

Mablins Lane Community Primary School Newsletter ~ 2nd July 2020

Dear Parents and Children,

Week 5 – It was lovely seeing so many Year 5 and Year 6 children come back to school on Monday. There is a real buzz around school and it is so nice to see so many smiling children around the school building. Thank you to all parents for observing the social distancing rules and making drop off and collection this week run so smoothly.



Return to School

EYFS

EYFS have enjoyed their third week back in school. They have settled really nicely into school life and have enjoyed some lovely activities with their teachers.

Year 1

Year 1 have also enjoyed their second week back in school. They have been busy with lots of lovely activities and they have settled in school life really well. We are using all the space in the Year 1 area to accommodate the children and are now at capacity.

Year 5

We have welcomed 46 year 5 children back into school this week. The children are based with their class teachers in the Year 5 corridor in their 3 classrooms, the IT suite and meeting room. It is lovely catching up with them all and seeing how they have grown and are getting ready for the move to year 6. For those Year 5 children not returning there will be lots of shared activities and we will continue to upload work on to the VLE.

Year 6

The year 6 children have also returned this week and 44 of them have settled well into their last few weeks of primary school life! They have been very busy in their 3 pods and doing lots of lovely activities together. Again for those year 6 children not back in school there is lots of work on the year 6 VLE to keep you going at home.

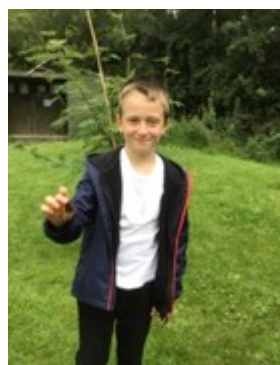
Key Worker children

From Monday 29th June we have had 4 Key Worker pods. These are in the main hall, and the 3 Year 3 classrooms. Children have access to school via the main entrance and go straight to the hall or down the Y3

corridor. The 'one-way system' in operation at the front of school will continue for these families at the start and end of the day, until the end of the summer term.

Forest School Sessions

This week children back in school have been enjoying forest school sessions with their small pods. It has been great to see the children participating and enjoying these sessions outside in our forest school area.



Year 4/3/2

All year groups will continue to work at home. We will continue to look at ways to involve the children through a variety of activities. The VLE has been refreshed and work will be continually updated.

Capacity

This has been such a difficult time and we just want all our children back in school, but we have to do this under the current social distancing guidelines. As you will understand, it is impossible to accommodate 560 children within the school. We have to inform parents that the school is now **FULL. We have no more spaces.** We have completed the registers until the end of term and are unable to accept any more children. We sincerely apologise that this is the case, but it is impossible to find the space and the staffing to welcome back any further children or year groups.

A positive has been the announcement that school should fully re-open in September and we are looking at the details and planning how we can organise the school over the summer break to accommodate this. As soon as we have the details we will let you know.

REPORTS

It is the time of year when teachers are usually very busy writing end of year reports and feeding back information to parents on progress over the year. Whilst it is more difficult for us this year we still want to celebrate success and report on the wealth of personal achievements over the year. As such, individual reports will be sent home to parents at the end of next week. We hope that parents appreciate the reports.

END OF TERM - Finishing 17th July

The school will be open for the next 3 weeks until **FRIDAY 17TH JULY, when we will then close until September.** A letter has been sent out to all families detailing this information. The staff will be using the end of July and August to organise the teaching spaces in order to welcome back ALL our pupils in September.

September 2020

A letter will be sent out at the end of the week detailing the new classes for September 2020. We have tried to keep disruption to a minimum and so most teachers and Year group teams remain unchanged. For those children who have individual support Mrs Bebbington will telephone and discuss the arrangements with you.

Transition

As we are unable to have our usual 'class move up morning' we have made different arrangements in

order for the children to meet their new teachers. We still have to work within the restrictions of 2m distancing and maximum 15 children per group so classes will meet half at a time.

We have arranged for a 'Meet the Teacher Storytime' in school. This will be held in the Studio Hall. A separate letter will explain the details but the dates for each year group are as follows:

Current EYFS moving to Y1 – MONDAY 6TH JULY
Current Y1 moving to Y2 – TUESDAY 7TH JULY
Current Y2 moving to Y3 – WEDNESDAY 8TH JULY
Current Y3 moving to Y4 – THURSDAY 9TH JULY
Current Y4 moving to Y5 – MONDAY 13TH JULY
Current Y5 moving to Y6 – TUESDAY 14TH JULY

We hope that you will be able to join us.

