularly those who spent their money on books. I hope that you are enjoying reading your books at home.

If you have finished your books please take a look on the VLE. We have uploaded some audio books for your pleasure and delight. Everyone can still enjoy Storytime each day. Some books are in sections, some are in total. All are there to be enjoyed.

The log in is: story_time
Get logged in and enjoy!



Math's Challenge

Mrs Joule's maths challenge!

Every week I will be putting together a challenge for the

family to work together on to solve.

My first challenge relates to maths below: This challenge is all based around factors.

A factor is a number that will divide into a larger number without leaving any remainder.

Example: The factors of 12 are 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 12.

The number 6 is a very special number because if you add its factors together (apart from 6) it equals 6:

The factors of 6 are 1, 2, 3, and 6

and

$$1+2+3 = 6.$$

6 is an example of a PERFECT NUMBER

Challenge 1:

There is 1 other number that is less than 100 that is a perfect number.

Can you find it?

Challenge 2:

If you want a really hard challenge there is one other number that is bigger than 100 but smaller than 500 that is a perfect number.

See if you can find that one.

If you are able to find the answers you can email me.



Please do this honestly, don't just use google it.

Priorities for coming weeks

Our priorities over the next few weeks include:

- Providing vouchers to families in receipt of Free School Meals
- Monitoring and reviewing the arrangements we have made to care for the children of parents working in the critical services
- Delivering Easter holiday care arrangements for Key Worker's children
- Planning transition arrangements for all pupils
- Liaising with the DfE, Regional Schools' Commissioner, Cheshire East and local headteachers

Back to the beginning – End of Term

If the school had not been closed then it would have been the start of the two-week holiday. Therefore over the next two weeks take some time and have a break. You will notice that the activities on the VLE are flexible and have an Easter theme. Dip in and out, but take some 'time-out'.

Thank you for taking the time to read our school newsletter and for your continued support. As we get any further information regarding the status of the school I will send this to you.

At the current time, we don't know when we will return as a school – in the meantime take care, look after yourselves and remember, some of us are still in school if you need support, help or advice.

With Kind Regards

Justine Joule
Headteacher