



Mablings Lane Community Primary School Newsletter ~ 3rd December 2020

Dear Parents and Children

Happy Christmas! I feel that I can now extend Christmas greetings as we are in the month of December. Decorations are starting to adorn the school; including the never-ending paper chain that reaches right to my office door (many thanks Y5!). The calendar of activities has begun and we are beginning to feel festive at the end of what has been the most unusual of years.

I hope that the children enjoy all that has been planned and that this becomes a Christmas to remember for the right reasons.

THE
WORLD IS
FULL OF
KIND PEOPLE.

IF YOU CAN'T
FIND ONE,
BE ONE.

Celebration Assembly

Last week's Celebration assembly saw Mrs Joule and Mrs Wagstaffe wearing sparkling blue hats. There were shout outs for lots of 50 Dojo winners, but also some shout outs for 100 Dojo winners. Well done to all those children, we are very proud of your achievements.

Year group certificates were presented to:

Jacob Y1GK, Corbin Y1LK, Jorge Y1AG

Hayden Y2EF, Harry Y2JMc, Evie Y2SG David Y3HG, Sofia Y3JM, Darcy Y3JT/CI

Aston Y4GMc, Izzie Y4RL, The Whole Class Y4SJH,

James Y5JE, Bella Y5IMc, Kody Y5AD,

Thomas Y6SB, Finlay Y6TH, Neve Y6AP

Well done to all these children. Keep up the good work this half term everybody.



We also gave 'staff shout outs' as follows:

The Whole Team EYFS, Miss Studinska Y1, Mrs Forrester Y2, Miss Morley Y3, Miss Hawley Y4, Miss Dennigan Y5 and Y6 Mr Harrison. This week a special box of chocolates thanked them for going above and beyond.

The assembly ended this week with our Deputy Head Boy – Charlie and Deputy Head Girl – Alexa taking over the microphone and giving out the reminders for next week. One included looking after our outdoor space and not dropping litter. Please encourage your children to be litter firendly by always putting their litter in a bin.



Forest School

Another busy week in Forest Schools with children from all year groups enjoying their time in the FS area. It is so lovely to see them enjoying their time outside and having fun whilst learning with their friends. A huge shout out this week to; Mrs Earley and Mrs Manning for all their hard work with the FS sessions!





in that class. They should all return to school on **MONDAY 7TH DECEMBER.**

I am pleased to report that this is an isolated case and all other classes and year groups continue to operate as normal.

Many thanks to Miss Hickman who has provided lots of activities for her class including fun things like 'Funky Friday Hairstyles' and 'Christmas disguises'. There are lots of pictures on our Twitter account, check them out to see how fun their learning has been. During this closure lots of work is available on the VLE. Contact will be available via dojo and the year group email year4@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

The guidance for Covid still 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 go out**, but you should **seek a test**. Children should **NOT** return to school if they are presenting with any of the symptoms. If in doubt always 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.

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 Public Health England (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.

We are still after old wellies if you have any that you can donate to us, we would really appreciate it!

**WE NEED
YOUR OLD
WELLIES!!**



Drop Off and Collection

Although we have staggered start and end times to the school day it is still busy on Mablins Lane and Parkers Road between 08:30 –9:00 and 2:55 – 3:30. Please can I urge parents to:

- Walk to school wherever possible
- Stick to the drop off times for your year group
- **DO NOT STOP ON THE ZIG ZAG LINES**
- **DO NOT** drop off in the school gateways
- Park considerately on the surrounding roads
- Keep to 20 MPH on Mablins Lane and Parkers Road.
- **DO NOT** park opposite the junction to Wareham Drive on Mablins Lane, parked cars risk getting a ticket. This also caused an incident this week where a driver mounted the pavement and drove along the pavement through the bus stop area and then aggressively back on to the road the other side of the bus stop. The police were informed.

Covid-19

Miss Hickman, Mrs Walker, Mrs Kulikowski and Y4SJH continue to remain at home following the positive case

Christmas Trees



Thank you so much for the kind donations of the beautiful Christmas trees that we have had donated by Crewe Road Nurseries and Minshulls. They are amazing and so many children have commented on how beautiful they are. It means so much to us that we are able to have real Christmas Trees in school for all the children to enjoy. Many thanks again.