VLE

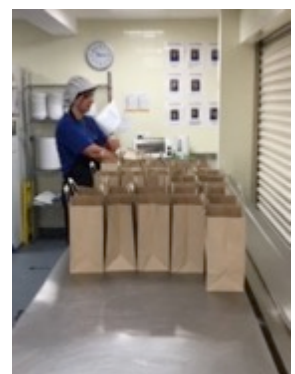


The VLE is now back running smoothly and we have tidied up each year groups page so that the current weeks work is on and just the previous weeks work.

Please get in touch:

deputy@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk if you have any questions relating to the home learning on the VLE/Pupil Login pages.

School Meals



The school kitchen has prepared a grab bag menu and these bags are being delivered to the children's pods at lunchtime.

Children should also bring a named water bottle to school with them each day for WATER.

Thank you.



Visitors

Currently - there will be no additional visitors to school, no assemblies or large gatherings and the children will remain in their pods working with specific children and adults only.

Next steps

Once children are back in school they should be in school full time unless they are ill. If this is the case a message left on the answerphone in the usual way would be most welcome. This will allow us to deploy staff appropriately and will ensure that we have the correct pupil/staff ratios.



Covid Symptoms

Now that the school is open more widely it is very important to remember that should any child or member of their family present with symptoms (Loss of taste/smell, high temperature, persistent cough.) **THEY SHOULD NOT COME TO SCHOOL UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE.** Testing is now more widely available, including at Leighton hospital. A test should be sought immediately and the individual should self-isolate for 7 days with associated family members isolating for 14 days. The virus is more contagious during the early period before symptoms begin to manifest, hence the 14 isolation period.



If a child should attend school and begin to show symptoms a parent will be called immediately. The child will be isolated in our 'Silver Birch Room' near to the main entrance. On arrival at school parents will be asked to telephone the office and the child will then be brought out to the car park. A test will be requested by school. Should this test be positive then pupils and staff who have been working in that 'pod' will be sent home to self-isolate for 14 days. The 'pod' will be subject to a 'deep clean'.

Home Learning



We understand that over time home learning will be getting harder especially as some children have lost their initial motivation. Please try and encourage some home learning at home whether this is reading a book together or doing one small thing a day from the VLE. How to log on:

VLE (Virtual Learning Environment) Pupil Home Access Login

Go to our website: www.mablinslaneschool.co.uk

Click on "Pupil login"

Select – (choose your year group)

Enter your password – **year5_vle** (Change year group accordingly)

Each year group has tried hard to include a menu of learning to make the activities at home interesting and enjoyable.

Town Sports 2020



Thank you very much to all of the pupils, teachers, parents and schools that took part in the Crewe and Nantwich Virtual Town Sports 2020. They had 1476 entries across the 5 events from 24 different schools with loads of smiling faces on the photos and videos that were sent in.

Congratulations to Edleston Primary School who had the most entries from the primary schools and Malbank School who had the most entries from the secondary's. Well done to all the Mablins Lane children that took part and sent their photos in! We attach a certificate above for your achievements.



Year Group - Email Address Mablins Lane CP School

New EYFS starters Sept 2020

eyfs20@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

eyfs@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

year1@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

year2@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

year3@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

year4@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

year5@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

year6@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

We encourage this to be a positive communication channel, and look forward to hearing from you about what you are doing.

Free School Meals

The Government promised to support those families where pupils are entitled to a 'free school meal' (FSM). The National voucher scheme was set-up in order to deliver this support. Just a reminder that vouchers are still available over the coming half term and over the summer holiday too! Children can have a voucher or a meal. Once children return to school a meal will be provided instead of the voucher unless you inform us otherwise and send in a packed lunch.

If your situation with work has changed recently you may be eligible to apply for Free School Meals, which automatically releases additional funding to school, which could for example subsidise school trips for your child. Please see for more information:

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



Communication - Email addresses for year groups

Don't forget your year group email addresses. Your email will be answered by one of the teachers in your child's year group, during school working hours. Do get in touch we would love to hear from you.

Please also send any photos or work as the teachers would love to see home learning.

Children's Check in

During this time, we want to reach out to you and offer our support as much as we can.

If you are feeling lonely, if someone is being unkind online, or if you would just like to check in with us, please get in touch.

Just like in school, you can reach out to talk to us by emailing: mlcps@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

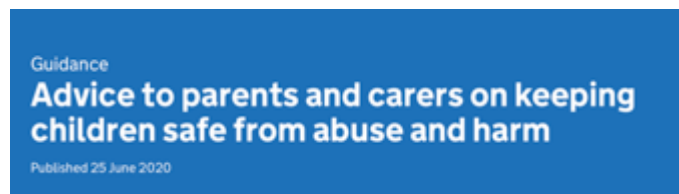
Likewise if you, or a member of your family, have been seriously impacted by Covid-19 then please let us know. We are here to help and can pass on the details of support networks if we are unable to help you ourselves. We don't know how many of our families

have had a close contact with a Covid-19 sufferer or indeed a victim of this dreadful virus. Please let us know if you or someone you know is in that category.

