

Mablins Lane Community Primary School

Newsletter ~ 2nd December 2019

Dear Parents and Children,

“Tis the Season to be Jolly” - Deck the Halls.



PTA Christmas Fair

Many thanks for the tremendous support for our annual Christmas Fair. There were many generous donations which led to bumper tombolas and some fantastic raffle prizes. The Year Group hampers were particularly good wins. We have some unclaimed prizes still in school. A list of ticket numbers have been released on the PTA's Facebook page in order for everyone to check and then claim their prize.

The Fair was very busy with over 300 tickets sold on the door. All money raised from the Fair comes directly back in to school and helps to support many additional activities. I do not yet have a running total but we are sure that it is going to be a good amount.

Sporting Round up

A group of children entered the Games for All celebration at South and Mid Cheshire College. The children entered in to the spirit of the games and were great sporting ambassadors for the school.

Basketball: Recently we entered 3 teams in the Crewe and Nantwich competition at Brine Leas and one of our teams got all the way to the final, just losing out to Berkeley in the end. A fantastic effort from all players.

Girls Football: Just last week we entered 3 teams in the inaugural Nantwich Town girls school football competition with our 1st team going undefeated and adding another trophy to go along with the Crewe Alex trophy they won in October. The next competition is the county finals for both the Y5/6 team and the Y3/4 team. Massive thanks to all parents and family for their support!



Parking

Following several complaints again by our neighbours the police have been carrying out patrols at the start and end of the school day. On one day alone 9 vehicles were moved from the junction on Mablins Lane! The Police would like to remind all drivers that:

"It IS an OFFENCE to park on or within 10m of a junction. This Allows drivers emerging from, or turning into the junction a clear view of the road they are joining and hazards such as pedestrians or cyclists."

Christmas Play Parking

During the Christmas Plays on the evenings of **5th, 12th and 17th December** the site staff will be opening the gate



on Parkers Road to allow parking on the playground. The gates will be opened at **17:30 and closed at 18:00**. They will reopen at the end of the performance to allow vehicles to leave. All parking will be supervised, but we ask that parents take extra caution whilst walking across the playground. Thank you.

Choir

A good number of the School Choir visited Reverend Goggin and joined in the Family Service at St Peter's Church on Advent Sunday. The singing was beautiful. Many thanks goes to Mrs Brown for coaching the children and organising the event.

Year 2 – Victorian Day

All our Year 2 pupils engaged in a living history day as they dressed up for a Victorian school day. Throughout the day they participated in Victorian lessons both indoors and in our outdoor classroom. At the end of the day they were joined by parents who participated in a stay and make session. It was a great day enjoyed by all.



Year 5 Water Workshops

Last week all Year 5 classes were visited by United Utilities to learn more about the environment and the impact of water. The children participated in water workshops and carried out practical activities to help deepen their understanding.



Year 6 Tax Facts Presentation

All Year 6 enjoyed a maths related activity session linked to 'tax facts'. All 3 groups appeared to be engaged and they certainly asked some challenging questions that had even the staff thinking on occasions. The presenters commented: "Your pupils' behaviour is a credit to Mablins Lane School." Well done Year 6 we are very proud of you.

Book Fair



Last week we hosted a pre-Christmas Book Fair in school. All books were on sale for **HALF PRICE!** There were some real bargains to be had with some books costing only £1.50. Thanks to all those families who came and supported the Fair. A good number of books were sold so 'happy reading'. Christmas is a busy holiday but we do encourage everyone to make a bit of spare time for reading.

Christmas Activity Day

On **Friday 13th December** all children are invited to attend school wearing something Christmassy. It might be a Christmas jumper or a Christmas outfit. During the day there will be many Christmas activities including games and things to make.



Santa is making a special visit and many children have already booked their slot to see him. Joy is preparing a fabulous Christmas lunch and we hope that everyone will join in the festive spirit.

Scrooge the Musical

17 of the Year 5/6 drama club visited York last week to see a production of Scrooge the musical and get some tips and ideas prior to their own performance later in the term. The children had a great time and the show was very well received.