Christmas Has Started at Mablin's

Christmas Hat Day This Week!!!

We are inviting children to come to school in some 'Christmas Headgear' (hats, antlers, stars – be creative) on **FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER**. In return we would like the children to bring in some chocolate as they would have done for the Christmas Fair. These will then be sent to the Salvation Army and distributed to families in need.



Outdoor Christmas Experience Day

Each class will have a designated outdoor experience day led by our Forest School teachers. The Outdoor classroom will be transformed in to a 'Winter Wonderland' with activities and crafts all on a Christmas

theme. Children should come dressed in appropriate outdoor clothing on that day:

FOREST SCHOOL DECEMBER TIMETABLE		
Monday	7 TH DEC YEAR 2	14 TH DEC YEAR 3
Tuesday	8 TH DEC YEAR 1	15 TH DEC YEAR 4
Wednesday	9 TH DEC EYFS	16 TH DEC YEAR 5
Thursday		17 TH DEC YEAR 6

Santa Visits

Santa will be visiting the school to visit as follows:

Thursday 10th Dec
EYFS, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2

Friday 11th Dec
YEAR 3.4.5& 6

Each class has been allocated an hour time slot to go outside where Santa will sit in the Storyteller's chair and the children will sit around the fire circle. The PTA have kindly offered to send some funds to Santa in order for every child in the school to receive a gift. Santa will leave these in a sack and we will distribute once it is safe to do so.



Christmas Jumper Day



ALL children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper/outfit to school on **BOTH Thursday 10th December AND Friday 11th December**. Following the success of our Children In Need collection, we are setting up a 'just giving page' in order for donations to be received without the children having to bring money in to school. The money raised will support the Christmas activity programme in school and some will be sent to local charities. Details of Just Giving page to follow.

Christmas Lunch

This year Christmas Lunch will be held over 2 days to coincide with the Santa visits and Christmas jumper day.

The children will have Christmas Lunch in the main hall, a traditional Christmas menu (vegetarian option available), with festive music and treats. A timetable has been organised to keep mixing of year groups to a minimum.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Thursday 10th December

EYFS, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2

Friday 11th December

YEAR 3, YEAR 4, YEAR 5 & YEAR 6

PLEASE NOTE: For those children not taking a Christmas lunch on that day, they may still bring sandwiches which will be supervised in the classroom. A grab bag meal will be sent to classrooms on alternate days:

Thursday 10th December: Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 Grab Bag Meal
Friday 11th December: EYFS/Y1/Y2 Grab Bag Meal

GRAB BAG MEALS ONLY

Thursday 10th December

YEAR 3, YEAR 4, YEAR 5 & YEAR 6

Friday 11th December

EYFS, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2

12 Days of Mabllins Christmas

Over each December day the children will be involved in some Christmas activity. We will be photographing and recording the children at work and hope to send home a 'pic-collage' each evening to let parents know what we have been up to. **PLEASE can parents let us know if permissions have changed regarding taking and using photographs.** This caused some problems for our Harvest recordings. (Teachers may contact you to confirm just to make sure that we have the correct information.)

At the end of term all photos and recording will be combined to make a '12 Days of Mabllins Christmas' story which we will publish.

As you can see we have lots planned and are aiming to make it as fun and 'sparkling' as possible.

"We shall never surrender." Winston Churchill.

Christmas Cards

This year we are requesting that the children do not bring in multiple cards from home to distribute around their classes. Instead we would like children to make one super Christmas card, take a photo of it and send the picture in to their teacher. The pictures will then be displayed in the classroom for all to see. This cuts the Covid risk, reduces the amount of paper and allows for everybody to share the season's greetings.

**SEND A
PHOTO
CHRISTMAS
CARD**

We have also been asked about gifts for teachers. Whilst this is a very kind gesture we would very much appreciate 'Kind Words' messages. Our aim is to display these in school for all to see. Thank you.