Children and young people's wellbeing

The DFE have published advice to parents and carers on keeping children safe from abuse and harm. It can be found here:

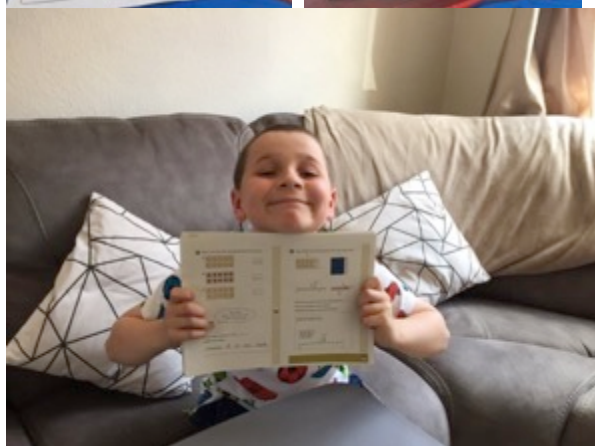
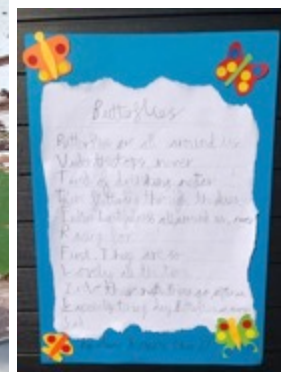
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-from-abuse-and-harm>



Celebration of home learning work

Thank you so much for the work that has been shared again this week! It is so lovely to see this work every week 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.





FOREST SCHOOL CHALLENGE 21

Create a Leaf Snake

For this all you need is a fairly big leaf and a pair of scissors. Cut a spiral in the leaf, start from the outside and cut around and around, getting smaller and smaller until you reach the centre. Add a couple of eyes and job done!



Mrs. Joule's Challenge

The 1st July is officially the day that starts the second half of the year. To get started with a chuckle and a smile it is also - International Tell a Joke Day.

TELL A JOKE CHALLENGE

What is your best joke?
Get everyone smiling this week and tell some of your favourite jokes.
Share them with us and we will get everyone smiling on Twitter.



Alexander Year 2 and Nia EYFS completed the Forest school home challenge 17 of designing a bug/new creature. We are so delighted that they won the prize as we were super impressed with their designs! Their prize will be delivered to them this week. Well done to you both!

Summer Reading Challenge

The local libraries have continued with the Summer Reading Challenge but this year it's a virtual challenge. More information can be found here:

<https://readingagency.org.uk/news/media/the-summer-reading-challenge-is-asking-the-nation-to-join-the-silly-squad.html>



The digital platform is **FREE** and safe for children and families to use.

Cheshire East Libraries will be supporting the Summer Reading Challenge through their own e-lending platforms and social media.

As well as signing up to take part at sillysquad.org.uk, they would like to encourage families to follow them on their local Cheshire East Library Facebook page e.g. @CreweLibrary, and on Twitter @CECLibraries. The daily Facebook posts contain lots of interesting items and activities for both adults and children such as online Rhyme times/Storytimes and book reviews.

School Place Allocation EYFS September 2020



If you haven't yet looked, please check out the section on the website '**New Starters September 2020**'. Any new information will be added to this area for reference.

Added new this week, are story time sessions from all our EYFS teachers. Log in, meet the teachers and enjoy the stories.

Starting next week we are so pleased to be able to welcome 4 families per class each day to visit school. This will only be a short visit, but will allow children and parents the opportunity to meet their teachers and see the EYFS department. If you have not yet received an invitation then please let us know as soon as possible.

We are still finalizing the details for September but will get these out to you as soon as possible.

Priorities for coming weeks

Our priorities over the next few weeks include:

- Monitoring and reviewing the arrangements we have made to care for the children of parents working as 'Key Workers'
- Inviting our new EYFS/Sept 2020 starters to school
- Transition arrangements for September 2020 and story time sessions with new (Sept) teachers

- Ensuring good communication with all families, particularly those not expected to return to school this month

Stay Safe

We will endeavour to carry on communicating with you and ensuring that you are well informed. Remember that Class Dojo is currently suspended and communication should be via Year group emails, head@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk or admin@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Take care, look after yourselves and remember, we are in school if you need any support, help or advice.

Make sure that you do what feels right for you, be aware of your own feelings and be kind to yourself and others.

Remembering that this is a temporary situation and that things will get better.

Just to finish – thoughts on home schooling. (I am not promoting the advert!)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gfNZT5H61ZE>

With kind regards

Justine Joule - Headteacher