Christmas Performances

Plans have been laid and practices are well under way for all of our Christmas Performances:

EYFS will perform on Tuesday 3rd December

Year 1 - Wednesday 4th December

Year 2 - Tuesday 10th December

Year 3 - Thursday 5th December

Year 4 - Thursday 12th December

Year 5/6 - Tuesday 17th December.

Ticket letters have been dispatched and entry is only with a valid ticket for that performance. (All tickets are colour coded and numbered.) If you have not yet received tickets and would like to reserve at £1 per seat then please contact the school office as soon as possible.



Thank you for our Christmas Trees!

A massive 'Thank you' to Minshulls Nurseries and Crewe Road Nurseries, for our stunning donated Christmas trees this year. They are beautiful and make the school feel very Christmassy.



Norovirus

There has been a recent outbreak of Norovirus in the locality. One Cheshire East school has had to close to contain the outbreak. It is most important that children do not return to school for 48 hours after the last episode of D+V. (This is National Health Guidelines.) Currently we have a small number of children absent due to D+V. We are encouraging good handwashing and are taking extra precautions with hand gel and sanitizer. We would be grateful of your support around this matter.
Thank you.

Uniform

It has been great to see the children in their lovely uniform this half term. They generally look very smart with school shoes and sweatshirts. As the winter comes upon us please try to keep to the uniform guidelines which are shoes and not trainers. Children may wear boots but it is good to have a pair of shoes to change in to at school to keep our floors and carpets clean. Children should have a warm coat for playtimes. We still have a **significant amount of lost property** and most of the clothing is un-named. Easy to use **name labels** can be purchased from the school office. (25 name labels for £2.50 and 5 pairs of shoe labels for £3.00) Labels can be prepared swiftly, no long wait and no postage and packing! Please think about using this service.

Application for School Places

The application round for Reception places for September 2020 closes on 15th January. If you have a child due to start school in September or know of families who have children who are eligible then please apply before this deadline.

Applications can be made online at <http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/admissions/admissions.aspx> or the application can be completed over the telephone by calling 0300 123 5012.

HS2

I have recently met with representatives in relation to the development of HS2 and the impact on the school. The proposal indicates that there will be traffic disruption and some road closures. There will be a public consultation. I will endeavour to keep families abreast of any information the school receives and encourage people to submit responses where they can.

HS2

Art Exhibition

Thank you to all parents and friends for supporting our recent art exhibition. We had a lovely day in school and many families purchased fantastic art work.



Parent Helpers



Many thanks to all parents and friends of the school who have helped out over this term. Whether it has been weekly reading, helping out on a day visit or driving to a sports competition your support is very much appreciated. If anyone wishes to help in school in the New Year then please contact the school office. (A DBS police check would have to be completed.)

Thank you for taking the time to read our school newsletter and for your continued support this half term.

With Kind Regards

Justine Joule
Headteacher



Diary dates to make a note of!

Date	Event
Tues 3 rd Dec 09:30	EYFS Nativity
Tues 3 rd Dec 14:15	EYFS Nativity
Wed 4 th Dec 14:15	Y1 Christmas - Stay and Sing
Thurs 5 th Dec 14:15	Y3 - Christmas Performance
Thurs 5 th Dec 18:00	Y3 - Christmas Performance
Tues 10 th Dec 09:15	Y2 - Christmas Performance
Tues 10 th Dec 14:15	Y2 - Christmas Performance
Thurs 12 th Dec 14:15	Y4 - Christmas Performance
Thurs 12 th Dec 18:00	Y4 - Christmas Performance
Fri 13 th Dec	Xmas Jumper/Activity/lunch Day Santa Visit
Tues 17 th Dec 09:30	Y5/6 'Scrooge the Musical'
Tues 17 th Dec 14:15	Y5/6 'Scrooge the Musical'
Tues 17 th Dec 18:00	Y5/6 'Scrooge the Musical'
Wed 18th Dec	Children break up for Christmas Holiday