**kind
words**

Christmas Card Competition Finalist

Well done to Oliver H, who was one of the 12 finalists in Kieran Mullan's Christmas Card Competition. Voting closed on Tuesday 1st December; we do hope that he got lots of votes, and that he will be successful with his design.



St Peters Church

There will be a visit by Santa this coming Sunday 6 December to St Peter's Church. In previous years our school choir would have attended this event to provide a musical interlude but unfortunately this will not be the case this year. But Santa is still attending and a socially distanced event has been planned for those who are able to go along.



Weston Light Display

We have been asked to advertise Weston Christmas Light Display 'Drive Thru', in the hope that Mablins families will support this community event.



PTA



The PTA are putting together 'Christmas Eve Treat Bags'. These can be pre-ordered and will contain hot chocolate, marshmallows, reindeer food and candy cane treats. The pre-ordered bags will be available at a bargain price of just £2.50. Order forms have been sent out with a strict deadline of **FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER** for return. This will allow the PTA time to make up the bags, deliver them to school and allow them to be isolated prior to distribution.

The PTA are always ready to welcome new members to the committee. If you have any ideas for fundraising and support then please get in touch: head@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.co.uk and I will pass on your details.

Books Part Funded by the PTA



Here are some of the books we have received in school from a very generous PTA donation. The book boxes are looking far healthier and it is wonderful to see and hear about the newly revived enthusiasm that the children in KS2 are experiencing from having access to new and exciting titles. We have added **458 books** to all levels from Purple up to Sapphire. How amazing is that? We would like to say a huge **THANK YOU** to our wonderful PTA.

THANK YOU!!!!

Applying for a September 2021 School place!

Parents of children who will be starting school in September 2021 have until **15th January 2021**.

Mablins Lane Virtual Tour of the school

A virtual tour for parents wishing to view how our school works has been uploaded on to the website. Please find this tour on our website, under parents, new starters, [virtual tour](#).

It can also be found on our YouTube channel follow the link: 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 or
deputy@mablinslane.cheshire.sh.uk

Free School Meals

Are you entitled to Free School Meals? Go to the link below to see if you meet the specified criteria. Applying for FSM attracts over £1000 of funding in to school which helps to support the children, for example helping to fund your child's school trips.

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



Remote Learning

The Government have asked schools to establish a remote learning policy and a platform to allow for 'home learning' access should pupils have to isolate, or a second lockdown occur.

If your child is currently away from school isolating, then please access activities from the year group VLE on the school website.

Children from year 1 to year 6 have now all got Office 365 Teams log in details and know how to access this. Class bubbles that close due to Covid will be able to access home learning through the VLE and through Office Teams. Teachers will inform parents, using the DOJO system of work that will be set if children are having to access remote learning. If parents require paper copies of the work then they must inform us using the year group email address and we will be able to sort this out for families.



Year Group - Email Address
Mablins Lane CP School

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

Crossing Patrol

Unfortunately a replacement has yet to be found for our crossing patrol. The vacancy has been advertised by Cheshire Transport on the Cheshire East website. If you, or any one you know, would be interested in this job then please apply accordingly to Cheshire East.

In the interim, I have to inform parents that the crossing will not be supervised so additional care will be required.



School Meals - Cashless Payments

Please can we remind parents about the Cheshire East epayments system. Payments for school meals **should where possible be made online** via the [Cheshire East School Epayments Portal](#)

If parents are unsure how to do this then please ask at the school office or refer to the [online parent guide](#) below.

Take care, look after yourselves.
With kind regards
Justine Joule - Headteacher



Calendar of Events 2020

December	Christmas Celebrations
Fri 4 th Dec	Christmas Hat Day
Thur 10 th Dec	Santa Visits EYFS/Y1/Y2
Thur 10 th Dec	Christmas Lunch EYFS/Y1/Y2
Thur 10 th Dec	Grab Bag Lunch Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6
Thur 10 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day – Whole school
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Fri 11 th Dec	Grab Bag Lunch EYFS/Y1/Y2
Fri 11 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day – Whole school
Fri 18 th Dec	School Closes
Mon 4 th Jan	School reopens